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WEBSITE: [countyclerk.sangamonil.gov](http://countyclerk.sangamonil.gov)**MINUTES****SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD****NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on November 14, 2023 in the Sangamon South Auditorium. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Krell gave the Invocation and Mr. Tjelmeland led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 26 Present – 3 Absent. Mr. Fraase, Mr. O'Neill, and Ms. Small were excused.

**APPOINTMENT OF STATE'S ATTORNEY**

Chairman Van Meter stated when you get elected to public office you have to make a lot of decisions and it is always easier to make a decision you have already made once and it turned out fine. It is his distinct pleasure and honor, and he says with great self-assurance that he recommends to the County Board the nomination of our former State's Attorney as our future State's Attorney. He recommends John Milhiser as our new State's Attorney. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Milhiser proceeded to the well of the chamber to take the oath of office. He was sworn in by Judge Madonia.

Mr. Milhiser addressed the County Board. He stated that he and Judge Madonia went to law school together at the University of Illinois and they started the same day at the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office back in 1997. They both left around the same time five or six years later. Judge Madonia went on to have a successful private practice, was an Associate Judge, a Circuit Judge, the Chief Circuit Judge, and he (John Milhiser) just keeps coming back to Sangamon County. He does because he loves it here in Sangamon County. It's great to be back. He thanked Chairman Van Meter and the County Board for the faith they placed in him for this important job. He also thanked Dan Wright who did a great job, while he was gone, as State's Attorney.

When he left to become U.S. Attorney, nobody would have thought they would be dealing with all the different things that happened over the years all around the world, such as COVID. He thanked Dan for the work he did. He will do great things and will be an outstanding judge.

Mr. Milhiser expressed what some of his priorities will be. One is to prioritize public safety. The number one job of a prosecutor, no matter where they are, is to protect law abiding citizens from violent criminals. We have to protect those citizens in Sangamon County and Central Illinois. We also have to support victims. They are supporting victims with counseling and helping them through the process, and they are holding the offender accountable, which helps the victims with closure. They also have to do something about the epidemic of juvenile crime, which is going on around the country. The offenders are getting younger and younger and they need to do something about it. They have to figure out a way to get them an off ramp from this criminal behavior. Either they stop it before it happens or they lock them up. It is silly to think, if they lock them up and let them out in that same environment that they came from, that their behavior will change. They need to look at ways and things they can do to stop that juvenile criminal behavior. When you talk about epidemics and you look at the drug overdose deaths and fentanyl crossing the southern border by the Mexican cartels, they have to stop that. It used to be where someone would use drugs and then become addicted after a while, but now it can just be one time. Too many times parents have seen where their child took one pill and they died from a fentanyl overdose. There are tens of thousands around the country and they have to stop it.

Rampant retail theft is also going on around the country, but not here in Sangamon County. People are going in to stores, and if the clerks are even allowed to stop them, the offender looks at them and says "What are you going to do to me"? They are so emboldened, and they have to stop them. He wants to get billboards on the interstate that say keep going and don't stop in Sangamon County to steal from our businesses. Not in Sangamon County. He is in a unique position having served as the United States Attorney. He has contacts with federal partners, not only in Illinois, but around the country. He wants to leverage those relationships. There are bad people out there and groups that want to do us harm. The only way and the most effective way to protect everyone is through communication. That is key to identifying and mitigating the threats. He has worked with our federal partners, but they are only one part of the equation. The majority of law enforcement in this country and in Sangamon County is our state and local partners. State and local are 85% of our law enforcement. That is where the rubber meets the road and is how we protect our communities. I will tell you, here in Sangamon County we have world class law enforcement. Our Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell and Kenny Scarlette at the Springfield Police Department are both outstanding. We will work closely with our partners to keep each and every one of you and our neighborhoods safe. He is truly honored to have this opportunity and is excited to get to work. Only by working together can we have a safe and vibrant community and keep everybody safe. He is ready to get to work.

## ALPLM PRESENTATION

Chairman Van Meter stated there will be a presentation from some very special partners. The ideas you are going to see shortly were initially a concept brought forward by Board Member Annette Fulgenzi that the County partner with the ALPLM to develop a presentation about Abraham Lincoln using some of the documents that are particularly relevant to Lincoln's time practicing in our courthouse. We are really fortunate that ALPLM was so farsighted to be willing to partner with us in this project. They are going to present what they have developed for us and it is really a world class exhibit.

Executive Director of the ALPLM Christina Shutt addressed the County Board. She stated it is an honor to be with you to share a little bit about Lincoln in Sangamon County. She gave out handouts of the presentation as well. In the presentation there are conceptual drawings. There are murals that won't necessarily be the final drawing, but they wanted to give you a sense of the space as it stands. The first thing she wanted to highlight is the blueprint of the new atrium and building. You will see the security and security pass through and where the exhibit panels will go, and there is a fourth one down the hall. There are four sections that will tell the Lincoln story. In highlighting Lincoln in Sangamon County, they really wanted to help connect it and ground it for people. For many people, they may be coming to the County Building for various purposes and reasons, but they wanted to be able to give them a taste of Lincoln and Lincoln's role that was relevant and reflected in the space. She is joined by a couple of people on her team, but she wanted to recognize Dr. Brian Mitchell, who is their Director of Research Interpretation, and is available to answer any questions.

In the first section, they are introducing Lincoln to the people in the County. There will be an opportunity for people to get up and close with a County related item. There will be a special design of exhibit framework where they can push a button and it will light up so they can see the document without exposing it to the elements. In section 2, there is an interactive touchscreen where there is a standalone kiosk that provides people with an overview of over 60 Lincoln sites that exist in the area. It will give people an opportunity to get out and explore more of the County and the region and get to know Lincoln outside of just the building. They will be able to discover historic sites, museums, and markers and use those codes to send directions to their phones for further exploration. Section 3, the largest section, will feature not only a large mural but also stories that help center and talk about Lincoln, not only in the County, but different things that the County does in respect to their business here. While it is in Menard County, they will start with New Salem to let people know Lincoln was always a part of Sangamon County, and it was when Lincoln first made his home here. They will then talk about his law career and what it meant for him to not just be a famous politician, but a lawyer doing business in Sangamon County. It talks about his practice and leadership that led him to greater things. They will then talk about his marriage, the couple and how they were drawn to each other. Next, they will talk about the Lincoln Home to let people know the only home Lincoln owned was here in Sangamon County. Finally, the last panel will deal with Lincoln's early political career and how it is intrinsically linked with his role in Sangamon County. The final section will be a mural with no interpretation with a large portrait of Lincoln at the hallway facing south.

They estimate this project, including things like the graphics production and the smart glass casework, will total about \$105,000. Because of their relationship with the County and wanting to be a good neighbor, they are thrilled to be providing about \$25,000 worth of design services and project management to the County as an in-kind gift. She is now happy to answer any questions they may have about the project.

Mr. Cahnman asked how the rest of the project is being funded. Ms. Shutt stated that would be up to the County. The \$105,000 is what the County would owe for the project. They are providing the \$25,000 for design services in-house rather than having a design company do all the work, which would add significantly to the cost. They are recommending a firm to do the smart glass work and some other work that they don't have the capability to do.

Chairman Van Meter stated Mary, Brian, and Jeff are trying to arrange a tour of the site under construction for the board members at the next board meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> to get a sense of where these world class exhibits will be placed in the Atrium. It is really amazing that they can partner with a world class institution with world class exhibit skills to put this together, and they are really thrilled. We thank them very much.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Thomas presented a Proclamation to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight recognizing the lasting, meaningful and compassionate contributions they have made to the lives of our veterans by recognizing the sacrifices they have made for our country. Members of the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Board of Directors were present to accept the Proclamation. Mr. Thomas recognized one of our own, Deputy Craig Law, who is here and represents the County in the most amazing ways.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Williams, for approval of the Minutes of October 10, 2023. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MINUTES ADOPTED

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **RESOLUTION 1**

1. Resolution approving the award of a low bid for Fancy Creek Township-Brittin Road construction.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 25 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 2**

2. Resolution approving the FY2024 procurement of diesel fuel and motor fuel tax in the amount of \$200,000.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 2.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 3**

3. Resolution approving the FY2024 procurement of water, electric, and sewer services from City, Water, Light & Power in the amount of \$45,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Williams, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 4**

4. Resolution approving the removal of seasonal posting on County Highway 40-New City Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 5**

5. 2023-022 – Jeremiah Hartwell-Hayden and Derrick Hayden-Hartwell, 9756 Dodd Road, Loami – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and Variances (In Part). County Board Member - Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Hall, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to Table Resolution 5 until next month. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION TABLED

### **RESOLUTION 6**

6. 2023-023 – Jake Bosie, 6425-6427 S. Cantrall Creek Road, Cantrall – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Ms. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 6 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 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 7 - 14**

7. Text Amendment to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance amending Chapter 17.62 of the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance related to signs.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 7 – 14. Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to read Resolutions 8 – 14.

8. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Sheriff's Office from various food vendors for the purpose of ordering annual food and supplies for FY2024 in the amount of \$643,958.
9. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Sheriff's Office from Advanced Correctional Healthcare for the purpose of medical and mental health services for FY2024 in the amount of \$1,217,619.47.
10. Resolution approving a one-year contract in the amount of \$30,000 with Kim's Autobody, Inc. for vehicle body repair services for County-owned vehicles and licensed vehicles having a gross weight under 8,000 pounds for which the County has made an agreement with the vehicle owner for repair.
11. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sheriff's Office from the US Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$35,883.05.

12. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for SMART from WEX fuel for the purpose of vehicle fuel for rides throughout rural Sangamon and Menard Counties in the amount of \$100,000.
13. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for SMART from 1800 East, LLC for the purpose of renting office and bus barn space in the amount of \$57,000.
14. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance from Express Services, Inc. for the purpose of staffing needs in the amount of \$42,004.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Mr. Cahnman asked a question regarding Resolution 9. He asked the Sheriff about the contract for Advanced Correctional Healthcare for FY2024 for about \$1.21 million. He asked if they had a contract with the same company for healthcare at the jail for FY2023. Sheriff's Deputy Mayfield stated it is with the same company and the only increase is 2.75%, which has already been factored in the contract. Mr. Cahnman asked how long they have been providing healthcare. Sheriff's Deputy Mayfield stated since 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 7 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 15**

15. Resolution approving the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the County of Sangamon, Illinois for the Fiscal Year December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024.

A motion was made Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Bunch & Ms. Williams, to place Resolution 15 on the floor.

County Administrator Brian McFadden addressed the County Board to give a presentation on the FY2024 Budget. He gave a quick recap of where they are at with FY2023. Things look pretty good at this point. They do regular budget tracking, and FY23 is targeted to come in slightly over budget on the revenue side and slightly under on the expense side. There are a lot of vacancies to help keep payroll under control. Their conservative approach on revenue projections is to not get too caught up on over exaggerating what our revenues are going to be. He thanked everyone including Erick Black, Andy Goleman, and Keith Errett with the Auditor's Office for all their hard work. He also thanked Tim Eggleston and the department heads and elected officials for their support.

The FY2024 budget starts December 1<sup>st</sup>. The General Fund is up about \$1.4 million, which is a 2.4% increase. The All Funds budget is \$166.5 million and is up \$6.5 million, which is a 4.1% increase. To put that into perspective, last year's All Funds budget went up by 20%. That is being driven by the capital projects. They will be going on for a couple more years. He went over some of the FY24 revenue items. Usually the largest revenue item they have is property tax revenue. It is slated at \$37.7 million, which is a 3.2% increase. To give this some perspective, last year's property tax revenue increase was about 2.9%. It was 3% the year before and 4% in FY21, so they are kind of in that sweet spot. The EAV growth is at 4%. Normally it is much lower, but because this is a quadrennial year, where all the properties in the county are supposed to be reassessed, they went with a higher number. These are projections and it helps keep the rates down. The CPI is at 3%, which is up \$494,180. The new construction is at 1.5%, which is an increase of \$563,483. They do not have any expiring TIF's this year, and the debt service extension bases, which is used for debt service payment, has gone up about \$121,000. The most important thing is the estimated rate, which is coming in at .7861, down .74%. This is a reduction from the previous year's rate. This will be two years that they are projecting a decrease in the property tax rate. The rate the County charges is only about 10% of the bill and it is going to be reduced for two years in a row. The FY23 rate went down a little over 3%. They are projecting a smaller reduction this year, but there is a good chance they may see an even bigger rate cut with the quadrennial reassessment. The rate embedded in this budget is lower than what the County had 32 years ago. It shows the fiscal conservatism of this organization and that they are able to operate within the restraints of the PTEL and also operate with a property tax rate that is lower than what it was 32 years ago.

Another large revenue source is the State Tax Distribution at \$16.4 million. It is down \$188,868 or 1.1%. It is comprised of the personal property replacement tax, income tax, state sales tax, supplemental sales tax, use tax, and video tax. Fines and Fees are at \$15 million, which is down \$453,484 or 2.9%. They had a long-standing policy where they grab revenue from two years prior and that is what they would budget for the current year. COVID threw a wrench in that. They also had challenges with that in the past with the Great Recession. They have come up with a formula that Eric with the Auditor's office created that tries to approximate rather than guess what we think is going to happen over a period of time. It takes out the highs and lows and the COVID years and spits out a very conservative projection. The State Tax Distribution is slated to go down a little over 1%. They are hoping to get back to that policy of grabbing the revenue from two years prior and budgeting that, but at this time it is not realistic. Fines and fees are down about 3%. They are heavily reliant on fines and fees, primarily through the court system. They do have some proposed increases in the fines and fees that will go into the fee schedule. The increases are either minor adjustments or state mandates.

The last revenue item is grants. They are heavily grant funded at \$54.7 million and that is up almost 10%. It is a little misleading because the ARPA funds are considered grant funds. They also have a significant Public Health grant the County received this year at \$1.3 million. You also see \$3.2 million for Community Resources. Sometimes the budget has to catch up with what actually happened. If you remember, last year they received some additional grant funds, and the State was really happy with what we were doing, so they provided additional grant funding. They couldn't show it in the budget until this fiscal year budget. Again, that amount is a little misleading.



In 2020, they did not know what was going to happen when COVID hit so this Board wisely took a conservative approach and pushed down revenue projections in anticipation of the worst case scenario. That didn't quite happen. Revenue did go down but sprung back up very quickly and was higher than what they anticipated. This is why they can't go back two years and use those numbers because they are either artificially low or artificially high.

With the EAV you can see the actual increases. The EAV was growing at rate of about 6% since about 2006. Since about 2008 it has not grown anywhere near that, except for in 2022. Part of that was being driven by inflation, home sale and commercial prices. It does show a steady decrease in the EAV year over year. This is not good for our community, and they need to do something to address that. The same thing with new construction, which has dropped down dramatically to less than 1%. The actual property tax rate went down for a couple years then went up and is now starting to drop again.

Mr. McFadden went over the total Revenue budget for FY2024. The total revenue budget is at \$166,495,134. This includes property tax up by 3.6% at \$37,663,123, state tax is down by 1.1% at \$16,400,000, fines & fees are down by 2.9% at \$21,622,218, licenses & permits are up by 9% at \$1,176,734, grants and other state reimbursements are up by 8.5% at \$41,179,676, transfers are down by 3.1% at \$4,915,613, interoffice is up by 4.8% at \$17,394,812, interest is up by 16.7% at \$1,274,045, and miscellaneous is up by 4.1% at \$24,868,913.

The next item is the State Tax Distribution Revenue budget. Expenditures include headcount, which is up by 3 people at 738, with no layoffs. Payroll with fringe benefits is at \$60.3 million, which is up by 4.7% at \$2.7 million. This includes a 2% lag, non-union average wage at 4%, and union wage at 4% with an open contract for the FOP-deputies and court security. That contract is being negotiated pretty heavily. Overtime is at \$2.2 million, which is an increase of \$2,812 at 1%. Pension costs are up, and that is being driven by SLEP, the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Program. The rate is up 12.5%. There is no change in the rate for the regular employees. ECO, which is elected officials, is actually reduced. Chairman Van Meter stated Sheriff Campbell and his staff have done a phenomenal job of keeping the overtime costs under control. The numbers for healthcare are all projections. They have a phenomenal group on the Board of Managers. Some things that put pressure on the budget are health insurance, pension costs, and worker's compensation. Those are things they try to keep a close eye on because they are foundations of the whole thing.

Eric Black with the Auditor's Office discussed worker's compensation. He stated they are seeing the premiums increase in the past couple years. They had decreases for many years due to the work of Auditor Goleman and the Workplace Safety Board who got them under control. They've had a couple years with very high worker's comp claims and they use a three year lookback on this. They are looking at it very closely and expect it to be more of a temporary issue. They are hoping to see it drop back down when looking at this next year's budget.

Mr. McFadden stated they built in a 2.9% increase in commodities on top of the 17% they put in last year. Outstanding debt at the end of FY23 was down about \$900,000, so they will have \$50.1 million in outstanding debt. Most of that is for FY21 Bonds issued for the HUB, work in this

building, and a few other things. Outstanding debt at the end of FY24 will go down about \$1.5 million, so they will have about \$48.6 million in outstanding debt. The FY24 Bond Debt Service costs are up about \$500,000 at 20%. That is primarily being driven by the 2010 bonds they refinanced. This is the last year of borrowing money to pay for vehicles. They flipped over to a cash program about two years ago when they bought vehicles for the County. They financed them over a three-year period, eventually to a two-year period, and then to a cash program to help avoid some of the financing costs. Looks like next year they may want to revisit that.

With the headcount, FY23 projects an increase in three positions. There are 12 new positions being created and nine positions being eliminated. Child Advocacy has three new grant funded positions. The Sheriff's Office has two new positions. They are the SMTD Patrol Officers, which is being paid for by SMTD. Heartland Housed has two new positions and the Veteran's Assistance Commission has an additional position. The Public Defender also has an additional position. The biggest decrease in positions is in the State's Attorney's Office. They gave up the Child Support Division. The grant money given for that position was not paying for it. There were five positions eliminated because of that, but the State's Attorney's Office was able to move those five people into vacant positions in that office, so no one lost a job and everyone was taken care of through attrition.

Some of the 2024 Department Highlights include the Community Resources budget that is up 68% at \$3,368,874, Veteran's Assistance up 33% at \$101,400. Central Services is up 28% at \$100,781, Public Health is up 16% at \$1,553,726, State's Attorney is down 3% at \$150,000, and Regional Planning is down 11% at \$181,325.

Eric Black went over some of the numbers on Worker's Compensation. Claim counts have been decreasing and are fairly flat the last couple years. With total claims incurred, there were spikes in 2020 and 2022. That is what is driving up the current premium. There is currently a very low claim count. They are still getting hit on the premium costs because of those two high years. Once those move out of that three-year lookback, they will start to see the premium come down.

Mr. McFadden went over the Employer Health Insurance costs. In 2022 you will see that cost came down, but there is pressure for those costs to come up as projected in the FY2024 budget. With the employer IMRF pension costs, it started to go down in 2022 and 2023 and is projected to go up in 2024.

Some of the Capital Highlights include building projects such as the County Complex renovation. They are planning to take some County Board members through the building after the December 19<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting. The funding sources are from 2021 Bonds. The cost is \$9.7 million and comes under what was projected at \$13 million. It is 60% completed, and they are looking at completion by June 2024. For the Sangamon South Phase 1-Sheriff's Department it is funded by 2021 bonds, costs is \$1.4 million, it is now 99% completed, and is projected to be completed by November, 2023. The Sangamon South Phase 2-Sheriff's Department project's funding source is from 2021 bonds, cost is \$4.7 million, it is 40% complete, and the projected completion date is June, 2024. The Sangamon South Phase 3-Coroner's Office/HVAC is funding

through ARPA, cost is \$9.1 million, percentage completed is 10%, and the projected completion date is October, 2024. The Helping Hands project is funded through ARPA, costs is \$9.6 million, it is 88% complete, and the projected completion date is December, 2023. The Emergency Radio System funding source is through ETSD, cost is \$10 million, it is 65% complete, and the projected completion date is June, 2024. SMART's funding sources are the State of Illinois & thru long-range planning, cost is \$4.5 million, it is 2% complete, and the projected completion date is October, 2024. The HUB project is funded by 2021 bonds and is 7% complete. The Woodside/iron Bridge Road project is funded by various state and local funds and is 5% complete. The Community Services building is funded by ARPA, 2021 bonds, & thru long-range planning and is not yet started. The Sangamon South Phase 4-Sheriff's Admin. Is funded by ARPA, 2021 bonds, & long range planning and is not yet started. They have not yet committed to these last two projects. They will be determined on the status of the previous projects.

Some of the Capital Highlights include one-time projects and on-going capital projects. Two significant one-time projects are the property tax system with a cost of about \$2.76 million and voting tabulators at a cost of \$1.2 million. Some on-going projects include Information Systems at a cost of \$600,000; the vehicle replacement program at a cost of \$250,000; Building & Grounds at a cost of \$250,000; Sheriff's miscellaneous at a cost of \$200,000; fleet maintenance at a cost of \$60,000; and Animal Control at a cost of \$75,000. They will continue the practice of investing in our infrastructure to make sure we don't get in a position where things get worn down and become more costly in the future.

In conclusion, they do still have a couple outstanding issues with the FY24 Budget that they are working on resolving and submitting to committees. They are working with the Coroner's Office. They have requested some additional staffing, and they are still working with them on the funding for their new regional facility here. The Recorder's Office has also asked for additional staffing. They have met with Josh Langfelder a couple times and will get that request wrapped up soon. They also have a Casa Grant issue. They have lost some grant money that may impact staffing, so they are working through that. These are three things that could impact the FY24 Budget. They are not talking about millions of dollars, but it is enough money that they are tracking it. There is also the fee studies for Animal Control and the Building Department.

He is leaving you with the top things to remember for this budget. One is that it is the second year in a row they are proposing a cut in the County's property tax rate. That is pretty significant, and you don't see that happen very often with local taxing bodies. They are seeing a stabilization with the state tax revenue. While that is good on a predictability perspective, it is putting a little pressure on the budget. They are also still dealing with inflation. You saw that payroll and commodities costs are both up. Pension costs increased for the first time in three years. They will work to see if they can mitigate that next year. There is also massive capital investment. There is very little programming. In the past, some of the things we have done are outreach for Heartland Housed and things like that, but there is not a significant increase there. They will continue those commitments to Heartland, the Growth Alliance, and the recycling program, but nothing new is being taken on in this budget.

In conclusion, the FY24 Budget allows the County to continue its longstanding policies of passing a balanced budget without any deficit spending, live within our means, pay our bills on time, having financially sound pensions, financially sound healthcare, relatively limited debt, maintain reasonable reserves, operate within the constraints of tax caps, and are operating with a property tax rate that is lower than it was 32 years ago. That is a wrap up of the FY24 budget, and he would be glad to answer any questions.

Mr. Cahnman asked what the one-time project is for the property tax system in the amount of \$2.7 million. Mr. McFadden explained they have a home grown property tax computer system that manages the whole property tax process. There is some stuff for Zoning included in that as well.

Mr. Preckwinkle commended Mr. McFadden, his staff, Auditor's Office, and the department heads and elected officials for working hard on the budget process as it is a tremendous amount of work.

Mr. Cahnman asked if the special revenue funds come from outside the County. Mr. McFadden stated they are dedicated revenue sources.

Mr. Stumpf echoed what Mr. Preckwinkle said. He really appreciates what they put together every year. He noticed prescription drug costs were down 45%. Mr. McFadden clarified that is just a projection. Eric Black explained it is based off of Blue Cross Blue Shield's projections. They are always very accurate with their projections. He can get more information on that if needed.

Mr. DelGiorno asked about the ARPA funds. In the budget it says \$15 million, but the two line items add up to about \$18 million. Mr. McFadden stated those items cover two fiscal years.

Chairman Van Meter emphasized that the EAV getting smaller is bad. That means property values are growing at a smaller rate than they used to. This means less revenue coming into the County. The new construction going down is also bad. That means less revenue coming into the County. The fact that we have been able to keep the tax rate relatively level is a testament to the phenomenal job our staff is doing in pinching pennies and making sure we are doing everything we can to spend the money wisely. When spending our money, we have to filter it through this concept of how to get the EAV and new construction to go up. They have to figure out what they can do as a government. That is why things like Pillsbury, moving the tracks to 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and getting the \$1.2 billion in Pawnee to build a gas plant are critically important to the future development of our community. Maybe this is a good sign because you have to see a lot of years of bad before you really feel good about what we are doing. With every decision we make, we need to filter it through that process to build the wealth in this community. It is our job to move things in the positive direction.

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

**RESOLUTION 16**

16. Resolution approving participation in the service program of the Office of the State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$37,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hall, to place Resolution 16 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 16.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD**

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

MOTION CARRIED  
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

**RESOLUTIONS 17 – 33**

17. Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Sangamon County Government.

A motion was made by Ms. Fulgenzi, seconded by Ms. Williams, to place Resolution 17 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 17 – 33. Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to read Resolutions 18 – 33.

18. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor’s Office from Troxell, Inc. for the purpose of worker’s compensation insurance in the amount of \$1,031,013.
19. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor’s Office from Troxell, Inc. for the purpose of commercial, auto and general liability insurance (SMART) in the amount of \$85,353.

20. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor's Office from Troxell, Inc. for the purpose of cyber insurance in the amount of \$105,429.01.
21. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor's Office from Troxell, Inc. for the purpose of commercial property insurance in the amount of \$400,000.
22. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor's Office from Troxell, Inc. for the purpose of automotive insurance in the amount of \$56,839.
23. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Tyler Technologies for the purpose of renewal of the annual financial software maintenance in the amount of \$77,970.
24. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Information Systems from ConvergeOne Inc. and other vendors for FY2024 for the purpose of updating Sangamon County's computer network in the amount of \$175,000.
25. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Dell Marketing, LLC for the purpose of updating personal computers and other Endpoint equipment in the amount of \$150,000.
26. Resolution approving Memorial Health Systems contract renewal for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2026.
27. Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2023 update of the Title VI Program with the Federal Transit Administration for SMART.
28. Resolution authorizing Sangamon County to enter into an agreement with JH Petty & Associates, Ltd. for construction of a building on the northwest corner of Washington & 11<sup>th</sup> Streets in Springfield for later use by SMART in the amount of \$342,000.
29. Resolution approving amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023 Sangamon County Budget.
30. Resolution approving a grant application for the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission for the Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$1,483,360.
31. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and Heartland Housed for the purpose of addressing homelessness.
32. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and Heartland Housed for the purpose of providing staff.

33. Resolution expressing the intention to create the Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Mr. Cahnman asked a question regarding Resolution 28. He said the Agenda says it is for the construction of the building, but the actual Resolution says the \$342,000 is only for architectural services. He asked if that is correct. Chairman Van Meter stated the resolution is correct. Mr. Cahnman asked how much is estimated for the building to cost. Chairman Van Meter stated that was on the screen. It is about \$4.5 million. They have secured \$3.5 million in state funding and he thinks there is additional funding coming. Mr. Cahnman asked if most of the funding would come from state funding. Chairman Van Meter stated it would. Chairman Van Meter reminded Mr. Cahnman that he is on the Building & Grounds Committee. Mr. Cahnman said he doesn't think he was at that meeting.

Mr. Cahnman also asked a question regarding Resolution 13 (which was already adopted). He stated it looks like they are paying \$57,000 right now for office space. Chairman Van Meter explained that is the space they are currently using. They are replacing that space with what they are constructing. Mr. Cahnman asked if they are spending \$4.5 million to replace the \$57,000 per month they are currently spending. Chairman Van Meter stated that is correct.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 17 – 33, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Cahnman voted No on Resolution 28.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Steven Ponder to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2024.

Appointment of Tony Smarjesse to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2024.

Appointment of Larry Hemingway to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2024.

Appointment of Sunshine Clemons to the Sewer Rebate Board for a term expiring September, 2024.

Appointment of Erik Woehrmann to the Pawnee Fire Protection District filling the unexpired term of Michael Roate for a term expiring May, 2025.

Appointment of Nancy Dale to the Illiopolis Fire Protection District filling the unexpired term of Kenneth Stewart for a term expiring May, 2026.

Appointment of Ben Helton to the Sangamon County Workplace Safety Board filling the unexpired term of Brad Baughman for a term expiring August, 2024.

Appointment of Indra Perry to the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance for a term expiring September, 2026.

Appointment of Robert Kerr to the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance for a term expiring September, 2026.

Appointment of Twyla Moore to the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance for a term expiring September, 2026.

Appointment of Patty Mendoza to the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance filling the unexpired term of Jamil Steele for a term expiring September, 2024.

Appointment of Blaise Aarup to the Mechanicsburg-Buffalo Water Commission for a term expiring November, 2029.

Appointment of Paul Truax to the Sangamon County Board of Managers.

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

MOTION CARRIED  
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in December were also submitted.

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications

There were no procurement or grant notifications.



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED  
REPORTS FILED

**RECESS**

Chairman Van Meter stated the next County Board meeting is December 19, 2023. That evening Mary and the team are going to try and arrange tours of the new building. The January meeting will be January 16, 2024. Separately, Mary will try to arrange tours of the nearly completed Helping Hands remodel that has been supervised daily by Mr. Bunch.

Chairman Van Meter stated the motion is they stand in recess until December 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED

***Don Gray***  
***Sangamon County Clerk***