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The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on February 13, 2024 in the Sangamon South Auditorium. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hall gave the Invocation and Mr. Krell led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 24 Present-4 Absent. Ms. Lathan, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Tjelmeland were excused.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBER-DISTRICT 25

Chairman Van Meter recommended the appointment of Jennifer Deaner, replacing George Preckwinkle, as County Board Member, District #25. On the recommendation, a voice vote was unanimous. Judge Madonia swore Ms. Deaner into office.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

Director of Public Health John Ridley stated it is that time of year that they hand out their annual community survey, which is a joint effort between both hospitals here in Springfield and the Sangamon County Public Health Department. It is an 18-question survey. They historically have not had great response. For 196,000 people in the county, they had 384 surveys returned. They need to get the data to understand where the problems are so they can take action appropriately and start lifting up those areas in our community. He has sent the survey to a few of the County Board members to ask for help to get maximum distribution. It is available in paper copy, through a link, and they have a flyer with a QR code to scan. He will figure out the best way to distribute to each and every one of you. It is on the Public Health website as well, and is running the whole month of February. They will look at where they need to address the most important issues. The more information they get back, the better. He is targeting areas of the city where he knows they have to do their best work. Chairman Van Meter stated this is the basis for which they ask for more funding, so it would be nice to get more data. It would be nice if they can deliver some surveys that the

hospitals have not been able to get. Mr. Ridley stated he hopes he is leading the charge. He is asking that they get into the churches and any organizations that have critical mass where they can reach the most ears, hand out the most flyers, and get the most responses.

Mr. Cahnman asked if anyone can fill them out. Mr. Ridley stated they could. They do prefer for them to be filled out online, but they have paper copies as well.

Ms. Fulgenzi stated she did share it on social media. She asked if they are doing a marketing campaign on social media. Mr. Ridley stated he believes it is being made as widely available as they can, but he is not sure of an actual marketing campaign. Ms. Fulgenzi suggested sending it to Jeff Wilhite.

Mr. Bunch asked if they are going to do a flyer with this. Mr. Ridley stated they do have a flyer made. Mr. Bunch suggested taking it to churches.

Director of Community Resources David MacDonna stated they are the social arm of the Sangamon County Board. They are also doing a needs assessment, which they do every three to five years. This tells us where the needs of Sangamon County are and what parts of the county they need to make sure they are servicing as well. You will receive a virtual link of their needs assessments. He encouraged them to share it. They have already sent it to out to all the partnering social agencies in the county, to the mayors in the county, and to the Eastern Ministerial Alliance. They will work with John in getting it out. They will work side by side in helping each other to get both of our needs assessments out. They are answering two different questions for each department. He has also brought a printed survey which he will leave on the back table, and they are welcome to take some. This would be primarily for your constituents. Depending on how you answer the first four questions determines which survey you have because they five different types of surveys. It depends on whether you are a stakeholder, a community member, or a client of theirs. It is also mobile friendly so they can send a link to someone. Many clients are just using their cell phones to answer the questions. They are inviting all the clients who are coming into their office to fill it out. While they are waiting they will send it to their cell phones so they can fill it out while they wait. They will also put it on their Facebook page. You will receive the link tomorrow. He has talked to Jeff who will help them get it on the County's web page. They will also have it on their own web page. He has also talked to Ryan who will put it on his social media pages. They need you to help get people to fill it out. They do not know the answers unless they tell us. This is what the state and federal government are going to ask us in producing this needs assessments, so they can show them this is what Sangamon County needs. If they don't hear from the residents then they can't give an answer. Please help us both get this link out, talk to your constituents and have them fill it out so they can get the information they need. The assessment will be out through March. You are my ambassadors of helping with these needs assessments. As you are talking to your constituents, ask them if they have filled out the needs assessment.

Ms. Fulgenzi suggested they give them to the elementary schools so the kids can take them home to their parents.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2024. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MOTION CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE FILED

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the low bids for the FY2024 Township aggregate supply contracts.

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

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 - 5

2. Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County Engineer's salary and expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 5. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 3 – 5.

3. Resolution approving an Agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to transfer Surface Transportation Program Funds for State Funds.
4. Resolution approving the purchase of a 2024 Ford F150 pickup from Landmark Ford.
5. Resolution approving the purchase of a 2024 Vermeer BC1000XL Chipper from Vermeer Midwest via a joint purchasing contract.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Madonia that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 5, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

- 6. 2024-002 – Jeffrey Schoneweis, 10900 Block of Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

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

- 7. Resolution approving a grant application for CASA of Sangamon County from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to provide expanded victim assistance to abused and neglected children in Sangamon County in the amount of \$134,990.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Ms. Sheppard, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Madonia that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 7. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

- 8. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the sale of secured bed space in the Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center.

A motion was made by Ms. Sheppard, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 8 on the floor.

Mr. Cahnman asked if all of the detainees have been housed at the Peoria Juvenile Detention Center. Chairman Van Meter stated they have. Mr. Cahnman asked when they would be returning. County Administrator McFadden stated he does not know if they are ever going to return. They are waiting for the State Police report to be issued on their investigation. Mr. Cahnman asked how many

there are. Mr. McFadden stated he believes there are seven. On average, it has been three. Mr. Cahnman asked if they could do a study to see if they should just house them somewhere else permanently instead of having our own juvenile detention center. Mr. McFadden stated there will be an analysis done. They could potentially have some costs incurred if they do return here. Technically, it is not the County Board's decision. It is Judge Wright's, in Jacksonville, decision if they re-open.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 8. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 9 - 16

9. Resolution approving an agreement with Building Maintenance Services for janitorial services in the amount of \$342,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Deppe, seconded by Mr. Miller, to place Resolution 9 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 9 – 16. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 10 – 16.

10. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Central Services from the US Postal Service for the purpose of pre-paid postage for the County mailing machine in the amount of \$120,000.
11. Resolution approving amendments to the Sangamon County Grant Management Policy.
12. Resolution supporting an exception to Sangamon County's general residency requirements for employees for the employment of Nathaniel Patterson, M.D. for autopsy services.
13. Resolution approving the negotiation and execution of an employment contract with Nathaniel Patterson, M.D. for the provision of autopsy services.
14. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for County Board Administration from Verizon Wireless for the purpose of ETSD Wireless Services in the amount of \$168,000.

15. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the County Board Office from various vendors for 2024 County Fleet Vehicle Purchases in the amount of \$108,548.
16. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for County Board Administration from various legal firms for Legal Counsel in the amount of \$275,000. A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation.

Mr. Hall stated he would vote no on Resolution 12 regarding the residency because they have never allowed this. He is expressing his concern about doing this.

Ms. Douglas Williams asked why they are using the word “employees” in Resolution 12 when this is just to hire the one person. Chairman Van Meter explained this does not give him the right to have employees. Mr. McFadden explained they have a contract with SIU, so they wanted the board members to see it since the contract with Dr. Patterson has not been finalized yet. They attached the contract with SIU to give you an idea of what the terms would be. They will be similar.

Mr. Cahnman asked if the contract would come before the County Board for a vote when it is entered into. Assistant State’s Attorney Joel Benoit explained some parameters of the contract with Dr. Patterson are set forth in Resolution 13, but because of the timing, they can’t come back to the County Board and do it again. This is worded very similar to what they have done in the past. They have given the power to the County Administrator with counsel by the State’s Attorney to enter into a contract with this doctor and under these parameters. Chairman Van Meter stated it would have an effective date of March 1st. They will do autopsies here at this building until construction is done here for the new facility. He believes they will be done at Memorial until then.

Chairman Van Meter clarified, with regards to Mr. Hall’s comments, that this is the first time they have operated a regional program. It has long been the goal of the County to create this regional office for forensic services. When they initially attracted Dr. Patterson, the concept was that it would be regional but run through SIU. Unfortunately, our program did not fit with SIU’s other procedural processes. He thinks the distinction would be that this is a regional operation and not solely an exclusive County operation.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 9 – 16, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Hall voted no on Resolution 12.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17

17. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for County Administration from Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance (LLEDC) for the purpose of Membership Dues in the amount of \$500,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 17 on the floor.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahnman, seconded by Mr. Ayers, to amend Resolution 17 to add that the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance spend half of the \$500,000, which is \$250,000, on the redevelopment of the Pillsbury site. Mr. Stumpf agreed that the Growth Alliance should put forth quite a bit of money towards that project, but he thinks the City should also pay what they said they were going to pay. Mr. Ayers stated the City did give \$1 million. Mr. Hall stated if you start picking winners and losers you will see in the southwest corner of the County we have energy projects, and in the southeast we have pipeline projects. He does appreciate what the Growth Alliance does, but we shouldn't say "If you don't agree with us we're not going to give you money", that is not good government.

Mr. Schackmann stated the City gave \$1 million but could have given \$750,000. It's a great project and he thinks they all should support it, but he doesn't know if this is the avenue to go about it.

Mr. Cahnman agreed the City should pay their fair share. If they don't pass his amendment, maybe they could do it with another resolution later on. Chairman Van Meter stated it would be appropriate to extend an invitation to the director of the Growth Alliance to give us an update on their general activities and specifically question them about this project. His understanding is the director of the Growth Alliance spoke forcefully in favor of the Growth Alliance contributing funds to the project. He is a little surprised this hasn't been confirmed yet. Perhaps their invitation would hasten that confirmation. He asked staff to extend an invitation to speak at next month's meeting to the director of the Growth Alliance.

Chairman Van Meter asked for a roll call vote on the amendment. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 18 Nays – 1 Present. Those voting Yea were: Ayers, Cahnman, Forsyth, McGuire, and Small. Those voting Nay were: Bunch, Constant, Deaner, Deppe, Douglas Williams, Fraase, Fulgenzi, Hall, Krell, Madonia, Mendenhall, Miller, Rader, Scaife, Schackmann, Sheppard, Stumpf, and Truax. Those voting Present were: DelGiorno. The motion to amend Resolution 17 was denied.

Mr. Stumpf reiterated that he thinks the project is very worthy so they can have the growth in our county and city. He wants to make sure they follow up on this and see if they can get the Growth Alliance to put forward the money needed.

Mr. Bunch asked if Pillsbury has the right to ask us for a portion of that \$500,000. Chairman Van Meter stated Pillsbury has the right to come ask us for the entire County treasury if they want to. Any constituent can. They asked for our support and we referred them to the Growth Alliance. His understanding was the Growth Alliance viewed this project favorably and thought it was economically viable. They will ask Ryan what the status is, if they can get him here next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 17. A voice vote carried. Mr. Hall voted no.

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 McFadden to the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission, filling the unexpired term of Norm Sims, for a term expiring April, 2026.

Appointment of Sue Davsko to the Sangamon Mass Transit District Board for a term expiring February, 2029.

Appointment of Chris Hembrough to the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission for a term expiring February, 2028.

Appointment of Clyde Bunch to the Sangamon County Workplace Safety Board for a term expiring February, 2027.

Appointment of Tim Krell to the Sangamon County Workplace Safety Board for a term expiring February, 2027.

Appointment of Melissa Calhoun to the Sangamon County Workplace Safety Board for a term expiring February, 2027.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. Hall, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in March were also submitted.

Chairman Van Meter announced the following County Board Committee changes, which are consequential since Mr. Preckwinkle's resignation. He has asked Mr. Stumpf to Chair the Finance Committee, and he has agreed. He asked Mr. Mendenhall to Chair the Zoning Committee, and he has agreed. He asked Mr. Constant to join the Finance Committee and will be asking Mr. Tjelmeland to join. Mr. Mendenhall is going to continue to Chair the OEM Committee until the radio program he has been working on for 20 years is finalized in April. At that point, there will be changes to be made.

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications

-Central Services - Pre-Paid Postage - \$30,000.01

-Highway Dept. - Site Improvement-Siding, Soffit, & Trim Work - \$39,675.00

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

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to recess the meeting to March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk