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## MINUTES

### SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2018

The Sangamon County Board met in Special Session on October 30, 2018 in the County Board Chambers. Vice-Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith gave the Invocation and asked for a moment of silence to remember all those affected by the recent mass shooting in Pittsburg, and Mr. Madonia led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Sheehan asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 26 Present – 3 Absent. Chairman Van Meter, Annette Fulgenzi, and Mrs. Small were all excused.

### APPOINTMENT OF STATE'S ATTORNEY

Vice-Chairman Sheehan stated that Dan Wright is nominated as Sangamon County State's Attorney. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to approve the appointment of Dan Wright as the new State's Attorney. Mrs. Williams stated she has worked with Dan in community organizations and she thinks he is an excellent choice. She is honored to see him in this position. He has done a lot of work in this community, and she looks forward to seeing him in this new role. Mr. DelGiorno stated he has known Dan for 20 years. They went to college together, and he has worked with him as an attorney. He has found him to be very professional and he looks forward to seeing him in this role. To allay his fears, no he will not run against him. Vice-Chairman Sheehan asked for a roll call vote on the appointment of Dan Wright as Sangamon County State's Attorney. There were 25 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Judge Belz swore in Dan Wright as Sangamon County State's Attorney. Mr. Wright stated it is truly an honor to be appointed. He thanked his family, the County Board, Chairman Van Meter for nominating him, and Vice-Chairman Sheehan for presiding over the meeting tonight. He understands the trust being placed in him as Sangamon County State's Attorney. Sangamon County is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. He thanked his wife for her love and support. He thanked his children Claire, Jack, Henry, and Margo. He said to his children that there is not anything in this world you cannot do if you work hard, treat people with fairness, and treat all people with respect. That is what he intends to do as Sangamon County State's Attorney. There have been a number of people who have played a role in him coming to this office and for the great experience he's had there. There is none more responsible for that than John Milhiser. He sincerely thanked him for his able and steady leadership of the office, the confidence he's had in him as First Assistant State's Attorney. The citizens of the Central District of Illinois will be well served with John as their United States Attorney. His top priority as Sangamon County State's Attorney will be making sure those who choose to commit crimes in our community are held accountable, while always remaining mindful of the fact that all people are treated equally in the eyes of the law, and that everyone charged with a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty. He couldn't be more excited and honored to serve the citizens of Sangamon County as your Sates Attorney. He could not do that without the fantastic attorneys and staff of the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office. They are true public servants that come to work every day and understand what it means to wake up every morning and have the honor of making a positive impact every day. They understand what it means to the citizens of Sangamon County to have the State's Attorney's Office and what fairly and equally applies to the law. He thanked each and every one of them for their service to the community as well. He thanked them again for the privilege and he looks forward to serving the citizens of Sangamon County.

Vice-Chairman Sheehan congratulated Mr. Wright. She also thanked John Milhiser for his service to the office and congratulated him on his new role.

### **RECESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to recess the meeting to November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED

***Don Gray***  
***Sangamon County Clerk***