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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on September 10, 2019 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stumpf gave the Invocation and Mr. O'Neill led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 27 Present – 2 Absent. Mr. Snell and Mrs. Williams were excused.

MEMORIAL CHOICE REPORT

Maripat Cline with Troxell and Henry Hurwitz with Memorial Health Partners were present to give a presentation regarding the Memorial Choice Program. Mrs. Cline stated they should all have two handouts that were handed out. One is a memo from Memorial Choice and the other is Memorial Choice at a Glance. For almost 25 years they have acted as Broker Consultant for the County. They have worked very closely with the Administration and the Board of Managers to keep the benefits as good as they can be and premiums as low as they can. Over the years, different things have evolved. About five years ago they started looking at on-site or near-site clinics. They sent out an RFP for this and they had responses for clinics that had to be built. There were a couple of proposals that came in with clinics and express cares that already existed. One of those was Memorial, who came in with the best proposal, at the best cost, and the best benefit to the employees. In June of 2018 Memorial Choice was implemented for employees and their dependents on the health program. Anyone on the health program, with their dependents, can access the Memorial facilities at zero co-pay for certain medical codes and certain services.

The card explains what benefits you obtain if you have a Memorial physician or if you don't. It's okay if you don't. You won't have to change your doctors. There are some other services they can access if they don't use primary care with Memorial. If someone on the health plan has a Memorial physician, they can pay a zero co-pay for the primary care physician, for express care, and for virtual care. That's also a considerable savings to the County if employees access virtual care. People can also access the virtual care if they are not on the health plan, and that physician can order a prescription. There is a zero co-pay for the call, and they would pay the normal prescription co-pay they have on their health plan. Everyone has access to a free nurse concierge service. They can help someone find a new primary care physician with Memorial or can direct them to the ER or to virtual care. Most importantly, and what they were hoping to have more participation in, is the free care coordination. If someone uses and accesses a Memorial physician, for example if they are a diabetic, then the care coordination is going to kick in and those people are going to follow those A1C tests, make sure they are taking their prescriptions, and make sure they are eating properly. If someone needs help with that or if they need to go to the grocery store and need help finding what is healthy to eat for a diabetic, then they will do that. That is how they are going to save the County money, by catching those health conditions early. The program is rolling along nicely.

Henry Hurwitz with Memorial Health Systems addressed the County Board. He acknowledged Maripat Cline and Denise McCrady who they worked with very closely on the development of this product. Without their dedication to this, it would not have been a success. They truly have the best interests of the employees of Sangamon County in their hearts, and they can't do this without them. He thanked them for all the work they have done on this product. Mr. Hurwitz explained that in the 15 months since this product went live, which was June 1, 2018, they've had over 2,000 visits between their primary care site, express care, and virtual care. That's actually accumulated to over \$200,000 in savings for Sangamon County. That's not only important for the health plan itself, but it is actually money back in the pockets of the employees of Sangamon County. It is really a great benefit, and they want to continue seeing high utilization of this. When you are using primary, express or virtual care, it truly is the lowest cost venue. They want to encourage individuals to utilize these services rather than having these chronic conditions and the high costs of emergency department services and hospital stays. They have also established 50 members with the primary care physicians at Memorial Physician Services. They are actually Sangamon County employees who either didn't have a primary care provider or they switched. If you are engaged with your primary care physician, they are going to implement the kind of plans you need to take care of yourself at a lower cost. They've also had 40 individuals who have actually engaged in their care coordination program. This is a program that has dedicated RN's and social workers that actually work with a patient. They don't make a cookie cutter care plan. They actually work with the individual and do a full intake assessment, figure out what those risk drivers are, and build that personalized care plan. There are primary care clinics that serve as a liaison between the patient and the primary care. They are ensuring those patients are getting the care they need and are meeting the care plan so they can take care of themselves even at a time of stress.

Moving forward, they want to continue to push utilization of this program. They have an operations committee and a marketing committee that both meet once a month. It is all about how to engage members. The success of this program is based on how they engage the employees of Sangamon County. Some of the tactics they are working on will be pushing that nurse concierge line. That is a dedicated line for the employees of Sangamon County to essentially call into a back-office service for their primary care. It is open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They can call with general inquiries on Memorial Choice or they can get clinical support that will get them to the right venue. They also want to continue to push the care coordination program. They feel by working with these RN's and social workers to get direct communication back to their primary care office, it will help lower costs for the members. They also want to keep pushing the virtual care. That is something done directly from your phone at no cost to the member at all. It is as easy as downloading the app. It will ask you a series of questions based on the symptoms you are having and will do a care plan from there that is actually manned by APRN's at Memorial Physician Services in Springfield. Finally, they will look at how they can engage members differently in the benefit design of the plan. This can be done in a various amount of ways. Health risk assessments are a key point in this. They are typically a questionnaire gaging what is going on with the patient at that time. They are important because it gives you a proactive way of approaching somebody's health. It doesn't allow somebody to get to a point where a chronic condition is so far out of reach that the cost is sky rocketed. The whole plan behind the health risk assessment is to ensure they have interventions early before things become chronic. Mr. Hurwitz thanked them for the opportunity to come here tonight, give them an update, and to serve the employees of Sangamon County.

Chairman Van Meter asked what savings the County has achieved as a consequence of this program. Mr. Hurwitz stated it has been over \$200,000 in direct primary care savings. There is a rebate on the hospital expense. That was 5% on the first year, so on the hospital expense with Memorial Medical Center, there is a 5% rebate check that is passed back to the County. They are nine months through year one. They actually did a three and half year deal with the County. There was obviously a fee for the services. The first year for the capitation services was about \$45,000. For the second year it was \$116,000 for the full capitation including the nurse concierge, virtual care, etc. The savings right now is over \$200,000. They reconcile that with Denise, Maripat, and Brian, so they are well aware of what those savings are. They would be happy to come back, once they are done with the actual first year, and give those actuals. Chairman Van Meter stated they will probably be making a report to the Board of Managers on that. Chairman Van Meter asked if the savings was \$200,000 plus the rebate. Mr. Hurwitz stated the savings is over \$200,000 total, and they still have three months left.

Maripat explained during the first six months, June through November, there was a \$91,000 savings. The fee to access the program was \$58,000, and the 5% rebate was \$63,700, so there was right at a \$100,000 savings for the first six months.

Chairman Van Meter asked if they have a way of measuring better health outcomes. Mr. Hurwitz stated they do especially with their care coordination program. They have a software program for that. They can definitely come up with a full report based on what they want. Chairman Van Meter stated it would be very interesting to see, and educational for them and the community to see what is possible with a program like this.

Chairman Van Meter asked what the biggest challenge facing the program is now. Mr. Hurwitz stated it is engagement. Chairman Van Meter asked if District #186's participation is way ahead of theirs. Mrs. Cline stated they may be a little ahead. The County has about 28% participating with a Memorial physician. Mr. Hurwitz clarified this doesn't mean they haven't participated in virtual care or express care. District #186 has about 32% participating. They will get a lot of savings through the virtual care. They also have some health fairs planned on the 10th and 16th. One is here and one is at the Public Health building. They are always looking at new ways to engage members.

Mr. Krell asked how long the virtual care has been implemented. Mr. Hurwitz stated it has been around for three years overall. It went live on June 1, 2018 for members on the Sangamon County health plan.

Mr. Ratts asked what the number of covered employees is for Sangamon County and for District #186. Mr. Hurwitz stated Sangamon County has about 700 and District #186 has 2,200. That is employees and does not include dependents.

Chairman Van Meter pointed out that this firm has maintained an actuarially sound health fund. Everyone wants more care and lower rates, but the hard thing is to keep the fund sound. This firm and the Board of Managers have done an incredible job of maintaining low rates and keeping the funds sound. Maripat stated they feel the key to supporting the entire program is funding it properly. That is one thing Sangamon County has done as more education came around. They understood they need to fund the aggregate, which means the worst case scenario. The County has reinsurance on an individual and on the entire group benefits. That is how they have funded their plan, and how it is in the shape it is in today. You have protection against high claims. Before they moved to Blue Cross Blue Shield, the County actually hit their aggregate limit twice, but it hasn't happened since. It was the County and the Board of Managers who have funded this plan properly. Chairman Van Meter acknowledged previous and current members of the Board of Managers. He explained that every politician wants to promise lower health care rates and higher service. It is easy to promise that and to live with for a little while, but you've got to make the system pay to work. The Board of Managers did a great job with this.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of August 13, 2019. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the purchase of two heavy duty trucks from the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Linda Fulgenzi, 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 26 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving the disposal of the Sangamon County Highway Department Engineering Garage.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Melchin, 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 Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2019-027 – Carl Fryman, 3700 West Grand Avenue, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use with a Condition and Variances. County Board Member – Brad Miller, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, 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. 2019-028 – Adam & Lacy Ehrman, 7130 Fulton Road, New Berlin – Denying Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Annette Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Bunch and Mr. Preckwinkle, to Table Resolution 4 so they can get more information from the State's Attorney and the professional staff. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION TABLED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2019-029 – RCM Co-op, 8100 Block of Sherman Road, Riverton – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and a Variance. County Board Member – Todd Smith, District #2.

A motion was made by Mrs. Deppe, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Trustin Harrison, professional staff, stated the petitioner is requesting a Conditional Permitted Use of Section 17.10.020 for a grain elevator, and a variance of Section 17.50.060(A) to allow the parking to remain unpaved rock instead of the required bituminous seal coat. Steve Keenan, professional staff, stated the Planning Commission recommends approval. Negative impacts are not anticipated due to the location of the proposed grain elevator being surrounded by cropland and the nearest residence being approximately 0.3 miles away. The petition states, "Paving the amount required by the ordinance would deem the project too expensive and not yield a reasonable rate of return. Traffic will consist of semi-truck loading and unloading. The weight would cause continuous repair costs, maintaining a rock drive is more practical." Staff agrees the weight from the semi-trucks would cause continuous repairs to a paved surface so allowing rock would allow the petitioner to yield a reasonable rate of return. The Standards for Variation are met. Mr. Harrison stated the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff recommendation for approval.

Don Ray, residing at 208 Charles Street in Buffalo, addressed the County Board. He introduced RCM Co-op, which was founded in 2014. They have approximately 990 farmers and landowners in the area. There are 10 locations spread out over Sangamon, Menard, Cass, and Christian Counties. They are requesting approval of a Conditional Permitted Use for them to construct a grain elevator on Sherman Road. The idea is that the elevator in Williamsville has a road on one side, high speed railroad on the other, high power lines overhead, and the school traffic comes right through that area. The elevator in Dawson was built in the 1900's and also has railroad tracks on one side and a road on the other. They want to upgrade the services to their customers. They feel by going out in a rural area already zoned agricultural, which allows for a grain elevator, they will be able to better serve their farmers and landowners, will reduce truck traffic in Dawson and Williamsville, will be able to provide their employees with better working conditions, and will expand the tax base for Sangamon County. He thanked them for their consideration.

Mr. Hall mentioned he heard they would have aggregate at their facility. They've had issues with truck traffic in his area for grain storage and of having an apron in front. He asked if they will have concrete or asphalt on the entrance. He is asking because every so often they get phone calls about aggregate being out on the road. It is a great thing to complain about because they love aggregate on the road, but they want it placed for a real good reason. Mr. Ray explained that they have an engineering firm hired who will help them with regress and ingress, so they will go with whatever kind of recommendation they make.

Mr. Mendenhall asked if the Village of Williamsville and Williamsville School District are okay with this. Mr. Ray stated they are. He has letters of support from the Williamsville School District, the Mayor of Williamsville, and the Fire District.

Eric Smith, residing at 6898 Keenan Lane in Riverton, addressed the County Board. He lives just north of this site and is representing a number of the neighbors in the area. They are opposing the zoning change. He asked if the County Board would at least consider tabling this issue. He understands there is a study being conducted, but to the best of his knowledge the results haven't come through yet. After seeing the traffic currently on Sherman Road, they are concerned it will not handle the 80,000 pound trucks and consistent traffic that would be introduced with the elevator. There are several spots, one specifically, the highway department cannot keep up with. They believe, with more truck traffic and heavier loads, it's just going to deteriorate the road more. Not too long ago, they had the trucks going down Sherman Road with rock being hauled to the wind farm. It really played havoc with that road. That is one of their big concerns. The bridge at Sherman Road and Ball Road is already over 40 years old. It is his understanding they are planning to work on it. Also, he pointed out the County Board's history of not taking out prime agricultural ground. This is as prime as it gets.

Mr. Mendenhall asked Mr. Smith if he is aware this could also potentially be a hog house or a cattle feed lot. It would stay as agricultural use and doesn't have to come before them for zoning. That would create some other disadvantages for the people who live there and would also have impacts on the road. Mr. Smith stated he was not aware of that.

Mr. Ray gave his rebuttal. He explained he does not see them increasing traffic out there that much. The grain already produced there usually goes through town one way or another, whether it comes west on Sherman Road and then up to Williamsville or it comes east on Sherman Road and stops at their place, which is about a mile off of 54. There is no increase in traffic, but just a re-direction of traffic. If the County is having a problem with the road, that is separate from them.

Mr. Smith did not give a rebuttal.

Chairman Van Meter asked for a vote on the adoption of Resolution 5. A voice vote carried. Mr. Smith voted Present.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 6 – 14

6. Resolution approving the final plat of Powell Minor Subdivision.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mrs. Hills, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 6 – 14. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 7 – 14.

7. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from Byers Printing Company for the Recorder's Office in the amount of \$151,200.
8. Resolution approving the Department of Public Health's Grant Application for the Comprehensive Local Health Protection Grant-Menard County from the Illinois Department of Public Health in the amount of \$174,448.
9. Resolution approving the Department of Public Health's Grant Application for the Comprehensive Local Health Protection Grant-Sangamon County from the Illinois Department of Public Health in the amount of \$725,308.
10. Resolution approving the Community Resource's Grant Application from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the HHS LIHEAP Program in the amount of \$2,769,324.
11. Resolution authorizing Sangamon County to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District for a sewer payment relief program.
12. Resolution authorizing Community Resources to enter into a contract with Alice Campbell Staffing to provide personnel to perform LIHEAP intake services.

- 13. Resolution authorizing the execution and amendment of the Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement.
- 14. Resolution setting forth budget policies for the preparation of the FY2020 Sangamon County Budget.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Ratts, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 6 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Annette Fulgenzi abstained from voting on Resolutions 10 and 12.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 15

- 15. Resolution approving the list of contracts for employee fringe benefits for 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 15 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 Resolution 15. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Dean Williams to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring June, 2021.

Appointment of Jim Sausaman to the Sangamon County Workplace Safety Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Jeff Vose to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Clyde Bunch to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Craig Hall to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Linda Fulgenzi to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Rose Ruzic to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Clyde Bunch to the Sangamon County Sewer Rebate Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Judy Johnson to the Sangamon County Sewer Rebate Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Herman Senior to the Sangamon County Sewer Rebate Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Tom Chi to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Dan Parrish to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Dick Rentschler to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Kenny Winslow to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Joe Powell to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Jim Good to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Rich Coon to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Board for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Wayne Cross to the Lanesville-Illiopolis Drainage District for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of David Mendenhall to the Sangamon County Central Dispatch System for a term expiring September, 2020.

Appointment of Pat Somers to the Sangamon County Board of Review for a term expiring September, 2021.

Appointment of Josh Collins to the Sangamon County Workforce Innovation Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Jason Thoron to the Sangamon County Workforce Innovation Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Lyn Burkett to the Sangamon County Workforce Innovation Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment Gloria Brummer to the Sangamon County Workforce Innovation Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

Appointment of Denise Johnson as the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center.

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

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in October were also submitted.

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications

- Sheriff's Office – 2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award Funds-\$36,939
- Sangamon County CASA-Illinois CASA Grant/DCFS-\$67,287

D. Ratification of AFSCME-Public Health Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to ratify the Department of Public Health and AFSCME Council #31 Local #3738 Collective Bargaining Agreement. They have reached a mutual agreement on this contract. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
CONTRACT RATIFIED

E. Ratification of Laborer's-Circuit Clerk Collective Bargaining Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to ratify the Laborer's Circuit Clerk Collective Bargaining Agreement. They have a 5-year contract with them. A voice vote carried. Mr. Smith voted Present.

Chairman Van meter commended the committee for successful resolutions to both of these contracts.

MOTION CARRIED
CONTRACT RATIFIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to adjourn the meeting to October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING ADJOURNED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk