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WEBSITE: [countyclerk.sangamonil.gov](http://countyclerk.sangamonil.gov)**MINUTES****SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD****AUGUST 12, 2025**

The Sangamon County Board met in Adjourned June Session on August 12, 2025 in the Sangamon County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mr. Stumpf gave the Invocation. Mr. Truax 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, Ms. Lathan and Mr. Schackmann were excused.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

There were no proclamations for this meeting. Chairman Van Meter mentioned they are broadcasting live verbally but not visually. They are still having some technical problems but are testing something tonight that staff thinks may work.

The Chairman also commented that the Ad Hoc committee is working on revising the County Board rules and has made great progress. They have sent their proposals to legal staff who will review over the next couple of weeks. He is hoping that those will be ready to submit to the board members at the September meeting.

**CORONER JIM ALLMON PRESENTATION**

Coroner Jim Allmon addressed the board surrounded by his staff. He thanked the Chairman and the Board for allowing him to speak.

He said the Coroner's office has earned national accreditation. It is a distinction that recognizes the office for achieving the highest standards of professionalism, transparency and service to the public. The recent opening of their new regional morgue, supports the Coroner's office in meeting these rigorous standards. By bringing autopsy, storage, investigation and administrative functions together in one modern facility, the office can work more efficiently and

can coordinate more effectively. This setup helps ensure the highest quality service for residents of Sangamon County.

The accreditation follow the comprehensive review process. They were evaluated against 285 internationally recognized standards. To qualify, agencies must demonstrate 100% compliance with all mandatory standards and a willingness to undergo an external evaluation.

The accreditation review examined a broad range of practices including; administrative operations, investigative protocols, forensic standards and facility management. The process is voluntary and only 52 Coroner's or Medical Examiner's offices in the nation have achieved this honor. They are the fourth Coroner's office in Illinois to receive the accreditation and the first in downstate Illinois. Other counties are; McHenry, Lake and Kane.

The accreditation is more than just a certificate. It recognizes the work that they do every day and the standards they keep. From the moment a call comes in, to the time they complete their reports, their office approaches every case with professionalism, compassion and attention to detail. He is incredibly proud of his staff and the work they do to serve families in some of the most difficult times. This recognition belongs to them.

Coroner Allmon added that they have unfortunately been extremely busy. A regional morgue has been put together to assist the smaller counties and help bring revenue streams into Sangamon County which is what they've done. Everything seems to be going well. He appreciates all the support and meetings the board members have had to attend. They appreciate everything the board does for them. He wanted to say thank you and share their biggest accomplishment to date with them.

### **CLA EXTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION**

Auditor Goleman addressed the Board. In January, they usually have a planning meeting with the outside Auditors, then in March they are here on site for approximately two weeks looking at the information they need. This time of year is the formal report to the Board. The County's Auditors are CliftonLarsonAllen. Faith Freeman and Brian Mateas from the firm were present.

Ms. Freeman addressed the Board. She is an insurance manger with CLA and has had the opportunity to work on the Sangamon County audit engagement for several years. She is here to present the fiscal year 2024 audit report.

The audit is performed using a risk-based approach, which means time spent understanding and testing each audit area is determined based on the level of assessed risk. Risk is assessed based on significant account balances, significant issues and findings in the past.

The significant audit areas they focus on this year include internal controls, including; information technology, cash and investments, exchange and non-exchange revenues, payables and accrued liabilities, which include the self-insurance liability, pension and OPEB liabilities, and lastly

the financial close and reporting process. The audit deliverables, which are reports issued, include the annual financial report, the single audit report, the consolidated year-end financial report, the governance communication letter and the management letter.

She is happy to report a clean unmodified audit opinion on both the financial statements in each major federal program. This is the highest level of opinion one can receive. She moved on to the single audit report, which includes both the government auditing standards report on internal control over financial reporting and the uniform grant guidance report on compliance for each major federal program, internal control over compliance, and on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

The government auditing standards report did report two financial statement findings this year that are the same findings from prior year although the specific items in each are slightly different. The first one was related to several material adjusting journal entries which were required to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The second was for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the consolidated year-end financial report. Ms. Freeman mentioned that each of these items was corrected through the audit.

The Uniform Guidance Report did report three findings on major federal programs tested. Each related to the LIHEAP grant program which is managed by the community resources department. All three of the findings were repeated from the prior year however, they did see significant improvements to each.

She reported that there were several prior year findings that were cleaned up and not repeated this year. These were related to the federal fiscal relief funds, which is managed by the County Auditor's office.

The third deliverable is the consolidated year-end financial report, which is used to report both state and federal expenditures in accordance with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. This is a report required by the state. She believes this information is fairly stated in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

She next went through the Governance Communication letter. There were no new GASB's that impacted the financial statements this year. As a reminder, GASB Statement No. 101 compensated absences will be applicable for Fiscal Year 2025.

There were no other significant changes of accounting policies, impacting the financial statements. There were also no transactions that lacked authoritative guidance. The significant estimate impacting the annual financial report, included the total OPED liability and deferred outflows and inflows. CLA feels comfortable with management's estimates. There were no difficulties with management and no disagreements encountered. There were several adjustments in the audit process, which will be attached to the letter and some past minor adjustments that will also be attached.

The last deliverable is the management letter, which is used to report items that are not considered significant and therefore do not merit the attention of governance. These are additional recommendations to help strengthen controls and oversight. Prepaid contracts, inter-fund activities and balances, were both repeats from the prior year. There were two new comments added this year. The first related to revenue query classes and the last to segregation of duties and documentation of review and level of approvals at the Circuit Clerk's office.

Lastly, Ms. Freeman thanked the Auditor's office for everything they do to prepare for the audit and their help in accumulating the audit documentation needed. They do a great job keeping things moving and providing the support and answers needed for them to complete their work.

Mr. Stumpf thanked them on behalf of the Finance Committee. He thanked them for the report given to them before the meeting and the job they have done on the outside audit. He also gave accolades to Auditor Goleman and his staff for the great job they do.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, for approval of the Minutes of July 8, 2025. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MINUTES ADOPTED

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **RESOLUTION 1**

1. Resolution approving the Planning Year 2025 agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission for the Planning Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program in the amount of \$39,500.

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

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 2**

2. 2025-013 – Forsyth Family Spaulding Home Trust, 5000-6000 block of Dickerson Road, Sherman – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Rader, District #8.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Rader, to place Resolution 2 before the Board. The Chairman noted that they are entering the zoning portion of the meeting and it is the Board's policy to ask if there are members of the audience who wish to speak in opposition or in support of the proposed rezoning and variances. There were none. 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 2.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 3**

3. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Sheriff's Office from Allison Long DMD for the purpose of Inmate Dental Services in the amount of \$35,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. Ayers, to place Resolution 3 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 3. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 4**

4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a mutual aid agreement with the Illinois Coroner's and Medical Examiners Association.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. Cahnman, to place Resolution 4 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 4. 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. DelGiorno, to waive the ten-day filing period. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

### **RESOLUTION 5**

5. Resolution approving Review Fees and Building Permit Fees for the HUB to the City of Springfield in the amount of \$299,607.57.

A motion was made by Ms. Deppe, seconded by Mr. Constant, to place Resolution 5 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 6 – 14 with Resolution 5. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 6 – 14.

### **RESOLUTIONS 6 - 14**

6. Resolution approving a Project Labor Agreement between the Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council and Sangamon County.
7. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Tyler Technologies for the purpose of integrating the Tyler time & attendance and advance scheduling module in the amount of \$193,000.
8. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Sangamon County program in the amount of \$83,194.95.
9. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Menard County program in the amount of \$35,278.00.
10. Resolution approving a grant application for the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the PY' 25 Supplemental State Grant in the amount of \$199,913.00.
11. Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to settle Sangamon County's claim in the opioid lawsuit against Defendant Sandoz in the amount of \$234,336.02 and execute on the County's behalf any documents necessary to effectuate and finalize the settlement.
12. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission from Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly Engineers and Consultants (CMT) for the purpose of providing consulting services in the amount of approximately \$199,726.41.
13. Resolution approving an Ambulance Service Agreement between Sangamon County and Prairieland Community Ambulance Service Company.

14. Resolution amending the Sangamon County, Illinois Schedule of Selected Fees to exempt Joseph E. Meyer & Associates and Capital Township from being charged for Recorder services, including Laredo access.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Hall stated that he is a No vote for Resolution 5. He says that if you were to build in any area in the County other than Springfield, they would not be charged that amount for permits and fees. He feels it is very insulting for Springfield to do this. They are trying to be partners with this community and they are wanting to find any way to make sure they get every penny out of building a project inside the City of Springfield. He is frustrated with this town. He wants to vote No on Resolution 5 but Yes on everything else.

Mr. Cahnman added that on the Buildings and Grounds Committee he asked if they had asked the City of Springfield to waive the fees. He was told by staff that the request was made but it was rejected. He agrees with Mr. Hall but is not going to vote No but does think the City should have waived the fees to better the community.

Mr. Cahnman also had a question on Resolution 11. He wanted to know how the \$234,336.02 was going to be expended. Mr. McFadden stated that all proceeds from the opioid lawsuits are being used to fund inmate Mental Health services for the inmates next door. When the opioid settlements started coming through, they put together a committee consisting of some members of the County Board and Public Health Department as well as members of the Sheriff's, Public Defender and State's Attorney's offices. The consensus of the group was this would be the best use of these proceeds.

Mr. Cahnman asked if this included drug treatment for those that are addicted to drugs as well. Mr. McFadden stated that yes, there has to be a connection with the opioid use. He said the volume of people that have a problem in the jail warrants blanketing the whole population with services. Chairman Van Meter added they already have a program for detoxing people who are addicted to drugs but didn't have a program for people with mental health issues so this money is dedicated to that. M. Cahnman asked if defendant Sandoz is a drug company. Mr. McFadden stated that it is a drug manufacturer.

Mr. Cahnman asked if the amount going to Crawford, Murphy and Tilly in Resolution 12, is similar to amounts the board has paid them in prior years. Mr. McFadden explained that Resolution 12 is actually updating a study that was done so long ago, he believes he was working in the Mayor's office. It was the West Loop/South Growth Study that was put together to anticipate future needs for road expansion on the southern edge of Springfield and Chatham and the western edge of Springfield. Growth has slowed down dramatically since then. There was a request that the Regional Planning Commission revisit these studies because the studies impact what types of roads need to be put in. The feeling is that the volume isn't there to support four-lane roads being constructed in subdivisions. CMT is going to update the two studies. He thinks one was done in 2000 and the other maybe in 2003.

Mr. Cahnman asked if this study includes areas within the City of Springfield and outside the City. Mr. McFadden said that was correct. Mr. Cahnman asked if the City of Springfield was paying some of the fees for the engineering firm. Mr. McFadden said it was being funded with a grant from IDOT. It is a grant to the Regional Planning Commission which needs to come through the County Board for approval.

For Resolution 13, Mr. Cahnman wanted to know what the ambulance service agreement entails. Mr. McFadden said there was a referendum to create a special service area primarily in Tracy Sheppard's district but a little bit in Craig Hall's as well. This establishment of special service areas has been done several times in the past and the County Board has to authorize it to happen. There was overwhelming voter approval on the referendum to establish an ambulance special service area. This means there will be an additional property tax placed on the bills for the residents that live in the area to fund the ambulance service. Once that was approved, the County did an RFP and the selected firm is Prairieland, which services the area now. They are out of Virden. The area in Sangamon County being covered by this is the Sangamon County portion of the Virden Fire Protection District.

Mr. Cahnman questioned if this was for the South part of the Sangamon County. Mr. McFadden stated that it is the Virden Fire Protection District that is contained within Sangamon County. It is also in Macoupin County. It straddles both counties. The special service area tax will generate about a hundred thousand dollars a year that will be used to fund the ambulance service. Because of the funding revenue, those that utilize the service will not have their insurance charged for it.

Mr. Hall said that as he was driving to the meeting earlier, he drove through Chatham and saw the signs that say "Chatham Strong". He thinks "hometown strong". Whenever the ambulance service or their fire departments needs funding in their small towns, they just put out a boot and money is put in. He commented that it's amazing to count the hundreds and hundreds of dollars that people contribute. Ambulance services are needed in the County and he thanks Prairieland for being an ambulance service and doing what they do for the community. He is grateful for them but he hopes to never see an ambulance in his driveway but if he does, he'd like to see them.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 6-14, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous except for Mr. Hall who voted No on Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.



**NEW BUSINESS****A. Appointments**

Appointment of Chip Smith to the Sangamon County Board of Review for a term expiring August, 2027.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT ADOPTED

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Van Meter noted there were four people signed up to speak tonight. Shawn Miller was first to be called.

Shawn Miller stated that the truth matters. He is here to tell them the truth about how the county is treating the veterans and its taxpayers. The truth is, the County Board Chairman, the Administrator, the board itself and the Assistant State's Attorney have cost taxpayers an ever growing amount of money. He can't even tell them the final amount because it is increasing every month. The truth is, the VAC has done everything it can do legally, morally and honorably to serve those who have worn the nation's uniform. However, they are met with resistance, delays and demands that undermine both their mission and the law. One example is the County demanding to see attorney-client privileged information before they will pay the VAC's legal costs. Their attorney works for the VAC representing them in the case against the County. According to Andy Goleman and the audit team, they will not pay without a complete scope of work from their lawyer before paying. He says this is not transparency but intimidation.

The VAC's team worked on a budget that the county has cut, yet they continue to deliver results. Every dollar cut, takes away services from men and women who have stood watch for their freedoms. The county, then focuses on a building that meets some privacy needs but strips away their human dignity. Veterans now receive help in a space never meant for service, dignity or respect.

The County says they respect Veterans. He has walked the halls and seen their decisions. He has lived the reality and he can tell the Board with certainty that this statement is not true. He says to come talk to him if they want to hear the real story. He will tell them what's going on because the people of this County deserve the truth. He has made it his mission to help Veterans and will not stand quietly and silently and hope for the best.

He has brought these issues to the Board starting in 2023. There have been nearly two years of discussions with nothing more than empty promises, propaganda and no closer than what they have stated for helping veterans. Their veterans have stood for them without hesitation. Now it is their time for their country to stand for them. Not with empty words but with real action.

Auditor Goleman addressed the Board. He has listened to this for a year. He has listened to all these things that have been coming out of Mr. Miller's mouth and others. The fact of the matter is, they don't treat them any differently than anybody else.

They want proper documentation and they understand attorney/client privileges, but they are not going to pay a line item without proper documentation. They don't pay any bills in that situation until the State's Attorney's office gives them the authority to approve them.

Auditor Goleman wanted to address Mr. Miller's statement about empty promises and how they don't do anything. He said there used to be a show called Dragnet, and Joe Friday used to always say "just the facts ma'am". He is going to give them the facts. He wants everyone to listen to what they've done for the VAC. He is the son and father of a veteran. He appreciates what they do. He is not going to sit there and have someone say things that just aren't true. He wants to tell them the facts of what has been going on.

They did a comp study for the comparable employees in the office. The report that came back in 10/19/22 showed an increase for the Superintendent of 29%, an increase for the Assistant Superintendent of 40.3% and for the VSO of 62.8%. In 12/1/24 they had a comparable county salary study done. What came back was an additional 10.3% for the Superintendent, a 20.3% increase for the Assistant Superintendent and VSO's increased 31.2 and 27.8%. From 10/19/22 to 12/1/24, 26 months, the Superintendent's salary increased 42.6%, the Assistant Superintendent 75.6% and the VSO 96%.

Auditor Goleman then spoke about the VAC's budget. He said in 2022 their total budget was \$243,000 and spent \$222,000 which is 92% of their budget. In 2023, after the study was done, they had a budget of \$306,000 and spent \$320,000 which was 105% of their budget. They gave them an additional 26% increase in salary for their budget. In 2024, they had a budget of \$408,829 and spent \$380,000. That is 93% of their budget with a 33% increase from above the previous year. In 2025, they've increased the budget 30% to \$529,938. He stated "now that's the facts".

Ashti Dawson from the VAC spoke next. She is Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission. She's an army veteran, a licensed clinical social worker and has a certification in alcoholism and substance abuse. She's been with the VAC since January of 2024.

She said the VAC had an open house last Friday which was a great success. In attendance, were numerous veterans, their families, community partners and board members from the VAC and Sangamon County. She thanked Mr. Krell for taking the time to attend and commented they appreciated it. While in attendance, participants expressed their gratitude and concerns and some chose to complete comment cards. She will leave copies with Mary. She said many comments

raised concerns of which she has addressed through all the Sangamon County channels. Some exceptions are comments relating to push button handicap accessible doors and additional parking. She looks forward to addressing these through the proper channels.

There was an equal amount of positive feedback surrounding staff support, with comments including; “the staff is the best that I’ve encountered in all my years using the VAC”, “you all do great work” and “the staff is fantastic”. The VAC staff is committed to deliver a higher level of care. They believe this is what their veterans deserve. Although the VAC staff are high performers, keeping up with the increased request of services continues to be a challenge to manage. Since moving into the new temporary office space, their interactions have nearly tripled. Their backlog has doubled every month since their move in May. The increase correlates directly with individual office space, making VSO’s more accessible to their veteran community and strategic community outreach. Considering that the VAC has not been adequately housed and staffed for the past five years, this proves to be a challenge to adequately project the needs of the VAC. In the interim, despite adequate resources and support, they will continue to drive on.

Mr. Dave Rieger, Jr. spoke to the board. Mr. Rieger asked the Chairman for five minutes due to lack of public comment speakers and the potentially emotional response that he is going to have. The Chairman said he would see how the presentation was progressing after three minutes.

Mr. Rieger is a resident of Sangamon County and a disabled combat veteran. He is the Assistant Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission and a proud advocate for the Veteran community. He’s here not to just speak for himself, but for every veteran who has been underserved, overlooked or silenced. It is a call for dignity, accountability and action.

In 2024, he joined the VAC taking a \$20,000 pay cut as an administrative assistant, entering a field to advocate for a population that is near and dear to his heart. His father, David Rieger Sr, who is sitting in the audience today, served 33 years in the Army. He grew up as an Army brat watching soldiers raise their hands to risk it all. He took the same oath when he joined the Army and served as an intelligence analyst in Baghdad, Iraq and endured daily rocket and missile attacks for 12 months. He said transitioning out of the military was brutal. He faced financial hardship, mental health struggles and emotional isolation. It took him 11 years to seek help from the VA and when he did, he was met with overworked veteran service officers and systematic delays. He used his analytical training to fight for his own claim like a combat mission.

In April of 2024, just four months after starting, he became the Assistant Superintendent. He did not have a college degree or direct experience in veteran’s affairs but he had heart and grit and the support of Superintendent Ashti Dawson. Since then, he has led a team that works tirelessly, often beyond a nine to five schedule. They work hard because they love what they do and the people they serve.

Since joining the VAC, he has attended numerous meetings with Sangamon County officials, including those related to administration, HR, auditing, employee services, buildings and grounds and legal matters. He can personally attest that they have faced repeated barriers from executive

leadership of this County including systematic challenges and budget shortfalls. In November of 2024, the county only funded 70% of the proposed budget which was \$200,000 short of their requested budget. A budget that was approved by their independent local governmental body, the Veterans Assistance Commission. They were told to justify their needs, despite clear mandates under the Military Veterans Assistance Act.

Chairman Van Meter let Mr. Rieger know that his three minutes were up and asked if he could please finish up in the next minute or so.

He continued, saying Chairman Van Meter was reported as distributing propaganda to veteran service organizations, such as the VFW. In December of 2024, following a VAC presentation, Chairman Van Meter asked a county director “do you feel supported of this board”? He felt this comment was perceived as a direct jab at the office, especially given the Board’s refusal to fully fund the VAC.

In April of 2025, Sangamon County approved up to \$300,000 in blown glass art for the building lobby. He stated there are unsafe work environments. He has had several mental health breakdowns due to unresolved issues. He mentioned frigid office temperatures, overgrown brush he had to clear, bright lighting, this is an ongoing list of basic needs. He feels discriminated against as a disabled veteran and a minority. He has watched his staff become emotionally depleted. He believes the veteran community and staff are being treated unjustly. In the July 2025 Sangamon County board meeting, Chairman Van Meter mockingly called board member Sam Cahnman “baby doll” prompting laughter from other officials.

He said this was inexcusable and reflects a pattern of bullying he’s witnessed multiple times firsthand. The VAC has submitted tickets, made requests and followed protocols and have been met with silence, delays and indifference. The VA first reported that 22 veterans die by suicide every day. The number has lowered to 16. One veteran is too many.

Chairman Van Meter said that had been two minutes.

Mr. Rieger continued by calling on the board to address this behavior and uphold standards, respect and accountability to their community that they deserve. He said their brave men and women swore to defend the Constitution, against all enemies foreign and domestic. Many of them have survived enemies. He wonders when they will receive relief from the domestic ones. This isn’t about policy – it’s about people. It is about honor, duty and respect.

He thanked the board for their time.

Mr. Ken Pacha was the last individual signed up to speak. He wishes what he was speaking about was on the agenda. He is sure that most of them know that the Massey Commission is coming to a close soon. He thought some of them might not know that as he’s never seen almost any of them at the meetings. He knows that someone sent them an invitation to the most recent

meeting yesterday. He assumes most of them had something more important to do as they seem to have done over the course of the last nine months.

He doesn't know if they think the work is done or the problems have been solved or they've rubber-stamped enough motions or forced state Senator Doris Turner to walk it across the finish line since they won't. He says the County Board keeps defaulting to the State's Attorney to say that they don't have the authority or they're not capable or it's not up to them only to find out that it can be up to them. They do have choices and could be providing more funding to keep them going. It shouldn't be a last minute, let's rush it together so it looks like it matters to them. He already knows most of the recommendations are going to tell them the work needs to go on in the Sheriff's department.

He says it's not even close to being fixed. They haven't begun to confront the real issues that are endemic to a department that led to Grayson's hiring. Simply doing more stringent hiring practices is not going to prevent the damage that's already been done to the training of officers that are currently on the force.

He doesn't want to begin the discussion of the avoidance of fixing the problems within the county jail. He's not going to blame them for people having bad wiring but the simple fact that took people having to communicate that quote over the jail network and they didn't even put out a public release about it. They are an entire countywide entity and he wonders why there was no public release made about that until people made a large deal about it and started to communicate that inmates didn't have air conditioning or access to water in the middle of extremely high temperatures.

He assumes most of them have never been in one of those cells for any extended period of time. He said it's balmy on a good day. Without air conditioning, it is almost inhumane. It is frustrating to him that they are getting ready to close out on what they think is a successful commission because if they didn't, they would have attended the meetings and put their two cents in and maybe encouraged their constituents to attend.

He knows people get tired of hearing from him and they think he's too aggressive or needs to sit down, but he feels they need more feedback. They should be hearing more from their constituents because he's out there talking to most of them. What he hears about the County Board isn't good. He feels the Board can do more. The conditions that led to Sean Grayson murdering Sonya Massey are still present. They have not fixed them by setting a commission on it and making a state senator walk most of those things across the finish line instead of avoiding the authority and responsibility that lies right in the County Board's hands.

He thanked the Board for their time.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED  
REPORTS FILED

**RECESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, for the Board to stand in recess until its regularly scheduled September meeting. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED

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