

MINUTES
SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD
JANUARY 10, 2006

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on January 10, 2006 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. Bunch led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 28 Present – 1 Absent. Mr. Goleman was excused. Mr. Cahnman came in late.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the minutes of December 13, 2005. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for November, 2005.

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place the Correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE FILED

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution authorizing the Circuit Court to purchase laptop and desktop computer equipment.

A motion was made by Ms. Cimarossa, seconded by Mrs. Long, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution authorizing the Circuit Court to purchase the Judicial Systems Telephonic Juror Information Management System and a stand alone computer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Scaife, seconded by Ms. VanHoos, for the adoption of Resolution 2. A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2005-88 – Mike Workman, 6079 Workman Road and 6248 Moffett St., New Berlin – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 3. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2005-89 – Mary Perkins, 8000 to 8250 Blocks of Prairie Creek Rd. & in the 1000 to 1250 Blocks of Farmingdale Road, Pleasant Plains. Granting a Rezoning and Variance. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, for the adoption of Resolution 4. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2005-90 – John & Evelyn Sweeney, the 2800 Block of Dinius Road, Williamsville – Granting a Use Variance. County Board Member – Dan Vaughn, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Wieland, for the adoption of Resolution 5. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2005-91 – John & Diana Mohr, 2714 S. Walnut, Springfield – Granting a Use Variance. County Board Member – Clyde Bunch, District #21.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. VanHoos, for the adoption of Resolution 6. Chairman VanMeter asked for the professional staff's report.

Dave Kiliman, Professional Staff, stated that the petitioners are requesting a use variance for the storage of commercial tools and supplies in the detached garage. There is a residence at the front the property and a garage at the rear of the property. The petitioner wants to store tools and supplies for a residential construction business in the detached garage. There is a single family residence located on the subject property, although the petitioners do not reside there. The property is located in a residential area, although the use would not be home based. Access to the garage would be from the alley. The increased traffic in the alley and the number of times the alley would be blocked for loading or unloading of tools and supplies would be a detriment to the neighborhood; therefore, the staff recommends denial. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. The Board felt that the use variance was acceptable due to the number of businesses in the area.

John Mohr, residing at 7206 Preston Drive in Springfield, addressed the Board. He explained that he has a small residential construction company and they want a place to store tools if needed and would use the space to build cabinets. He stated they would probably be at this storage place around three times a week. Deliveries would not be accepted there and the outside appearance of the building would not change.

A business will not be run out of the building. He stated that they have talked to the neighbors and they are not opposed to this.

Ms. Cimarossa asked if he knows how many garages are on the alley and have alley access and what may be blocked. Mr. Mohr explained that he knows of only one other garage which is the deer processing plant two doors down. Ms. Cimarossa asked how many employees he would have and if they would also be making trips to the garage. Mr. Mohr stated there would be two employees and they may make trips there around three times a week.

Mr. Montalbano asked how big the garage storage facility is. Mr. Mohr stated that he believes it is 30X40. Mr. Montalbano asked how they would get equipment there. Mr. Mohr stated he would use his truck and there would be no big trucks or bobcats.

Chairman VanMeter asked for clarification if he said he would be building cabinets there. Mr. Mohr explained he would sometimes do small projects there. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff if this is in the range of what is allowed. Dave Kiliman explained that the use variance was described for the storage of commercial storage and supplies in the detached garaged and the petition says to allow inside storage of commercial tools and supplies for a residential construction company in existing garage. It does not specify they can build cabinets. Mr. Mohr assured them he would not do that if it is not allowed.

Mr. Moss asked if there is any other type of work being done besides carpentry. Mr. Mohr explained they would just do remodeling, new construction, and bathroom and kitchen rehab.

Mr. Stumpf commended Mr. Mohr for coming to the Board asking for this because usually petitioners will come to the Board after there is a complaint and they are trying to comply.

Mr. Moss asked if this could be limited solely to carpentry so that if he sells the property someone else in the construction business couldn't move in there. Mr. Kiliman explained that the variance would run with the land. They would need to put limits on the natures of the operation including the exclusion of the use as a work center. It would have to specify that it would be for the storage of tools and equipment only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moss to amend the resolution to limit the use to carpentry and remodeling only. Mr. Buecker stated that the request says for tools only, so they would not be able to store equipment. Mr. Moss withdrew his amendment.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 6.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2005-92 – Roger Leach, 5825 Chicken Bristle Road, Rochester – Granting a Rezoning and Variance. County Board Member – Andy Goleman, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Hall, for the adoption of Resolution 7. Chairman VanMeter asked for comments from the professional staff.

Dave Kiliman, Professional Staff, stated that the petitioner requests a rezoning from A to R-1 with a variance to allow the lot depth to exceed 2 ½ times the lot width for two parcels. The property totals 9.94 acres and the owner wants to divide the property into two tracts. The Land Evaluation and Site Assessment score of 205 indicates the current agricultural zoning is inappropriate and the staff recommends denial. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. They felt the rezoning and variance are appropriate due to the number of nearby residences and there is R-1 to the southeast.

Roger Leach, residing at 5825 Chicken Bristle Road in Rochester, addressed the Board. He explained that his intention with this is to sell the property or the home. There was quite a lot of interest in the home and a small part of the acreage, but nobody has been interested in purchasing all of the acreage. He explained that is why he would like to do this rezoning which would allow him to cut off, create the flag lot with approximately five acres in the back, and sell the home and buildings with the five acres. Now there are people interested in buying the home with just the five acres. Most of the surrounding property is residential.

Mr. Vaughn asked how close the water line is to the City of Rochester. Mr. Leach stated it is about 1 ½ miles from the city water. He stated that his well is only 24 feet deep.

Mr. Mendenhall asked if he has any intention to sell or build on the lot he wants to create. Mr. Leach stated that he does not.

Chairman VanMeter asked for clarification if this is actually a flag lot. Mr. Kiliman explained that this is a flag lot, but does not fall into the type of scenario they try to prohibit. There is precedent for allowing this type of situation.

A voice vote carried on the motion to adopt Resolution 7. Mr. Vaughn voted Nay.

**MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 8

8. Qik-n-Ez Properties, LLC, Winch Road and Jefferson Street, Springfield – Granting a Variance of Chapter 16.72 “Development in Special Flood Hazard Areas”.

A motion was made by Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. Snell, for the adoption of Resolution 8. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff’s report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 8.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 9 – 15

9. Resolution amending the Sangamon County Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, for the adoption of Resolution 9. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Pace, to consolidate Resolutions 9 – 15. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 10 – 15.

10. Resolution supporting draft guidelines regarding the application of financial incentives for the attraction and expansion of employers in Sangamon County.
11. Resolution accepting a proposal and contract for audit services from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden.
12. Resolution allowing Hanson Professional Services, Inc. to perform an analysis of the proposed multi-modal transportation facility in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Tomorrow Grant Agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation.
13. Resolution approving the purchase of a new image management system by the Recorder’s Office.
14. Resolution approving the purchase of a new dishwashing replacement system by the Sangamon County Detention Center.

15. Resolution approving the purchase of computer equipment by the Recorder's Office.

Mr. Cahnman asked Mr. Fraase why he wants Resolution 9 to be considered by the Board tonight as opposed to the usual procedure of going through the Liquor Committee. Mr. Fraase explained there were some applicants asking about package liquor licenses and right now there are only eight and he has asked to raise it to ten. Mr. Cahnman asked if licenses that were granted went through the Liquor Committee. Mr. Fraase stated the licenses did go through the Liquor Committee.

A voice vote carried on the motion to consolidate Resolutions 9 – 15. Mr. Cahnman voted Nay. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Pace, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 9 – 15, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Cahnman stated that he would like to be recorded as voting yes on Resolution 1 since he was not present when the roll call was taken.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 16

16. Resolution approving the comprehensive financial analysis and department re-organizations in conjunction with the Sangamon County Employee Voluntary Severance Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Buecker, for the adoption of Resolution 16. A motion was made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Ms. Cimarossa, to strike from the resolution the approval of the re-organization plan for the Juvenile Probation Department/Juvenile Center because the State is coming in to evaluate the situation and they do not want to perform a re-organization until after that study is made. He explained that they are hoping to save more money with this study being done by the State. A voice vote was unanimous on the amendment. Ms. Cimarossa clarified that this amendment does not affect the people who are taking advantage of this plan but only affects the re-organization that is taking place afterwards.

Mr. Moore stated that the Recorder's Office did not take advantage of this plan and he wishes the opportunity had been presented because it would have given those employees some opportunities as well as save the County more money. Paul Palazzolo, Auditor, explained this was the only Elected Official office that chose not to participate. Mr. Cahnman stated that he talked with the Recorder and she informed him that she did ask her employees if they wanted to participate in the plan and none of them said they did, which is the reason she did not participate.

Mr. Palazzolo gave an update on the plan. He stated that this is the first time a plan like this has volunteered the results documented in a position by position report on the cost savings. With the payouts involved to the employees who took advantage of the opportunity, the County is spending \$28,000 in FY 2006 with 45 participants in the plan from a range of departments. They will see the first savings in FY 2007. That savings will be around \$800,000 and will continuously be repeated each year as a result of the individuals who have taken advantage of the plan and as a result of management efforts to re-structure and re-organize. Those who are being replaced are being replaced at 60% of the salary which was vacated. In some cases positions are not being replaced and in other cases the position is being filled by part-time employees. Mr. Palazzolo stated that the staff at Sangamon County has done a good job in executing the plan and he hopes the Board's appreciation is extended to the County Board Office and Auditor's Office for helping make this plan happen. He thanked the Board for their support of this initial plan and hope they approve the resolution as amended.

Mr. Cahnman asked what would be the impact of the County budget in FY 2006. Mr. Palazzolo explained they would be coming back in May to submit a budget amendment to the Board to meet the requirements of the plan. Mr. Cahnman asked if there would be savings in FY 2006 or a cost to the County. Mr. Palazzolo stated they anticipate a cost in FY 2006 as he mentioned earlier.

Ms. Cimarossa asked if the estimated incentive pay with benefits includes vacation and sick payouts for those who are taking advantage of retirement. Mr. Palazzolo stated it does include all of the payouts.

Chairman VanMeter extended the Board's heartfelt thanks and congratulations for a job well done to Dave Connor and Ryan McCrady. Any businessman running a business would be proud to achieve these kinds of savings in on-going operations. This is a job well done for the taxpayers of Sangamon County.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 16, as amended.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Brian Brewer to the Springfield Mass Transit District for a term expiring February, 2011.

Appointment of Terry Fairclough to the Springfield Mass Transit District for a term expiring February, 2011.

Appointment of Doris Turner to the Springfield Mass Transit District for a term expiring February, 2010.

Appointment of Patrick Timoney to the Springfield Metro Sanitary District for a term expiring May, 2009.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Ms. Cimarossa, for approval of the appointments.

Mrs. Long stated that in good faith bi-partisan spirit the Board should approve these appointments.

Mrs. Scaife asked if they could serve on two Boards like this. Jim Grohne, Assistant State's Attorney stated the answer is sometimes yes and sometimes no. There are certain Boards that are automatically in conflict, but it is not the situation in this case. He stated he would have to look and see if the Attorney General has addressed the issue in this case. Mrs. Scaife asked if this has come up before. Chairman VanMeter explained there are Boards where it is standard practice; however, these appointments appear to be ok.

Mr. Moore stated that he highly endorses Doris Turner to the Springfield Mass Transit District because he is sure she will do an excellent job, but he is struck by the appointment of Patrick Timoney to the Springfield Sanitary District. Mr. Moore stated that Mr. Timoney is the Chairman of the Democratic Committee and he thought they were trying to keep politicians off of these types of Boards and keep them in the hands of those who are competent in those areas. He stated that he would vote no on Mr. Timoney's appointment because he feels they need to draw the line somewhere.

Mr. Cahnman commended the appointments to the Mass Transit District and expressed his support of Doris Turner's appointment.

Mr. Wieland suggested the appointments be handed out before the meetings instead of in the middle of the meetings. Chairman VanMeter explained that they normally try to do that but these circumstances were somewhat extraordinary. Mr. Cahnman suggested having the appointments mailed out with the regular packets so there is time to consider them to see if there would be any objections. Chairman VanMeter stated they would take the issue up with those who are submitting the appointments.

Mr. Hall asked who approaches whom on these appointments. Chairman VanMeter explained that the members of the Committees who are registered as Democrats will be submitted by the Chairman of the Democratic Party and those who are Republicans are submitted by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Sangamon County.

Mr. Vaughn explained that he is voting yes because they are Democratic appointees going for Democratic seats. He agreed with Mr. Moore on the issue of getting away from politics.

There was a roll call vote on the motion to approve the appointments as submitted. Upon the roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 3 Nays – 1 Present. Mr. Hall, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Wieland voted Yea on the Mass Transit District appointments and Nay on the Sanitary District appointments. Mr. Stephens voted Present on all appointments.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place the Committee Report on Claims on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
REPORT FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to recess the meeting to the rescheduled date of February 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED