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WEBSITE: countyclerk.sangamonil.gov**MINUTES****SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD****JULY 9, 2024**

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned June Session on July 9, 2024 in Courtroom 6C, 6TH Floor of the Sangamon County Building. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Krell gave the Invocation and Mr. Fraase led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Krell asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Board Member John O'Neill. Mr. Fraase recognized Mr. O'Neill who passed away last Saturday. This is tough for him. John really loved this County Board. He was a Veteran who did so much for the Veteran's in this county. He had told him that he would miss everyone on this board. We hope he rests in peace.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 24 Present – 4 Absent. Mr. Bunch, Ms. Deppe, Mr. Madonia, and Ms. Small were excused.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Miller presented a Proclamation celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Village of Southern View. Village of Southern View President Mike Patsche accepted the Proclamation. He announced the Village of Southern View would be having a celebration party the weekend of July 19th through July 21st with food, drinks, entertainment, and fireworks. They invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Schackmann presented a Proclamation honoring Colleen Stone upon her retirement as the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. They are in the 2nd year of large item pick up from Habitat for Humanity. Colleen Stone continued and expanded this program to include recycling. He wished her the best in her retirement and thanked her for her contributions to the residents of Sangamon County. Colleen Stone accepted the Proclamation. It has been her pleasure serving Sangamon County. She thanked the volunteers who have worked hard and made it look very easy.

PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTATION

Chairman Van Meter stated they are having this presentation at the request of Board Member Sam Cahnman.

Joan Stevens Thome with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health gave a presentation regarding Naloxone distribution and overdose education. They have a sizeable grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services for which they distribute Naloxone and provide overdose education to many community groups. She went over some of the data. In 2013, there were 87 deaths due to synthetic opioid overdoses. There has been a 3,341% increase going into 2022, with almost 3,000 deaths in 2022 due to synthetic opioid overdoses. They can attribute that to over-prescription of pain medications and to the infiltration of Fentanyl into street drugs. That is something that is not going to go away. Fentanyl is here to stay. They are also going to see other drugs in which NARCAN may not even be able to touch.

The second page of the presentation shows two maps of Illinois. One depicts non-fatal overdoses in 2022 and the other depicts fatal overdoses in 2022. It shows they are above the 60% area, which is really quite high. When you see data about non-fatal overdoses, that number is quite small. Many overdoses are not recorded because some people don't call 911 for fear of getting in trouble and because they may use NARCAN. They encourage people to always call in because that could be someone's way into recovery.

She was hoping Coroner Jim Allmon would be here tonight with more data on fatal overdoses. Through his data, they have found that 80% of all overdoses involve Fentanyl. Many times people don't realize Fentanyl is in the drugs they are using. It makes her worried about our young people because they are using and experimenting with drugs. They can purchase things from Amazon and make the drugs at their homes, and they can be sold for \$10 to \$40 or more per pill.

They are seeing a lot of overdoses in Jacksonville with at least one report of an overdose per week in that area. That is a big concern because what is there is also here. Most people are taking multiple drugs including heroin and other opioids. They are not aware of what is in it.

One chart shows the overdoses broken down by zip code. In the zip code 62707 as of June 20, 2024, there were 11 overdoses, in 62702 there were 81 overdoses, in 62703 there were 64 overdoses, and in 62704 there were 34 overdoses. Remember, these numbers are low because they are going by what was reported.

They go to businesses, libraries, churches, community groups, banks, etc. to provide overdose and Naloxone use training. They also supply those places with NARCAN, so it is available when needed. There are people who are afraid to report their family members who have problems because they don't want to be identified with it since it is socially frowned upon. Recovery is also another issue. It sometimes takes an average of nine times trying to be in recovery for it to be successful. They want to make sure NARCAN gets out there to people who need it. They encourage people to have it when they go to concerts, music events, and places serving alcohol.

They have equipped other people to do things for them such as 5th Street Renaissance, Phoenix Center, and the Springfield Urban League. They are trying to figure out where they are providing services and where the gaps are.

In 2023, they gave out 14,500 Naloxone kits in Sangamon County alone, with 3,500 being injectable NARCAN, and 10,995 were nasal sprays. In other counties, they provided 3,201 nasal spray kits. In 2024, through June 30th, they gave out 6,800 injectable NARCAN and 4,307 nasal sprays. In other counties, they gave out 716 nasal spray kits. She demonstrated how they would use the nasal spray. She mentioned they are also distributing kits to schools.

The last page of the presentation shows the agencies that have received kits as of June 2024. They include the Washington Street Mission, Phoenix Center, IL Dept. of Revenue, SIU Medicine Community Healthcare workers, Memorial Wellness Center, CWLP Security, Child Advocacy Center, University of IL at Springfield, Riverton High School, Rochester Library, Sangamon Co ROE, Springfield Urban League, Intricate Minds, IL House of Representatives, UL State Senate, to other counties, and first responders.

She also mentioned that she is working with Coroner Jim Allmon on an Overdose Fatality Review Board. Public Health, the Illinois Public Health Association, the Coroner's Office, and a few select other people throughout Sangamon County are going to look at overdose fatality data and try to find the gaps to see what it is that lead them to an overdose and see if they are missing something. These are currently done in a couple different counties. They are going to try this to see if it provides them with any information so they can make recommendations to other groups working on this.

The last thing she mentioned is this year they get to train all of the State Fair food vendors since they see a lot of people.

Ms. Scaife asked if they would be going into the schools. Ms. Stevens Thome stated they are starting to go into the schools. They talk about how people get to their addiction.

Ms. Fulgenzi stated prescription drugs laced with fentanyl are getting a lot of people. It is good to get the information in the schools. She would like to see an assembly at the high schools and get people to come in and speak. Ms. Stevens Thome agreed. She has a lot of friends who have substance use issues. She has a friend who has been using for over 30 years and she does not have a family support network, but she will call her. She has friends who have overdosed, who are still alive, have successfully recovered from their addictions, and who are productive members of society. You would never know who they are.

Mr. Cahnman asked if they also distribute Fentanyl test strips. Ms. Stevens Thome stated they do. She sees them having drug checking points in the future. The strips are good to tell you if drugs are present but they don't tell you how much. Mr. Cahnman asked Sheriff Campbell if they have NARCAN at the Jail and if they have ever had to use it. Sheriff Campbell stated they have used it on the street quite a bit but he does not recall using it in the Jail.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, for approval of the Minutes of June 11, 2024. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving a purchase order for Ozark Materials, LLC for the purchase of traffic paint in the amount of \$100,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Ms. Scaife, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 23 Yeas – 0 Nays. Resolution 1 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. 2024-017 – Kristin Maletich, Lisa J. McCulley Krueger and Colin Jacobs, SW Corner of Toronto Road and South 2nd Street, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Brad Miller, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 2 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 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2024-018 – Stephen and Cheryl Ballinger, 1965 Jameson Lane, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Fraase, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 4 – 6

4. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor's Office from Maximus, Inc. for the purpose of preparing cost allocation plans and indirect cost rate reports for fiscal years 2025-2027 in the amount of \$35,820.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, for the adoption of Resolution 4. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Krell, to consolidate Resolutions 4 – 6. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 5 and 6.

5. Resolution approving a grant application for the Public Health Department from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Grant in the amount of \$59,376.
6. Resolution approving a grant application for the Public Health Department from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the WIC Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$674,016.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 4 – 6, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 7 - 10

7. Resolution approving a grant application for the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the WIOA Formula Grant for PY 2024 in the amount of \$2,303,071.

A motion was made by Mr. Constant, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to consolidate Resolutions 7 – 10. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 8 – 10.

8. Resolution approving a grant application for the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the PY 2024 Supplemental State Funding Grant in the amount of \$398,182.
9. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sheriff's Office from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) for the Less Lethal Alternatives for Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$239,167.
10. Resolution approving the salaries for the State's Attorney, Chief Public Defender, and Sheriff of Sangamon County.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Mr. Cahnman asked what percentage is reimbursed from the State on Resolution 10. County Administrator Brian McFadden said 2/3 is reimbursed. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 7 – 10, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 11

11. Resolution granting Sangamon County the power to form a rescue squad to perform limited rescue squad services throughout Sangamon County.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 11 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Ms. Fulgenzi, to amend Resolution 11. Mr. Mendenhall moved to amend Exhibit B and strike all language in Paragraph 10 and replace it with the following language: "Prior to responding to any call for special team (such as a K9 team or a dive team) assistance, a team member must meet all requirements for both membership in the Rescue Squad and membership in the responding special team. Special teams are to provide support for all calls for Rescue Squad assistance on an as needed basis." Second, he moved to strike Paragraph 13 in its entirety, which states "The Rescue Squad may form a 501c3 not-for-profit entity." Chairman Van Meter explained, after further research by their legal team, they found out the issues of a 501c3 is really complex. The County Auditor is working on a protocol with respect to a 501c3, since there are many of them within the County. They are pulling it out of this resolution and there will be a separate resolution dealing with this. Their legal team is looking into this.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 11, as amended. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lathan acknowledged an unfortunate incident that occurred over the past weekend, which resulted in the loss of life of Sonya Massey. An independent investigation is being conducted by the Illinois State Police. The process may be timely, but it is their hope and anticipation that they will come out with facts and more additional information regarding this matter. As a community, she encouraged everyone not to be heavily dependent and rely on speculation, but to lean towards relying on facts and findings from the investigation. She had a conversation with Sheriff Campbell earlier today, and she acknowledged his efforts to reach out to community partners, organizations, elected officials, and to the family. She is hoping to keep communication as open as possible during this investigation. Most importantly, she expressed her sincere respect and condolences to the Massey family.

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Greg Gardner to the Emergency Telephone System Department Board for a term expiring September, 2024.

Appointment of Election Judges (2024-2026 Term)

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

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

C. Emergency/Procurement Notifications

- Court Services – Detention Bed Rental-Out of County Bed Space-\$75,000
- Information Systems Department-Software Renewal-\$55,700

The emergency notifications were submitted.

D. County Holiday Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Thomas, for approval of the County Holiday Schedule. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADOPTED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Van Meter stated five members of the public have signed up to speak regarding United Sovereign Americans. Each person is allowed three minutes to speak since this is not a subject before the County Board this evening.

Dani Reed from Macon County addressed the County Board. She comes to you today as a concerned citizen of the State of Illinois. Their audit of the 2022 Election, using only official data provided by the State Election officials, shows the 2022 Election might not have been accurate or legally compliant. They are not saying one candidate won over another or that any Election should be overturned. The data shows the votes as counted were not all valid and accurate under the law. Today they are presenting you with a Resolution demanding an end to the inaccuracy and uncertainty of our Election along with some of their findings and the laws that apply. They are happy to meet with you to have time to go over this information. If you have questions she cannot answer now, she will commit to getting information in writing to you from the USA Executive Team as soon as possible. This data and their request for an investigation have been shared with State and County officials and Election Certifiers. It is essential that you and our representatives make it clear that these issues must be seriously considered. They are asking to be invited back. Their contact information will be provided on documentation provided to the Chairman. Your action on this Resolution will illustrate your dedication and support of this.

Michael Reed, Don Mayo, and Debbie Mayo from Macon County and Babe Paukstys of Cook County addressed the County Board. They read the presented a Resolution. It reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION
For a Legally Valid 2024 General Election**

Whereas, it is a recognized civil right in the United States for every citizen to have free and fair elections.

“And the right of suffrage can be denied by a debasement or dilution of the weight of a citizen’s vote just as effectively as by wholly prohibiting the free exercise of the franchise.”
(Reynolds v Sims, 377 U.S. 533 (1964).

Whereas, it is the duty of our election officials to guarantee our elections are accurate and free from distortion or manipulation. “Congress seeks...to guard the election of members of Congress against any possible unfairness by compelling...everyone concerned in holding the election to a strict and scrupulous observance of every duty devolved upon him while so engaged...The evil intent consists in disobedience to the law.” (In Re Coy, 127 U.S. 731 (1888).

Whereas, our Constitutional system of representative government only works when the following four tenets of an election are upheld:

1. The Voter Rolls Must Be Accurate (National Voter Registration Act, 1993).
2. Votes Counted Must Be From Eligible Voters (US Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment, Section Two).
3. The Number of Votes Counted Must Equal the Number of Voters Who Voted.
4. There Can Be No More Than One in 125,000 Ballots in Error by the Voting System (Help America Vote Act, 2002).

Whereas, an open-source audit of the Illinois 2022 General Election conducted by Illinois state citizens has uncovered evidence of massive inaccuracies that violate both Federal and State laws, including:

- ◇ **4,032,801** ineligible or uncertain registration violations found within the Illinois State vote roll database.
- ◇ **589,985** votes cast by ineligible or uncertain registrations.
- ◇ **27,491** more votes counted than voters who voted in the 2022 general election. No one knows who cast them.
- ◇ **589,952** apparent voting violations in excess of the legal standards of system accuracy for a valid federal election. Maximum allowable system errors for the 2022 general election in Illinois was **33**.
- ◇ Certification as defined by law, an attestation of accuracy and compliance, appears to have been fraudulent and illegal.

Whereas, these findings trample legal accuracy requirements of the voting system during a Federal Election. Accuracy is defined as the ability of the system to capture and report the specific selections, and absence of selections, made by a voter without error.

Whereas, the intent of the voters must be known factually before certification can be lawfully conducted. Certification of an election that varies from the law is an abridgement of the civil rights of the citizens, a *fraud ab initio*. (United States v. Throckmorton, 98 U.S. 61 (1878). "From time immemorial, an election to public office has been, in point of substance, no more and no less than the expression by qualified electors of their choice of candidates." (United States v. Classic, 313 U.S. 299 (1941).

Whereas, Illinois' 2022 General Election appears to have been invalid, depriving us of the guaranteed protection of our Natural Rights under a government duly and provably chosen by us, the American people, resulting in incalculable damage to our families, our way of life, and the fabric of these United States.

Therefore, we call upon our Representatives to provide relief to the people, and the assurance of domestic tranquility, by joining us in demanding a VALID 2024 General Election that upholds these existing laws, and equitable principles of law:

1. Proof of citizenship, identity and eligibility to register and vote, not anonymous attestation.
2. Voter rolls certified accurate and available for public review and challenge 30 days before the start of early voting. Voters added after that date must bring proof of citizenship, identity, and address in person to a qualified official at each polling place.
3. Hand-marked, secure ballots similar to currency. Where imaging technology is used for tabulation, the security features must be verifiable in the ballot image.
4. Systems, machines, security measures, infrastructure and conduct are required to be compliant with federal law for fraud prevention regarding risk assessment, certification, testing, and implementation.
5. Adjudication must be signed-off by party, candidate, and trained citizen witnesses after being given full and effective observation rights. Candidates and trained citizens must be allowed immediate access to ballots, ballot images and CVRs.
6. Ballots, regardless of entry source, election operations, and systems must maintain end-to-end chain of custody from voter to vote count to final canvass, including auditability and witnessed transfer with paper records.
7. A NIST-compliant, randomized, statistically valid end-to-end audit, with a 95% confidence level, of all elections pursuant to the 14th Amendment, Section 2 must be performed. These

audits are to be conducted by qualified, insured and bonded security forensics or financial auditors, not personnel from within the election system.

Reconciliation will include the vote count, real physical ballots, adjudication, CVRs, ballot count, qualified voter count, custody transfer, and all other paper and electronic election systems, including logs.

8. If the total of all unique variances above is more than 10% of the margin of victory, a new election must be held in the state for those candidates affected, unless the issues can be provably corrected by a manual hand recount and a full review of records.
9. Waiver of requirements is not allowed. Only end-to-end system compliance, from registration through certification, can guarantee the intent of the people is accurately recorded.

Babe Paukstys concluded the reading of the Resolution. They have asked for meaningful remedies to be provided to proactively protect the validity of the 2024 General Election. The resolution cited many US Supreme Court precedents that support the need for such actions. Laws are being ignored. Bottom line is, the checkbook is not balancing and they need certainty.

The voter system, which controls the right to suffrage, is not capable of producing an accurate and trustworthy result. Do you think these anomalies within our election system, which are part of national security infrastructure, should continue to be ignored? How much is it costing us, our military, our foreign policy, and the self-esteem of our children and young people not to fix the problem? And, how much is it costing our dignity to keep fighting each other? The cost is immeasurable. She urged them to show their agreement by passing the Resolution. If you are unable today, they ask to be invited back and support them on your Agenda. Their website, showcasing our initiative nationwide, has some great videos that explain the anomalies and apparent violations of the law that are found here in this state and others. She encouraged them to check out their website at unite4freedom.com and learn more about their group.

Chairman Van Meter explained the process to submit their Resolution to the proper Oversight Committee. He also asked that they provide a copy of their report to the County Clerk.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED
REPORT FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to recess the meeting to August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk