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The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on October 14, 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. Krell 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. Ms. Deppe, Mr. Fraase and Mr. Hall were excused.

Chairman Van Meter said they are not televising tonight but they are broadcasting live. He reminded everyone to please speak into their microphones even if they are making a motion.

All members should have received the proposed new rules of operation. The plan of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee is to vote on the rules at the November meeting and they will go into effect at the December meeting. Any changes or suggestions people have should be made in the next month.

The Chairman has been told by IT that the visual version of the broadcast is looking better. The plan is to implement the visual broadcast at the December meeting after they have adopted the new rules at the November meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, for approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting. 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 award of a construction contract for County Contractors, Inc. of Quincy, IL for the replacement of a structure on Bock Road in Williams Township in the amount of \$497,414.90.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Constant 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. Resolution approving the FY 2026 purchase of a 2025 John Deere P-Tier Backhoe Loader from Martin Equipment of Springfield, IL in the amount of \$169,280.00 utilizing a Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, to place Resolution 2 before the Board. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2025-016 Alex Bruno, 7500 Block of Oak Crest Road, Riverton -- 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 3 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 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 4 - 20

4. Resolution approving a grant application for Community Resources from the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies for the Employment Barrier Reduction Program (EBRP) in the amount of \$40,250.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Davsko, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, to place Resolution 4 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 4-20. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 5-20.

5. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from The Animal Emergency Clinic of Springfield for the purpose of emergency veterinary services for Animal Control in the amount of \$55,000.
6. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from the Animal Protective League for the purpose of spay and neuter services at Animal Control in the amount of \$45,000.
7. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Blue Cardinal Chemical for the purpose of kennel supplies at Animal Control in the amount of \$45,000.
8. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Custom Data Processing for the purpose of EMR and RCM database services for Personal Health in the amount of \$85,000.
9. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from FFF Enterprises for the purpose of providing vaccines in the amount of \$55,000.
10. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from GlaxoSmithKline Financial for the purpose of providing vaccines in the amount of \$33,000.

11. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Merck & Company for the purpose of providing vaccines in the amount of \$44,000.
12. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Midwest Veterinary Supply for the purpose of veterinary supplies at Animal Control in the amount of \$45,000.
13. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Motorola Solutions for the purpose of 10 radios for animal control in the amount of \$35,390.30.
14. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from MWI Veterinary Supply for the purpose of veterinary supplies at Animal Control in the amount of \$45,000.
15. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Dr. Dena Nelson for the purpose of veterinary services at Animal Control in the amount of \$90,000.
16. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from the Phoenix Center for the purpose of providing Narcan distribution services in the amount of \$100,000.
17. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Sanofi Pasteur for the purpose of providing vaccines in the amount of \$100,000.
18. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from the Board of Trustees of SIU for the purpose of providing medical director contract in the amount of \$42,300.
19. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Department of Public Health from Solid Ground Solutions for the purpose of janitorial services at Animal Control in the amount of \$80,000.
20. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental agreement between Villages and Cities in Sangamon County and Sangamon County for the provision of Animal Control Services.

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

Ms. Small asked about Resolutions 9, 10 and 11. She noted they are all providing vaccines and wondered if it would have been cheaper to have one vendor supply all of them. Director of

Public Health John Ridley said they are for a variety of vaccines. There are different vendors that provide different vaccines.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 4-20, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS 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

RESOLUTIONS 21 - 25

21. Resolution authorizing the Illinois State Museum Society to contract with Dynamics, Inc. for the design of the 1908 Race Riot exhibit at the Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation HUB in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Rader, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 21 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 21-25. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 22-25.

22. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor's Department from Triune Health Group for the purpose of Workers Compensation Nurse Case Management in the amount of \$246,150.

23. Resolution approving the list of contracts for Sangamon County employee benefits for 2026, and authorizing the Director of Human Resources to sign said contracts.

24. Resolution appropriating an additional \$70,000 to the Massey Commission so that funds are available for it to complete the work initially set forth in Resolution 6, approved 9/18/24.

25. Resolution approving amendments to the Fiscal Year 2025 Sangamon County Budget.

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

Chairman Van Meter acknowledged a couple of members in the audience from the Illinois State Museum Society. In attendance were Ms. Jamila Wicks, Executive Director and Associate

Director John Handley. He said the museum has been a phenomenal partner in developing the exhibit for the race riot artifacts that were discovered in the process of constructing the 10th Street rail program. It is an extremely sensitive subject and they have handled it well. The County is lucky to have them as a partner in this project and it has received rave reviews from everyone involved.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 21-25, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

2026 COUNTY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno for the approval of the 2026 County Board Schedule. A voice vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cahnman had asked the State's Attorney's Office for the amount of attorney fees the County had been billed and paid for in the Jaimeson Cody wrongful death lawsuit. The amount in fees they have paid to outside counsel for defense in that case from June 30, 2021 to August 31, 2025 is almost \$170,000. He just wanted to share that with members of the board and the public.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

There were no appointments.

Mr. Cahnman had a question for Sheriff Crouch. He read an article in the Illinois Times where the Sheriff stated the department currently has 59 deputies and she is working to increase that number to the authorized total of 70 but she wouldn't comment on the average number of officers on the street.

Sheriff Crouch said they normally don't post the average number working every night for safety reasons. She did say there are approximately eight assigned each night. However, with days off and things of that nature, it generally ranges between four to five deputies and one to two supervisors each shift.

He surmised that as she increases the number of deputies hired then the number of deputies on the street would increase. Sheriff Crouch agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Van Meter noted there were two members of the public signed up to speak.

Cynthia Cody was not present.

Ken Pacha addressed the board. He and some other members in the community have launched a coalition called the People for Reform, Power, Liberty and Equity. They are all very active members of the community and take it seriously.

He feels there have been a lot of issues the Massey Commission helped raise with their findings. He strongly encourages the board members to come to the remaining listening sessions. These sessions have been important in terms of hearing from the community as well as seeing what their funding and creation has led to. He said it is disappointing that he doesn't see more of their faces there. He understands they have busy lives but he feels it is important they come out and witness where the money they have given is going towards. The Commission has some strong suggestions about what can be done differently to avoid the horrific outcome that led to all of this.

He feels there is more that can be done to help the Sangamon County Sheriff, the SPD and other law enforcement as well as the community itself to find better resolutions to provide better outcomes in the future. He thinks it's important to note how eager they are to build a better bridge and are interested in facilitating real and lasting change.

He said the Board has a lot of work all the time. They have a very long list of resolutions of things that he doesn't have the time to read or look into. He appreciates that all of them take that time. However, he strongly suggests that the work is not done even though the Massey Commission is now ending. The goal, of a group like the Purple Coalition, is to continue that work. He strongly encourages them to consider all the members of this group are eager to work with them and facilitate change. They have spoken with the leaders of the Massey Commission and those leaders are just as eager to continue that mission. They want to be able to hear more from the Board Members. They want to hear more of their voices, see more of their presence and have more of them available to the community.

He thinks it's very important when there are town halls or community listening sessions that the Board Members come out and hear directly not just from their own constituents but from people in the City and throughout the County. He'd also like to strongly encourage some of them to attend the upcoming Grayson trial. It will be an important moment for the State of Illinois, City of Springfield and Sangamon County. They moved it from Springfield to Peoria for lots of good reasons. Being in Peoria, doesn't remove the responsibility and accountability that Sangamon County and Springfield have in that situation and the outcomes. Sean Grayson being convicted doesn't end that saga, it merely means they punished the guilty party. The accountability and work that needs to be done is all of their responsibility. As a community, as leaders in the community and authorities in the community, they have to continue that. They cannot assume because their

mission is done their job is done. There are a lot of issues left to confront. He thinks they all can agree that the Sangamon County Sheriff's department has a lot of work that needs done to it. He says that is not an attack on the leadership. It's a lack of work that has been done to maintain it.

He says questions about the Sheriff's department force strength is widely understood within the County. He's had multiple citizens come to him with that concern. Inadequate staffing levels is not a failure of leadership. It's a failure of funding and competitive salaries. It is a combination of many things that keep the Sheriff's office from being able to maintain a significant structure within the law enforcement community. There are over 20 different agencies in the County from the FBI, to the Secretary of State and Park police, and Riverton and Rochester among many, that offer more competitive salaries. He feels that is an important part of the discussion.

He knows they have had many disagreements. And he realizes he hasn't always been very charitable, but a lot of that is due to his frustration with the outcomes they have had. He hopes that in the future, even with the Massey Commission ending, they can all come together to continue the work that needs to be done. He thanked the Board for their time.

Ms. Fulgenzi was under the impression that the Grayson trial was not open to the General Public. Chairman Van Meter said he would try and get her an official answer.

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, to recess the meeting to November 10, 2025. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk