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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on September 14, 2010 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. O'Neill led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 25 Present – 4 Absent. Ms. Dillman, Mrs. Douglas Williams, Mr. Fulgenzi and Mrs. Turner were all excused.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman VanMeter presented a Proclamation to Rosemarie Long upon her retirement from the Sangamon County Board.

Mrs. Long addressed the Board. She stated that tonight is a very special night for her and she is filled with a mixture of emotions, overwhelming sadness and great happiness. She is very proud to be a part of the continuing story of this County. It has the components and chemistry to draw our attention. After 18 years she has been right here with everyone working hard to create, approve and implement new ideas that become accomplishments, and when reflected upon, inspire pride and a vision to do more to improve the quality of life for all of those in the county who depend on their services.

She recapped some of the accomplishments and memories that have become the pages of “Sangamon County’s Story”. They have built and paid off a new state-of-the art juvenile center; built a state of the art animal shelter; finished paying the loan on the County Building; assumed administration of the County and City Elections; consolidated the County and City Health Departments, and in August just dedicated the new Public Health & Community Services building. Through all this, they have maintained a balanced budget even in these difficult times. Other important programs she is proud to have been associated with are the Sangamo Script Discount Pharmaceutical Program, fireworks, and the creation of the official flag of Sangamon County.

All these accomplishments are note-worthy and deserving of credit to all of those who have always been cognizant of the needs of the County and followed a strict code of providing these services.

She also recognized the current and former County Board Chairmen and all the Sangamon County elected officials, department heads and employees for their hard work and commitment. She remembered former County Board members and acknowledged the current members.

She stated that her husband, Jack, has stood by her all these years along with her friends and family. She stated that it has been an honor serving the residents of her district.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of August 10, 2010. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Reports.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, 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 approving a supplemental engineering agreement for a bridge replacement on Oak Crest Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote. Upon the roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution reappointing the County Engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote. Upon the roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2010-34 – Debora Marr-VanTuyle, 13560 W. Loami Rd., Loami – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Norm Sims, professional staff, stated that the petitioner is requesting a variance to allow the lot width to be met at a distance greater than 60 feet from a public road and a variance to create two parcels less than 40 acres each. The professional staff recommends approval of the requested variances because the standards for variation are met. The petitioner has requested to sell the home site with approximately 9 acres while preserving the 11 acres for agricultural purposes. Cyndi Knowles, professional staff, stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends approval of the variances.

Debora Marr-VanTuyle, residing at RR 3, Box 213 in Roodhouse, addressed the Board. She explained that they started this process because she was selling the 20 acres. She was trying to divide it up and keep the 11 acres tillable as agricultural and as income for herself. It would also be more reasonable for someone to purchase the property. She wants to leave the 11 acres as agricultural so nobody can build on it.

Larry Lions, residing at 13250 W. Loami Rd. in Loami, addressed the Board. He stated that he manages Lions & Lions Family Farm, LLC and is also a member of IRA Lions Trust. He has submitted written documentation to the Board. Lions & Lions Family Farm, LLC opposes the division of this parcel.

He respects the fact that Mrs. Marr-VanTuyle wants to keep the flag lot zoned agriculture, but once divided the possibilities become endless. Those endless possibilities are what make agriculture activities more of a challenge. This is when urban life tries to integrate into the rural community and then those differences in lifestyles, that both are not accustomed to, result in discord. This is of particular importance not only to Lionts & Lionts Family Farms, LLC, but also to members of the IRA Lionts Trust, which owns property to the south and immediately to the west of the Debora Marr Van-Tuyle parcel. He expressed his hope that the 40-acre lot size ordinance would not only have discouraged this type of subdivision, but would also put a stop to this type of activity.

Mr. Hall stated that it is easy to allow things they make laws on. One of the reasons they have these laws is to protect the value of other people's property. This is a flag lot and they have made laws against them to protect agriculture. So now here tonight, are they going to just say "yes there is a law, but we are going to make an adjustment on it"? He stated that this bothers him, and they just do not want flag lots.

Mr. Moore asked the professional staff what would happen if the petitioner wants to build on that remaining property. Cyndi Knowles explained that the petitioner would have to come back in and re-petition to rezone the property in order to build on it. Mr. Moore asked if anyone could come in and protest this just like any other piece of property. Mrs. Knowles stated that is correct.

Mrs. Marr Van-Tuyle stated that in order for this to be rezoned for someone to build something there, which is not the idea of this at all, they would have to come back in and have it rezoned again. It is her understanding that would probably not go through. She explained she has been in agriculture all her life and that is pretty much what she would like the ground to stay like.

Mr. Lionts stated it is zoned agriculture now, but the next person who comes in could put in for a variance to change it to residential. He stated that this does happen.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 3. Upon the roll call vote, there were 13 Yeas – 12 Nays. Those voting nay were: Mr. Goleman, Mr. Good, Mr. Hall, Mr. Krell, Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Montalbano, Mr. Moss, Mrs. Musgrave, Mr. Schweska, Mr. Snell, Mr. Stephens and Mr. VanMeter.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2010-36 – JoAnn Simkins & Myrna Kuehn, 2400 Brinocar Rd., and in the 2400 block of Brinocar Rd., Auburn – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Don Stephens, Jr., District #5.

A motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mrs. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Norm Sims, professional staff, stated that the petitioners are requesting a variance to create two parcels less than 40 acres and a variance for the lot depth to be 2 ½ times the lot width for two parcels. The professional staff recommends approval of the requested variance finding the standards for variation are met. The petitioners are requesting to divide the property amongst family members to settle an estate, and the property will ultimately remain in agricultural production. Cyndi Knowles, professional staff, stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends approval.

JoAnn Simkins, residing at 1016 Wildwood Court in Peoria, addressed the Board. She explained that her father passed away and she and her sister want to change this from three parcels to two parcels so they can divide the property evenly. They do want to keep the land as agriculture.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

- 5. Resolution authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to accept the bid from Kisler for the purchase of replacement ballistic vests.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mrs. Musgrave, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

- 6. Resolution identifying acquisition contracts for the purchase of the Public Health Building pursuant to the lease/purchase/construction contract.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Goleman, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Long, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 6. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

- 7. Resolution identifying acquisition contracts for the installation of a new generator for the Public Health and Community Services Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Long, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 7. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2 – Tabled 6/8/10 & 8/10/10
2009-64 – James Ley/Ley Metals Recycling, 3000 Peoria Rd., Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Jim Good, District #8.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Long, to take Resolution 2 from the table. A voice vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Good, seconded by Mr. Moore and Mrs. Long, to amend Resolution 2. Mr. Good stated Resolution 2 should be amended as follows: “Within 6 months of permit issuance for residential construction on property abutting the subject property, the petitioner shall begin construction of an 8-foot chain link fence along the property lines that adjoin the residential lots.” A voice vote carried on the amendment. Mr. Goleman voted no.

A voice vote carried for the adoption of Resolution 2, as amended. Mr. Goleman voted no.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Jim Donelan to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring September, 2011.

Appointment of Clyde Bunch to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2013.

Appointment of John Davsko to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2013.

Appointment of Jim Good to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2013.

Appointment of Mike Sullivan to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September, 2013.

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

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

Nominations for Appointment

Historic Preservation Commission
Jerry Jacobson
Anthony Mares

Hearing Officer
Ryan Cadagin

Citizens Advisory Committee on Animal Control
Ralph Hanauer

Sangamon County State's Attorney
John Milhiser

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place the nominations for appointment on file to be voted on at the next County Board meeting on September 28, 2010. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED

C. Approval of the 2011 County Holiday Schedule

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the 2011 County Holiday Schedule. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADOPTED

Chairman VanMeter announced that as a consequence of Mrs. Long's resignation, he needs to reconfigure a number of committees and officers of the County Board. He announced the appointment of Mr. Good as Vice-Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee; Mr. Good to the Road & Bridge Committee; and Mr. Preckwinkle to the Finance Committee, all to begin immediately. The remaining vacancies will be filled by Mrs. Long's replacement when that person is nominated and qualified.

Chairman VanMeter offered the nomination of Sam Montalbano as the new Vice-Chairman of the Sangamon County Board. Mr. Montalbano stated that with all the members on this County Board, he goes around and does a lot of talking and tells everyone this County Board is the best they can be with all the things they have done. He stated he has many honors in his lifetime, but to have "folks like you" is very special. He expressed his appreciation for this nomination. Chairman VanMeter moved that the new Vice-Chairman be confirmed by acclamation. A voice vote was unanimous.

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES,
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS**

Auditor Paul Palazzolo was present to submit the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009. A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place the reports on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

Chairman VanMeter announced they will adjourn to Saputo's to conduct a "So long to Long dinner" in celebration of Rosemarie's 18 years of service on the County Board.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to adjourn the meeting to September 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING ADJOURNED