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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

JUNE 12, 2012

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on June 12, 2012 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Smith gave the Invocation and Mr. Snell led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 23 Present – 4 Absent. Ms. Dillman, Mr. Maslauski, Mr. Moore and Mr. O’Neill were excused.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to approve the appointment of Susan Davsko as County Board Member for District #29. A voice vote was unanimous. County Clerk Aiello administered the oath of office to Mrs. Davsko.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Mendenhall and Mr. Smith presented a Proclamation to Rich Coon upon his retirement from the Sherman Fire Protection District after 50 years of service. Mr. Mendenhall stated that they recently activated the new radio system which they have been working on forever. He thanked the OEM 911 Committee, the Sheriff’s office, Rich Coon, Dick Rentschler and the ETSB Board. Without all of their help this would not have been feasible. He got Rich here tonight on the preference that someone might have a question about the radio system. He asked Mr. Coon if they do have a radio system. Mr. Coon confirmed that they do.

Mr. Coon had 50 years of service to the Sherman Fire Department, which is pretty amazing. Mr. Smith, who also presented the Proclamation, stated that he was very proud to have served on the Sherman Volunteer Fire Department under Chief Coon.

Mr. Coon accepted the Proclamation and thanked the County Board for the recognition. He expressed his appreciation for everything they have done. He has had a great term, and he does have other missions he is doing with David and the OEM 911 Committee. He hopes he is able to serve them for a few more years, to complete the radio project, and go on to other projects that the board and its committees would have him do.

PRESENTATION BY KAREN HASARA – CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

Chairman Van Meter introduced Karen Hasara for a presentation. Ms. Hasara stated that she is present to represent the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to give a brief report about the work they have been doing. Out of the 23 members, there are 12 of them present this evening. She introduced them. There is Mike Murphy who is the Vice-Chair of the commission. The commission wanted to make sure that the city and county were both well represented, so they have a chair from the city and a vice-chair from the county. Mr. Murphy is also joining her during the presentation. Also present is Dan Cadigan, representative for the city; Jerry Crabtree, township appointee; Jim Donelan, Chair of the Public Works Committee and a township appointee; Kevin Dorsey is a county appointee; Cliff Erwin is Chairman of the Community Development Committee and is a water district appointee; Bob Gray is Chair of the Public Safety Committee and is a city appointee; Marilyn Kushak is Chair of the Administrative Management and Budget Committee and she is a county appointee; Robert Plunk is a village appointee; Kent Redfield is an Airport Authority appointee; and J.D. Sudeth is a county appointee.

Ms. Hasara presented a slide presentation to give an overview of what the Citizens' Efficiency Commission has accomplished. They began their meetings in the fall of 2011. They welcome citizens to all of their meetings, which are on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Hoagland Center. They are very grateful for the staff in the Planning Commission including: Norm, Jeff and Amy who have done a lot of the research and work. They have looked at what the functions of government are and what special districts they might look at for duplication or better service. The committee's approach is to be open and transparent, and to have thoroughly researched and valid recommendations.

Mike Murphy addressed the Board. He stated that when the committee develops recommendations, they also want to have a process to implement the recommendations. They had a meeting with the mayors and village presidents, which was very informative for everyone. They found that there is no structure for governmental entities to meet on a regular basis. If they come up with a recommendation, and one way to implement it is to change the state statute or local law, then they will proceed with their recommendation. They will put together a legislative package to take to that governmental entity to have some changes made.

At that point in time, they may come back to the County Board and other local leaders to help lobby to get those laws changed and to allow the governments to work more efficiently.

Chairman Van Meter asked about the date to finalize their recommendation. Ms. Hasara stated she believes it may be November of 2013. Chairman Van Meter asked if they have adequate staff to get the job done. Ms. Hasara stated that the staff is definitely putting in a lot of extra effort. They are getting it done, but the research is taking a long time, and they could always use more help.

Mr. Montalbano stated that he noticed one of their projects was garage consolidation. That is something they just implemented in the county.

Mr. Hall asked her to explain the idea of going to legislation. Ms. Hasara explained that they do not want to eliminate a good idea just because the statute would have to be changed. They know it is very difficult, but they feel it is their job to come up with suggestions. If they think it will save a lot of money and be more efficient, even if it requires a legislative change, they will submit it. Mr. Hall expressed his concern with the legislature's ability to do the things they are supposed to do now. To ask them to fix local government is a concern of his. He thinks the most efficient government he has seen, in his years on this board and in the community, is local government. Ms. Hasara stated that she does understand his concern; however, if they have a wonderful idea that will save a lot of money she doesn't think they should say "We are not going to proceed because the legislature is overworked."

Chairman Van Meter suggested that they could put certain issues before the voters. Ms. Hasara stated they have discussed that, and there very well may be some that need voter approval. Chairman Van Meter commended the committee. It really is a great group of community leaders.

PRESENTATION BY DEBBY KARTON-COAST2COAST PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Mr. Goleman and Mr. Fulgenzi addressed the Board. Mr. Fulgenzi stated that this is one of the programs they felt was the best alternative to what they have now. They are presenting this now because they are required to give a 60-day notice to their current provider, which would be by the end of this month. It is a very good program and has been promoted by the Illinois Association of County Boards and Commissioners. This will give them \$1.25 per prescription along with the prescription payback plan. It does not affect the county residents at all. Mr. Goleman explained how they came up with the recommendation for this program. Over a year ago the Sangamo Scripts Committee met, along with Jim Stone, and talked about possibilities of enhancing the current program and has heard recommendations. There were several meetings held. Mr. Fulgenzi, as Chairman of that committee, was involved in that process. He took a lot of time to sit down and go through all the interviews with the different organizations and companies to see which was best for them. Tonight they have a recommendation they feel is in the best interest of the citizens of Sangamon County. Mr. Goleman introduced Debbie Karton to give a presentation.

Debbie Karton, with Coast2Coast Prescription Drug Program, addressed the Board. She stated that they are thrilled to be partnering with the Sangamo Scripts program, which has been a very successful program. They are really excited to be the new pharmacy benefit manager of that program.

Their program offers prescription drug discounts up to 50%, along with other discounts to residents, all without costing taxpayers one penny. Those discounts include lab and imaging services, dental, vision and hearing services, diabetic supplies, veterinarian services and hearing services.

Mrs. Fulgenzi asked how and when current Sangamo Script card holders would be notified that this new program is going into effect. She also asked if the County Health Department would be doing this. Mrs. Karton stated that there will be a two month transitional period with the program kicking off no later than September 1st. They intend to reach out to the current holders with the Public Health Department's cooperation.

Chairman Van Meter asked Mr. Stone how many people are currently using the Sangamo Scripts program. Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, stated that there are almost 10,000 people. Chairman Van Meter asked Mrs. Karton if that number is typical for counties of this size. Mrs. Karton stated that is actually better. Chairman Van Meter asked what the current discount is and what the new discount would be. Jim Stone stated that the current discount is about 25%. Mrs. Karton stated that they are averaging about 48% to 52% with their discount.

Mr. Montalbano asked if other entities grant the use of the seal for the discount card. Mrs. Karton stated that they do. Part of the endorsement is that they ask the entity to endorse it and to use the county seal.

Mr. Boyster thanked Chairman Van Meter, Mr. Fulgenzi and Mr. Goleman for their leadership on this. He stated that Debby Karton contacted him and he met with Brian and Mr. Fulgenzi and they had a series of meetings on this. One of the things Debby had said, when they first initially met, is that she is asked all the time how they make their money off of this and people say "This is too good to be true." He asked her to explain this. Mrs. Karton explained that the revenue is generated through the dispensing of fees through the pharmacies. All of the name brand pharmacies, and most of the independent pharmacies, are already members of this program. This is a private business decision the pharmacies have made. They use this as a marketing tool, so they are willing to give up some of the money they would get in dispensing fees to get people into their pharmacies. Mr. Boyster stated that he got a card off the Internet and went to a local pharmacy to get a prescription. When they ran it through with the Coast2Coast program he only had to pay \$10. He also had them run it through the current Sangamo Scripts program and it would have been \$30. He can testify that it does work.

Mr. Ratts stated that he wants to make sure the citizens will be aware of all the different savings they will have besides prescription drugs. Mrs. Karton stated that it is on the card. It gives you website information and phone numbers. They do know this works and that people have been using it.

Mr. Stumpf asked if a fully insured person could use this card in addition to their policy. Mrs. Karton stated that they would use either or. She suggested that everyone take their card to the pharmacist and ask them to run it both ways to see which will give the bigger discount. Most likely, if you have insurance, the insurance will be less.

Mr. Fulgenzi stated that he wants to make sure all the pharmacies are in tune with this and have all the literature. Mrs. Karton stated that they will distribute cards to the participating pharmacies, libraries and to all other entities they are instructed to distribute them to. The pharmacies will also get a letter signed by the Chairman. The pharmacies are a private business so they cannot force them to keep the cards. Some pharmacies are very supportive of this program and some are less supportive.

Mr. Ratts asked how long the transition period would be if someone moves. Mrs. Karton stated that they probably won't have very long, but she does not think their current pharmacy benefit manager would turn it off. They have talked about a potential mailing, having them at the pharmacies and at the Department of Public Health. It will be very easy for a resident to get the card. They would just have to go to the Coast2Coast website and download it. There is no form to fill out and no qualifications to meet.

Mrs. Fulgenzi asked if people would be able to go to a pharmacy and immediately get a card if they don't have a computer to download the card. Mrs. Karton stated their hope would be that the pharmacy would still have them. The pharmacy should be able to tell someone where to get the cards. Her guess is that the cards will be available at the Public Health Department, county offices, township offices, city offices and other public places.

Mr. Boyster asked how much revenue this could bring into the county. Mr. Goleman stated that, being conservative like they are, they figure it would be roughly \$10,000.

PRESENTATION-SANGAMON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Mr. Goleman addressed the Board and asked Chief Deputy Jack Campbell to come forward. Mr. Goleman stated that Allen Entwistle, President of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau is also present tonight.

Mr. Goleman stated that a little over a year ago he received a phone call from a Deputy Sheriff that there was a residential burglary in his neighborhood. It was with that call that he made contact with Chief Deputy Campbell and the Manager of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau to talk about some sort of a farm or rural watch that would be similar to a neighborhood watch group. Out of that, they have made a partnership with the Sangamon County Farm Bureau and the Sangamon County Sheriff's department. He introduced Chief Deputy Jack Campbell to discuss the plan.

Mr. Campbell stated that they discovered this problem existed with their inability to cover the rural areas of the county. It takes an incident like this to kick start something like this. It is very difficult, in fact impossible; to cover the distances they would like to cover. Coming up with a system like this gave them the ability to use the eyes and ears of the people who are already out there. There are farmers in the field that could be right in the area they need them to be so the Sheriff's office can immediately receive the message that there is a crime in progress. They are thankful to the company that came up with E-Alert to provide information and empower the rural residents to solve crime, apprehend suspects, and possibly even save lives.

Allen Entwistle, President of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau, addressed the Board. He stated that they know the people in the rural areas are at risk with crime and they are all willing to do this.

Mr. Goleman explained that there is a card people can fill out for E-Alert. If there is something that happens in the rural areas of Sangamon County, then an instant message would be sent out to your cell phone or computer very quickly. It would provide eyes and ears for the Sheriff's office out in the rural areas of Sangamon County.

PRESENTATION BY COUNTY AUDITOR

Paul Palazzolo, Auditor, was present to discuss ideas he had to enhance financial security for the county.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Fulgenzi, for approval of the minutes of May 8, 2012. 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 to file.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the annual Prevailing Wage Rates for Sangamon County.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Goleman, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon the roll call vote, there were 23 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving a federal aid agreement for preliminary engineering for the Sangamon Valley Trail from Stuart Park to Irwin Bridge Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mrs. Ruzic, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote carried. Mr. Hall voted no on Resolution 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2012-16 – Heartland Worship Center, 6800 Bahr Rd., Sherman – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Todd Smith, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Good, seconded by Mrs. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, Mr. Goleman and Mr. Hall, to table Resolution 3. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION TABLED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2012-20 – Jeff & April Jefferies, in the 1,100 block of Jefferies Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Dan Sausaman, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Sausaman, seconded by Mrs. Musgrave, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman 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. 2012-21 – Gale & David Myers, 5611 & 5681 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and Variance. County Board Member – Harry "Tom" Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Ratts, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman 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

RESOLUTIONS 6 - 8

6. Resolution approving an upgrade of the IBM System for Information Systems.

A motion was made by Mr. Sausaman, seconded by Mr. Boyster, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 6–8. Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to read Resolutions 7 and 8.

7. Resolution approving funding for the maintenance of the new Rural Fire/EMS Radio System.
8. Resolution approving a contract with Kim’s Autobody, Inc. for vehicle body repair services for Sangamon County.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 6 – 8, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Dwayne Gab, Assistant State’s Attorney, explained that he instructed the County Clerk to remove Resolution 9 because it was placed on the Agenda by mistake.

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 10 - 12

10. Resolution approving the low bid for a box culvert replacement with a bridge on County Highway 45 (Loami/Bates Road).

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Good, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Musgrave, to consolidate Resolutions 10-12. Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to read Resolutions 11 and 12.

11. Resolution approving the low bid for a bridge replacement on New Salem Church Road in Curran Township.

12. Resolution approving the change of the county's pharmaceutical benefits manager to Coast2Coast.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Davsko, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 10-12, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Susan Davsko as County Board Member, District #29, for a term expiring November, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous. The list of appointment nominations for next month was also submitted. Chairman Van Meter stated that the board will vote on the appointment of Kimberly Briggity to County Board District #18 at the July meeting.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, STANDING COMMITTEES, 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
REPORT FILED

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to adjourn the meeting to July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED