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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

OCTOBER 13, 2020

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on October 13, 2020 at the Bank of Springfield Convention Center. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Stumpf gave the invocation and Mr. Melchin led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 29 Present – 0 Absent. A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to allow certain board members attend the meeting by phone, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. A voice vote was unanimous. The board member attending by phone was Mr. DelGiorno.

COVID-19 REPORT

Gail O'Neill, Director of Public Health, addressed the County Board. Sangamon County has had 216 cases in the last four days. On Saturday the 10th they had 93 new cases. It is very difficult to get accurate numbers on the weekends. Sunday reported 53 new cases and Monday showed 29 new cases. There are no big specific outbreaks that account for these numbers in their community. One question she has received is why they can't report numbers on the weekends. It is very hard to give accurate numbers. This is a new virus, and they had to tell people this is real and it is here. People are testing positive. They knew then how many people were being tested because at the time, they were the only ones authorized to do the testing. It did not take long for others to provide testing, so they were no longer the only ones providing the tests. They tried to get the numbers and be as accurate as possible, but with so many different places giving tests, it became very difficult. They also needed to let people know this virus was not just at long-term care

facilities and it was not just affecting older people, but people of all ages. One way they are trying to make sure the numbers are accurate are is by counting the number of people testing positive, not the number of positive tests. This is because some people who test positive get tested more than once. Their numbers are now very close to IDPH numbers.

Another question she was asked is if they have any data on mask wearing. At this point, there isn't a study or reporting system regarding mask wearing. The data would be interesting to see as to whether the people who have tested positive regularly wore the mask before being infected. She thinks someone eventually may do some research, but there is no real data relating to the masks at this point.

Another question she received was about the contact tracing and why it is taking so long. Some of the results don't get to them right away. They just got some results from tests that were done on the 9th of October. From the time someone is told they are positive, it could take two days before the Health Department knows about it and can contact them about tracing. So there is a little disconnect that has some people frustrated. They do have SIU helping them and they are doing their best to come up with solutions. This isn't just happening in this county, it is happening all over.

Mr. Madonia asked what the statuses were of the people in the hospitals. Mrs. O'Neill said it is based on the communication between the contact tracing staff and their staff. It depends if the family of the person in the hospital tells them the status. She said she will see if they can find out that information.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2020. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to place correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving a county bridge petition for Cotton Hill Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 29 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution authorizing the purchase of one heavy duty truck from the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract for the FY2021 budget year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Deppe, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2020-023 – Kenzi Schuh, 2504 Catalina Lane, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Greg Stumpf, District #16.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2020-024 – Gloria Colean Lamb, 15724 Wangen Road, Pawnee – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Jeff Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Williams, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the

professional staffs report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2020-025 – Steven & Susan Doubet, 8801 Werner Road, New Berlin – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2020-026 – Alexander Chen & Chun Hu, 1405 & 1409 Adlai Stevenson Drive, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use with Conditions and Variances. County Board Member – Joel Tjelmeland, Jr., District #14.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. Melchin, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections.

Linda Fulgenzi asked since this is a Conditional Permitted Use, if the tavern closes would it revert back to its original zoning? Trustin Harrison, professional staff, said that it does not. A Conditional Permitted Use stays forever with that piece of property. With the conditions they have done, they have limited it to the square footage. So if someone wants to bring in an actual tavern, this is more intending for the video gaming purposes. If they wanted to expand it, they would have to come in front of the County Board again. Mrs. Fulgenzi asked if the property will always be zoned as a tavern. Mr. Harrison said it is specific to the suite, so that one suite will be the one that will have the ability to be a tavern until they change it. This is no different than any other tavern they do with a Conditional Permitted Use.

Mr. Stumpf asked what the square footage of the property is since it is set up for video gaming. Even if they wanted to revert back and have a tavern, there would not be enough square footage. Mr. Harrison said no, there is 958 square feet to the public. Mr. Stumpf asked if they

would have to come back if they wanted a full bar. Mr. Harrison stated this is correct. Also, with this one there is no outside music or entertainment. This is strictly the service of alcohol. The Conditional Permitted Use was only specific for the service of alcohol. Under the liquor license, there is a beer and wine only option. If they choose that, then it would only be beer and wine.

A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2020-027 – Melissa Baker, 6858 Old Jacksonville Road, New Berlin – Granting a Variance. County Board Member –Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Small, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 8 – 11

8. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between villages and cities in Sangamon County and County of Sangamon for the provision of animal control services.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hills, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith to consolidate Resolutions 8 – 11. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 9 – 11.

9. Resolution approving a grant application for Community Resources from DCEO for the Community Services Block Grant in the amount \$497,614.
10. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the BLOC COVID-19 Program in the amount of \$50,000.
11. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Circuit Clerk for the purpose of Electronic Citation Services from Jano Technologies in the amount of \$30,000.

Chairman Van Meter asked County Administrator Brian McFadden about the DCEO Funds for the Community Services Block Grant. He wanted to know if the money was just piling up there because they can't spend it right now. Mr. McFadden said this is the grant they receive every year. The CARES money is being spent, and they can get a report to the Board. They have spent around \$300,000 of it so far. They are able to spend all of it, it is just a matter of who qualifies for the program. The CARES money is the one they knew needed to get out the door. Chairman Van Meter asked which fund they are being asked to hold the expenditures on. Mr. McFadden said it is a block of grants they received 7 or 8 years ago of approximately \$500,000. They are waiting for the state and federal governments to decide what its use will be.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 8 – 11, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Annette Fulgenzi abstained from voting on Resolution 9.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to waive the ten-day filing period. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 12 – 14

12. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Springfield Mass Transit District and the County of Sangamon for intergovernmental transfer of vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Scaife to place Resolution 12 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 12 –14. Chairman VanMeter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 13 –14.

13. Resolution approving a grant application for the Child Advocacy Center from the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

14. Resolution approving a grant application for the Office of Emergency Management from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$132,422.46.

Mr. Ratts asked for clarification on Resolution 12. Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell stated this was the bus they had acquired from Mass Transit used to transport their correctional officers from the hotel to the County Building. It was a 1999 bus and now they are going to acquire a 2008 bus and transfer the old bus back to Mass Transit. Chairman VanMeter stated this was a really great program where mass transit cooperates with the Sheriff's Office to give them a relatively new bus.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 12 –14, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mrs. Small abstained from voting on Resolution 14.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 5 – Remains Tabled

5. 2020-013 – Lincoln Labs, LLC, 5859 W. State Route 97, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use with Conditions. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

B. Resolution 6

6. 2020-019 – Travis Heck, 1450 Buffalo-Mechanicsburg Road, Dawson – Denying a Rezoning and a Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to take Resolution 6 off the table. A voice vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to recommit Resolution 6 back to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION RECOMMITTED TO ZBA

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Phil Sidles to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April, 2022.

Appointment of Nancy Easum to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire June, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hall said there was an appointment of a hearing officer. He thinks it is great to have attorneys on both sides of the courtroom. He asked if Mr. Noll, who has represented people who have sued the county over the years, is able to be an attorney for someone who is suing the county if he is an appointee or not. Mr. Benoit stated he will look into that and report back to Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall asked if they should table it until they know the answer. Chairman VanMeter said there was no need to table. If it reports back as inappropriate, then Mr. Noll will have to resign.

MOTIONS CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

A. Procurement/Grant Notifications

There were none.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to place the reports on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk