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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on September 3, 2013 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Smith gave the Invocation and Mr. Krell led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 27 Present – 2 Absent. Mr. Preckwinkle and Mr. Sullivan were excused.

JAMES O'CONNELL-USPS

Mr. O'Connell handed out packets of information to the County Board members. He explained that a couple years ago the Postal Service was going to shut down their plant, but thanks to the efforts of the Sangamon County Board, surrounding County Boards, City Council, Illinois State Legislature and Senator Durbin they were able to keep the plant open. However, they did keep the plant manager there that was supposed to come in and shut it down. They pretty much knew then they were going to continue with their plans, but would go a different way about it. Congress is going to start addressing the postal legislation, and there are a few bills out there that are bad and will cause closures and privatization. There are also some that are good that will allow them to stay open, do business differently and keep the postal service viable. The plant manager really did not have the skills set to keep operations going, and they have done everything to mess the processes up. They are sending all of their Saturday mail to Champaign, including the registered mail. Right now the registered room is the room where you send your money through. The other day someone sent their lifetime certificates of deposit through and the manager had to call the post office he mailed them to and ask where they were. They did not arrive at their destination. They were found in the back room with 30 other money bags. The processes of this plant have really deteriorated. They do need to maintain the integrity of this postal service.

Mr. O'Connell referred to a comment made by George Will in the State Journal-Register that talked about what was going on in Detroit. He said the unions had helped destroy that town, and he referred to them as some sort of parasite that eats away at a caterpillar. Mr. O'Connell guaranteed these three unions working with the postal service right now are not like that. The unions all have concessions for postal support employees. They are employees with half the wages. Some have a two hour work guarantee, and mail handlers only have a four hour work guarantee. They also serve only 360 day terms to where the postal service can get rid of them if they don't like the way they work. There are all kinds of concessions these unions have done to try and help the postal service out. Part of this is the endorsement of this legislation. In the packets the numbers are there that Bernie Sanders put out. They are S.316 and H.R.630, which are good pieces of legislation. There are other pieces of legislation that allow for privatization. If they privatize postal service with someone like Pitney Bowes, the taxpayers will be asked for a bail out in a couple more years. People will get tired of them when the postal service keeps coming back to them. People will ask what the private sector has to offer because they are getting tired of all the playing around Congress is doing. It seems they are doing this intentionally. These operations can be done efficiently, and you do not have to bring in the private sector to do it. The reason the private sector wants a piece of it is because they know it is a cash cow. They may feed you all this stuff about going in the red, but a 2006 mandate gave 10 years to pay back all this money, and it put a burden of \$5.5 billion a year on them. Now they want to open the window with the new legislation so they can still pay the money back, but it will be done in 15 years. Right now it is like they want to prefund all this stuff 75 years in advance before people are even working at the postal service. No other business has that mandate put on them to prefund their retirement.

He is not only coming to them as a union rep, but also as a citizen. Article 1, Section 8 guarantees them the right that Congress establishes post offices. Congress has to regulate the postal service, and he does not know how they will regulate it if it's sold off to the private sector. This is just another example of people trying to take our rights, and we have to stand up to our rights. It is a constitutional right to have the mail delivered to our house. Some of that poor legislation will allow for cluster boxes and will allow plants to close within two years. Mr. O'Connell stated the legislation he is endorsing keeps the one to two day delivery and frees up the products the postal service can sell. The bad legislation will cut benefits, and there are totally disabled people out there who gave their lives to the postal service. This would cut their benefits. All he is asking is that the County Board considers passing a resolution to endorse their legislation. That legislation is included in their packets.

Mr. Montalbano asked how much more mail they are processing than they were two years ago when he was here. Mr. O'Connell stated the only place they have right now is Quincy. They are sending mail that is supposed to be delivered to St. Louis the day they are processing it. They are going forward with closures they already had planned even though Donahue was warned by Congress not to do it; however, Donahue and the Board of Governors were told to go ahead and do what they want. They do get the St. Louis 3rd class mail, and they figure they can put it under the radar and nobody will notice.

The Quincy mail is not getting done in a timely matter like it was done before. They have changed the standard to two to three days. They do not guarantee it overnight anymore, and that is ridiculous. You can get it there overnight. They have to put the mail in something that is going to St. Louis or Champaign and then re-route it back because they have this conditioning of the public they are trying to do to get them used to this delivery standard which they do not have to be used to. It costs more money in transportation and in gas. There is no way this is efficient. There is a better way, and they know what they are doing.

Mr. Goleman asked how much the postal service is in debt. Mr. O'Connell stated he does not know the overall number, but every year they go in the red because of the mandate that they have to pay \$5.5 billion. If they didn't have that mandate he heard they would have made somewhere around \$360 million this year. Mr. Goleman asked what the additional cost would be for Senator Sander's bill. Mr. O'Connell stated he does not believe there would be any additional costs. All he is saying is let's maintain the status quo and look at what they already have. They already have the best sales reps in the world because they come right to your house every day. He is not saying there will be any additional costs, but part of his legislation is actually to increase revenue. Mr. Goleman stated he would like to know what the impact of that cost is since he is asking them to say this is good legislation. Mr. O'Connell suggested he contact Senator Sander's office and Senator Issa's office.

Mr. Hall stated he has had three people from his district that had to move down to the St. Louis area. He keeps hearing from the Chamber of Commerce how jobs are important. He offered Mr. O'Connell any help he can provide because these are jobs he has lost in his district. Mr. O'Connell stated the private sector will say they still have jobs, but it will be at half their salary and without benefits. When you take that kind of money out of a community the impact goes farther than just the person getting the raw deal. The whole community gets the raw deal.

Chairman Van Meter explained the County Board has a long standing policy that they do not typically take a position as a board on matters outside the County Board's specific mandate. He asked if it would be acceptable to Mr. O'Connell if individual members wrote letters. Mr. O'Connell stated he, and a lot of people working at this plant, would appreciate it if they felt it in their heart to write their Congressmen.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of August 6, 2013. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to place correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous. There was no correspondence filed.

RESOLUTION 1

1. 2013-31 – Michelle Woolsey, 6123 Oliver St., Salisbury – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Harry “Tom” Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Ratts, to place Resolution 1 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 1.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. 2013-33 – Dennis Petersen, 3201 S. Palmer, Springfield – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Joel Tjelmeland, District #14.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Davsko, to place Resolution 2 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 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2013-35 – Joshua Schlicht, in the 500-700 block of Riddle Hill Rd. & in the 6000 block of Old Salem Lane, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variance. County Board Member- Harry “Tom” Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Krell, 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. 2013-36 – Mary Beth Workman & Shane Workman, 6749 & 6751 Lick Rd., Chatham – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, to place Resolution 4 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 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2013-38 – F. Otto & Leigh Ann Rentschler, 8286 Oak Crest Rd., Dawson – Granting Variances. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mrs. Douglas Williams, 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

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Montalbano and Mr. Bunch, to go out of the regular order of business and proceed to Old Business, Resolution 2-Tabled 8/6/13. A voice vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 8 – Tabled 7/9/13
Resolution approving the realignment of precincts.

Resolution 8 remains tabled.

- B. Resolution 2 – Tabled 8/6/13
2013-29 – Knight’s Action Park, Inc., 1700 Knight’s Recreation Drive, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Sam Montalbano, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Bunch and Mr. Montalbano, to take Resolution 2 from the table. A voice vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to amend Resolution 2. Mr. Montalbano stated the amendment reads that the request for a conditional permitted use to allow the sale and service of alcoholic beverages only within the marked area shown on Exhibit B, provided that there will be no alcoholic beverages allowed outside said area, no outside music after sunset and no sale of alcohol after 1:00 a.m., is hereby granted. A voice vote was unanimous on the amendment. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 2, as amended.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 6 – 12

6. Resolution approving a maintenance contract with Building Maintenance Services.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith and Mrs. Fulgenzi, to consolidate Resolutions 6 – 12. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 7 – 12.

7. Resolution approving a contract with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for right-of-way appraisal and review appraisal for Oak Crest Road in Clear Lake Township.

8. Resolution approving a contract with Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc. to assist Information Systems in the development of the new Internet and Intranet websites for Sangamon County.

9. Resolution approving the renewal of the Standard Software Maintenance Agreement with New World Systems Corporation.

10. Resolution providing for the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$8,500,000 in Taxable Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013, and to repeal prior resolutions related to these bonds.

11. Resolution authorizing the execution of grant agreements with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

12. Resolution approving the IMRF Benefit Protection Leave application of Timothy Mazrim.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Chairman Van Meter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolutions 6 – 12, as consolidated. Upon the roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 0 Nays. Mr. Goleman and Mr. DelGiorno voted no on Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Clyde Bunch to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term to expire September, 2016.

Appointment of Susan Davsko to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term to expire September, 2016.

Appointment of Linda Fulgenzi to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term to expire September, 2016.

Appointment of Jim Good to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term to expire September, 2016.

Appointment of Jason Ratts to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term to expire September, 2016.

Appointment of Wayne Cross to the Lanesville-Illiopolis Drainage District for a term expire September, 2016.

Appointment of Dean Williams to the Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire September, 2016.

Appointment of Darryl Jones to the Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire September, 2014.

Appointment of Patrick Somers to the Sangamon County Board of Review for a term to expire September, 2015.

B. Appointments (continued)

Appointment of Richard Coon to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term to expire September, 2014.

Appointment of Mike Midiri to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term to expire September, 2014.

Appointment of Joseph Powell to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term to expire September, 2014.

Appointment of Richard Rentschler to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term to expire September, 2014.

Appointment of William Russell to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term to expire September, 2014.

Appointment of Alfred Swettman to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term to expire September, 2014.

Appointment of Kenny Winslow to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term to expire September, 2014.

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

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

**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 Mr. Montalbano, to place the Committee Report on Claims on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Joe Aiello
Sangamon County Clerk