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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

JULY 8, 2008

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on July 8, 2008 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mrs. Turner led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 25 Present – 4 Absent. Mr. Buecker, Mrs. Douglas Williams, Mr. O'Neill, and Mr. Smith were all excused.

ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE PRESENTATION

Allen Fore, Public Affairs Manager, addressed the Board. He introduced his team consisting of Ryan McCreery, Joe Pridgen, Chad Workman, Chuck Greenway, Diane Davis and Chris Basista.

Mr. Fore gave an overview and slide presentation of the pipeline project. They are planning construction very soon provided they get final approvals within the next couple weeks. Rockies Express is a joint venture and is about a 1,700 mile natural gas pipeline that will be constructed from the Rocky Mountains on the West to the Eastern border of Ohio. They are currently complete with 1,000 miles of the pipeline from Colorado to Audrain County, Missouri. The third and final segment will run from Audrain County, Missouri to Eastern Ohio. Over the next few weeks they will be seeking final federal approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. They have approved the project in general and issued the certificate of public convenience and

necessity, and are now waiting for individual authority to proceed and start construction of the project. They are running through Sangamon County, and the Board has been provided with a map to show where it is running.

There are 134 tracts of land in Sangamon County and 745 tracts in the State of Illinois. He presented a slide of the REX East Project Map. The pipeline will primarily be buried underground with a minimum of five feet of cover in agricultural lands. The largest facility will be in Blue Mound, which will be the compressor station. This will be about a \$35,000,000 permanent facility and will be used to compress the gas so it will move farther along the line. There will also be multiple interconnects along the line. All of the gas in Rockies Express is fully subscribed, which means all of the gas has a home for a minimum of 10 years. This is a natural gas pipeline, which is a domestic energy source.

They are scheduled to begin construction the summer of 2008. Some of the benefits to area are that they will employ 5,000 to 6,000 construction workers and will use union locals where the workforce is available; otherwise they will bring in other workers from outside the area. There will be additional revenue for the area because of the additional workers renting apartments and hotels. They hope to be done with this construction by the end of 2008. The most important benefit will be the access to natural gas for the region.

Mr. Fore explained that all of this information is available on their website at rexpipeline.com.

The route is 26.4 miles in Sangamon County. Specifically in Sangamon County, you can see 25.2 miles are agricultural lands. They have entered into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Farm Bureau regarding how they construct in agricultural lands, and they do know the importance of the agricultural lands.

They are moving forward very quickly and are at 93% in total acquisition in Sangamon County as of today. Environmental issues are very important and safety is a priority for this project. Land owner issues are also very important. The construction process is very much like an assembly line, but in this particular case all of the equipment moves and the land obviously stays where it is. With good weather and good operating conditions, they plan to be in and out of the area in a relatively short period of time to lessen the impact on land owners.

He stated that that they do have an office in Decatur and look forward to being a good partner and neighbor.

Chairman VanMeter asked what the total cost of this project is. Mr. Fore stated that this is a \$5 billion project. Mr. VanMeter asked if the County would have any stake in revenue from this project. Mr. Fore explained that they would need to ask their assessor about this. In a lot of jurisdictions they do pay a lot of taxes. Over the course of this project they will be paying hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes.

Mr. Hall asked if they would be going underneath the township roads, and if there would be any closures on any of these accesses.

Mr. Fore stated that they have worked with the counties regulatory agencies on this, and have cleared way for these issues.

Chris Basista, addressed the Board. He explained that they are finalizing negotiations with most of the townships and have agreed to use the standard highway department road closure diversions and signage to make sure emergency services and others can still get through.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the minutes of June 2, 2008. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place any correspondence on file with the County Clerk. There was no correspondence to file.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the annual agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Moss, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 – 4

2. Resolution approving a bridge petition from Curran Township for a bridge replacement on Wesley Chapel Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Musgrave, for the adoption of Resolution 2. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 4. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 and 4.

3. Resolution approving a federal aid agreement for land acquisition services on Iron Bridge Road.

4. Resolution approving a federal aid agreement for land acquisition services on Woodside Road.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Snell, that the roll call vote on Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 4, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2008-35 – Kay Bedolli, 757 Stanton Airport Road, Riverton – Granting Variances. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Good, 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. 2008-36 – Dale Molohon, 10781 Thunderbird Road, Loami – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, for the adoption of Resolution 6. 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 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2008-39 – Terrence J. Farmer, 4133 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Abe Forsyth, District #27.

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. Fulgenzi, for the adoption of Resolution 7. 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 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

8. 2008-40 – Richard McCormick, 3200 Block of State Route 97, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, 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

RESOLUTIONS 9 - 10

9. 2008-41 – Text amendment to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance, Section 17.66.020 of the Sangamon County Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, for the adoption of Resolution 9. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to consolidate Resolutions 9 – 10. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolution 10.

10. Resolution approving a proposal by Maximus, Inc. for the performance of an operational efficiency and cost based fee study.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to amend Resolution 10. Mr. Fraase stated that the following paragraph should be added to the end of the resolution: "The County Administrator is hereby directed to contact Maximus, Inc. and discuss the possibility of having an operational and efficiency study, including a staffing study, of the Sheriff's Department."

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 Resolutions 9 and 10, as consolidated and amended. A voice vote carried. Mr. Kamper voted no on Resolution 10.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 11 – 16

11. Resolution approving the final plat of Thomas Minor Subdivision.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Davsko, for the adoption of Resolution 11. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Fulgenzi, to consolidate Resolutions 11 – 16. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 12 – 16.

12. Resolution approving the street name change of an unnamed road (6.75E) to Coneflower Lane.

13. Resolution approving the purchase of an x-ray machine and related items from the Capital Expenditure Pool for the Sheriff's Department/Court Security.

14. Resolution amending Chapter 6.04 of the Sangamon County Code regarding animal control.

15. Resolution approving the renewal of a lease with the City of Springfield for the purpose of housing some of the operations of the Public Health Department.

16. Resolution setting forth budget policies for the preparation of the FY2009 Sangamon County Budget.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation of Resolutions 11 – 16.

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 Resolutions 11 – 16, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 1 – Tabled 6/2/08
Resolution approving the re-alignment of precincts.

Resolution 1 will remain tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

- B. Appointments

No appointments were submitted.

- C. Appointment of Election Judges (2008-2010 term)

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 July 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. for a special meeting to vote on the purchase of election equipment. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED