

DON GRAY
SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK



SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX
200 SOUTH NINTH STREET – 1ST FLOOR
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62701
TELEPHONE: 217-753-6700/FACSIMILE: 217-535-3233
WEBSITE: www.countyclerk.sangamonil.gov

MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

JUNE 10, 2025

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on June 10, 2025 in the Sangamon County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Mr. Stumpf gave the Invocation. Mr. Fraase led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 25 Present – 4 Absent. Mr. Davsko, Ms. Deppe, Mr. Schackmann and Ms. Small were excused.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

Chairman Van Meter noted that they are live broadcasting this evening's meeting but audio only. They are continuing to try and master the video live broadcasting. He was told that a piece of equipment literally burned up so they are still working on the video portion.

CYBERSECURITY PRESENTATION - IT DEPARTMENT

Kim Jackson, Director of IT, addressed the board. She introduced Will Lesko, who is assisting Mary Carter with the audiovisual this evening. She said Will may be at other meetings when Joseph is unavailable. She thanked Will for his assistance.

Chairman Van Meter and Brian McFadden asked her to do a short presentation about the cybersecurity initiatives they have implemented in the last six months or so. Kim Jackson explained they are continuing with end user security training and simulated phishing emails. They have received positive feedback from County employees regarding the quality of the training and the emails. Many employees comment in the hallways about the training and how they weren't "caught" by the simulated emails. They are doing regular phishing tests for all users that are on the network. This training has reduced the employees "phish prone percentage", which is a measure used in the industry to tell how likely people are to "click" on an actual cybersecurity risk email.

Another ongoing project, is the upgrading of all PC's and laptops to Windows 11 due to Windows 10 going end of life on October 14, 2025. They have upgraded approximately 75% of the PC's and laptops to Windows 11. They have approximately 200 PC's left to upgrade or replace. The plan is to have that completed by September.

Upgrading the email filter software, is another project they have been working on. This software inspects the email URL's as they come into the network. They isolate the webmail and suspicious sites, prevent credential theft harvesting and data loss prevention. It detects, analyzes and blocks advanced threats and gives them better visibility into the threat so they can optimize their response to these emails. It includes a button for the users to report suspicious emails. When the software determines there is a potentially hazardous email, it will then pull all those emails from any other user who has it in their mailbox. This methodology, used by the software to analyze the emails, reduces the time to neutralize an active threat from days to minutes.

The software also includes email authentication requirements that stamp or seal the emails as authentic once they leave the network. This is a requirement that has been implemented by Gmail and Yahoo back in February of 2024 and Microsoft implemented this requirement in May of this year.

She thanked the board for all the support they have given the IT department with funding for the products and software they need. She said it is greatly appreciated and helps to improve the county's cybersecurity position.

Chairman Van Meter asked if the Sangamon Mass Transit District was also receiving services from the IT department. Ms. Jackson confirmed they were, but had not yet implemented the email gateway system. They are working with them to ensure they are secure.

Mr. Cahnman questioned if the system prevents phishing emails from getting through to the intended recipient. Ms. Jackson clarified that she never wants to say that their email software will prevent them coming through. It catches a lot of things but there are always "zero-day" vulnerabilities, which mean that if you're the first person to get those emails, they may get through.

Mr. Cahnman didn't understand what employees were congratulating themselves on. Ms. Jackson explained that the employees are required to undergo security awareness training. Part of the training involves "fake" phishing messages being sent to the employees. If they think the email is malicious, they can click on a button which reports it to IT. They are then sent a congratulatory message if it indeed was a simulated phishing email. Mr. Cahnman thanked her.

Chairman Van Meter had a couple of announcements. He noted that it is likely they will need a special County Board meeting on June 30th at 5pm. The purpose of that meeting will be to approve the final series of contracts for the Hub. These are smaller contracts that need to be approved by the end of the month.

They also have a ribbon-cutting ceremony, tomorrow, June 11th at 1 pm, for the new Coroner's facility and he hopes all board members will attend. There is a second ribbon-cutting on Tuesday, June 17th at 10:00 am for the new ground floor courtroom that will largely be accessed by small claims and traffic court.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, for approval of the minutes of May 13, 2025. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of the Minutes of May 13, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Madonia motioned to place correspondence on file with the clerk and was seconded by Mr. DelGiorno. A voice vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the FY2025 County Highway miscellaneous material contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Cahnman, 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 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving the FY2026 purchase of a tandem axle dump truck with plow equipment from Rush Truck Centers through the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Program in the amount of \$248,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. Resolution approving a purchase order from Ozark Materials, LLC for the purchase of pavement marking paint in the amount of \$140,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 3. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2025-005 – Gary Minder, 6624 Minder Road, Rochester – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Madonia, District #9.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter noted that as they move into the zoning portion of the meeting, it's the Board's policy to ask if there are members of the audience who wish to speak in opposition to the proposed rezoning and variances. There were none. Mr. Mendenhall moved to waive the staff reports since there was no objection. The movement was ordered. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2025-006 – Sherman Holdings, LLC, 3915 Wolf Creek Road, Sherman – Granting a Rezoning and Variances and Denying a Variance. County Board Member – Casey Constant, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Constant, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. Mr. Mendenhall motioned to waive the staff reports since there was no objection. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2025-007 – W.J. Sallenger, LLC, 11000 Block of Palm Road, Glenarm – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use with a Condition and Variances. County Board Member – Jeffrey Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, to place Resolution 6 on the floor.

Professional staff proceeded to give the procedural history of the case. The petitioners request for proposed parcel one pursuant to Chapter 17.58 and Section 17.10.20 conditional permitted use for a banquet hall. Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one parcel, less than 40 acres, approximately 10 acres. A variance of Chapter 17.04 lot depth to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and a half times the lot width and a variance of Section 17.50.060A, to allow the parking to remain unpaved rock instead of the required bituminous seal coat for a period, not to exceed four years and for proposed parcel two, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one parcel less than 40 acres, approximately 27 acres.

The Planning Commission staff has recommended approval of the requested conditional permitted use for a banquet hall. The proposed banquet hall is located along Palm Road which has seen a trend of commercial development as designated for commercial use in the future land use map of the Chatham comprehensive plan. Recommend approval of the paving variants for a period not to exceed two years. Allowing a two-year paving variance will provide time to complete construction while also requiring pavement of the required parking spaces. Granting any more time for the pavement waiver, would be inconsistent with other properties with similar uses. Recommend approval of the requested lot area and lot width depth variances which will facilitate the division to separate the proposed banquet hall use from the cropland. The standards for variation are met. Zoning Board of Appeals concurred with staff recommendations.

Chairman Van Meter stated that the proponents have two minutes for an initial presentation and then the opponents will have two minutes for their presentation.

Proponent, Mark Cochran, 944 Clocktower Drive addressed the board. He is an attorney representing the petitioner Bill Sallenger. They are in accord with the recommendation of staff and the petitioner is agreeable to reducing the variance period from four years to two years with respect to the parking lot. They are fine with the recommendations and would be happy to answer any questions. No board members had any questions.

Opponent, Steve Copp, 11068 Catholic Cemetery Road. He resides on the back side of the proposed wedding venue and his concern is the noise. He is not sure how all of it will unfold. They have not seen the plan and have not been presented with any details. They are living in the country and they'd like to make sure it's quiet a reasonable amount of time. He's concerned with 350 to 400 people at an event and ensuring that the noise is kept to a respectable level. He's not against the proposal, just concerned about the noise.

Mr. Thomas asked professional staff to explain what the time limits are and how that works. Mr. Harrison said based on the liquor license there are limitations. They could stay open until 1am, but in this case the petitioner has decided that no inside event will go past 11pm, and any outside event would end at 9pm. The petitioner has also stated that they do not intend to have any outside music.

There were no further questions and no rebuttal from either side.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of granting the rezoning.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2025-008 – Stephen Brent, Northwest Corner of Sherman Road and Farrand Road, Sherman – Denying a Rezoning and a Variance. County Board Member – Casey Constant, District #2.

Mr. Mendehall stated that the Resolution has been withdrawn.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTIONS 8 - 11

8. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to provide coordinated investigations into child abuse in the amount of \$296,556.91.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall to consolidate Resolutions 9-11 with Resolution 8. Chairman Van Meter asked the clerk to read Resolutions 9-11.

9. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center from the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority to provide coordinated investigations into child abuse in the amount of \$233,203.
10. Resolution approving a grant application for Community Resources from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the Weatherization Grant Program in the amount of \$628,554.
11. Resolution approving a grant application for Community Resources from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the Weatherization Grant Program in the amount of \$365,951.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 8 -11, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED

TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 12 - 19

12. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Sangamon County and Capital Township to procure, install & pay for a comprehensive fully integrated public sector property tax system and computer assisted mass appraisal solution.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Ms. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 12 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia to consolidate Resolutions 13-19 with Resolution 12. Chairman Van Meter asked the clerk to read Resolutions 13-19.

13. Resolution approving a grant application for the Regional Planning Commission from FEMA/Department of Homeland Security through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for the Sangamon County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update in the amount of \$85,000.
14. Resolution approving a grant application for the Department of Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Early Intervention Grant in the amount of \$1,306,867.11.
15. Resolution approving a grant application for the Department of Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program in the amount of \$240,283.
16. Resolution approving a grant application for the Circuit Clerk from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for child support orders to be entered into the State Child Support System (KIDS).
17. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook on behalf of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and of the Chief Judge and the County of Sangamon on behalf of Sangamon County Court Services.
18. Resolution approving the Maternity-Paternity Policy for Sangamon County employees.
19. Resolution approving amendments to the County's parking lot lease with Horace Mann.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cahnman had a question about Resolution 12, the proposed inter-governmental agreement between the County and Capital Township. He questioned if it had been approved by the Capital Township Board. Mr. McFadden said it had been approved. Mr. Cahnman wanted to know if it was the old board or the new board. Mr. McFadden thought it was the old board. Mr. Cahnman wondered if it was brought before the new board and if the new board agreed with it.

Mr. Cahnman also had a question about Resolution 17. The resolution is an agreement with Cook County that says we can place juvenile detainees in the Cook County Detention Center. He states that the County just opened their own Juvenile Detention Center so why do they need a contract to place detainees in Cook County?

Mr. McFadden responded. He said the Juvenile Center has reopened and they are close to full staffing. The request from the Sangamon County Juvenile Center was to phase back returning a youth. This particular individual has been problematic and Cook County is the only Juvenile Detention Center in the state that will house him. He has been in other locations and has caused significant issues including; destruction of property and injuring juvenile detention officers. Cook County is the only option for this individual. Mr. Holsopple, the Director of Court Services, is working to get this individual back at Sangamon County. They met with the State's Attorney to discuss that as well.

Mr. Cahnman asked how long it would take to get the individual back to Sangamon County. Mr. McFadden is hoping within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Cahnman reiterated that the detainee was a problem that only Cook County could handle but the County should expect him back within a short period of time. Mr. McFadden stated at one point in time, all the youths were in other counties. They have slowly been bringing them back over a period of a couple months. Cook County is the only facility that would take this individual. He was also in Knox and Peoria County. Mr. Cahnman asked if he had just recently been placed in Cook County. Mr. McFadden said he had been in Cook County for a while. Mr. Cahnman wondered why we didn't have this agreement when he was first placed there. Mr. McFadden stated that a lot of these cases they have moved forward with an understanding of a standard kind of IGA agreement. Cook County is asking for something more formal so they are having the vote tonight.

Mr. Cahnman added that the detainees are supposed to be with the County until their case is resolved and if they are convicted, they will go to the state juvenile correctional center. He questioned if this individual will be having a trial or resolution of their case soon. Mr. McFadden stated that he will have a trial at some point. This is one of the conversations he had with the State's Attorney and the Chief Judge to try and get a better idea of when that trial will be. Mr. Cahnman asked if once the detainee turns 18, if they automatically get transferred to the adult court. Mr. McFadden said 18 is the age, but you don't automatically get transferred to adult court. There is a process involving the State's Attorney's Office and the Judge. Mr. Cahnman asked how old the detainee is. Mr. Holsopple responded saying he is 17.

Chairman VanMeter wanted to note for the record that the Juvenile Center was closed on order of the Presiding Judge in this circuit. It was not the choice of the board to close the Juvenile Center.

Ms. Fulgenzi wanted to say a few words on Resolution 18. She stated she is happy that the County is finally offering maternity/paternity leave for the employees. They will be eligible for four weeks of time. She appreciates all the help from Charlie, Brian and the board members.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 12 -19, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 7 – Tabled 5/13/25

2025-004 – Jesse Staab, 2248 W State Route 29, Athens - Denying a Rezoning and Granting a Use Variance with a Condition and a Variance. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

Resolution 7 remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of John Hearn to the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District for a term expiring May, 2028.

Appointment of Cinda Sausaman to the Northside Fire District for a term expiring May, 2028.

Appointment of Anthony Mares to the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring February, 2030.

Appointment of Sara Holton as Alternate to the Sangamon County Mental Health Commission.

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

The nominations for appointment in July were also submitted.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

C. Emergency / Procurement Notifications

-Purchase of signage from Ace Sign Company by Buildings & Grounds for the County Complex in the amount of \$51,055.65.

The procurement notification was submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Van Meter called Shawn Miller to speak. The Chairman noted he has 3 minutes to speak.

Sean Miller, resident of Sangamon County and Chairman of the Veterans Assistance Commission addressed the board. He reported that the veteran backlog is down to thirty, which is the lowest they have seen in a long time. This, he believes, is a direct result of having an appropriate number of offices and resources in place. Staff were able to deliver timely support to Veterans who have earned it. This is tangible proof that commitment and cooperation yields results.

As Chairman of the Veterans Assistance Commission, he has seen how clear, honest dialogue leads to better outcomes. He commented on Chairman VanMeter saying “money hungry” in the last meeting. He noted that the Chairman did not say “money hungry” by itself. He wanted to explain why he said what he did at last month’s meeting.

He stated that from the beginning of the new Military Veterans Assistance Act, they were told by the Illinois Attorney General and the General Assembly that each County VAC is entitled to .02% of the Counties EAV. Every time they would ask for this, they were told this is not going to happen. They asked for less than .02% and were told that was too much. They have not asked for anything outside the Act, or beyond the justification to help their Veterans.

They have been told they are asking for more than the previous budget and have been given an increase of 30 to 40 percent year after year. He said the law is the law, and their Illinois Act should be taken seriously. He stated they act like they have so much power and not even the law can touch them.

Recently, they sat down with the lawyers. It was one lawyer against four of them. There was no compromise and no willingness to work out the differences. There has also not been any payment to their lawyers. He hopes the public is hearing him today. The County Board has not funded the Veterans Assistance Commission appropriately as required by law. They should be ashamed and he will pray they do not get re-elected. He thanked the Board.

Ken Pacha was signed up to speak next and he was not present.

Kaitlyn Keen of Woodside 4 spoke next. She first congratulated the board and constituents on the new improvements made to the County Building. She is here as a call to her fellow community members, both in person and online, to find something socially or about the community that drives

you to get involved. She encouraged them to visit their online website and share a snippet of what it might take to come up and speak on something that they're passionate about.

She shared that in Chairman VanMeter's bio he states that he showed up late to an organizational meeting in February of 2000 and was elected Chairman of the County Board as a consequence. She thinks they can all share and contribute and pull into different networks in their own communities.

She's here as a lifelong resident and parent in the community, a business owner, population health scientist and as an advocate. There are a couple social issues about which she is passionate. First is animal and human welfare. There has been a lot of online activity around the upcoming Sangamon County Fair. She asks the County Board members to really think about what promoting animal cruelty in the name of family entertainment does to their young attendees. They talk a lot about mental health but don't always talk about what causes that at a young age. There are some exhibits coming to the Fair that don't align with their being a proponent of mental health and prevention. She thanked them for prioritizing the health and wellness, not just of humans in terms of public health initiatives but through the Sangamon County Department of Public Health and other things as national funding is questioned. She hopes to see them investing not just with money, but in terms of their partnerships and things they have access to in their local resources both for humans and animals.

She thanked board member Small for leading the initiative to regulate unlicensed massage parlors. She had a couple questions. She wanted to know the process for reporting suspicious activity and what they are offering for victims in terms of support when they do run into issues. She also wanted to give a plug to the AARP Livable Communities initiative here in Sangamon County. They will be hearing more about it. It is an effort to make their communities more walkable, safe and livable overall. She thanked the Board for their time.

Chairman VanMeter wanted her to repeat her two questions. Her first question was regarding the unlicensed massage parlors. She wondered if there was a way that concerned citizens and those in the neighborhoods near these establishments, can report suspicious activity. Her second questions is what are they offering for victim support when there is suspicious activity.

Chairman VanMeter asked Assistant State's Attorney Joel Benoit to comment. He said the new ordinance allows the massage establishments until September 30 to get a license. If someone in the public becomes aware that the establishment did not have a license, he thinks they should either contact the Sheriff's office or the Department of Public Health and they could then take appropriate action to shut down that establishment. He added that he is not privy to assistance to victims and is not able to speak to that at the present.

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES,
REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE REPORT 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, to recess the meeting to July 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk