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SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

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The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourn June Session on August 10, 2021 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith gave the Invocation and Mr. Fraase led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 27 Present – 2 Absent. Mrs. Small and Mr. Preckwinkle were excused.

BICENTENNIAL PRESENTATION

Sarah Jimenez addressed the County Board. They are going to be working on a digital time capsule for the Bicentennial celebration. At a previous meeting, the County Board approved the Bicentennial Committee members. The members are from all areas of Sangamon County and of all different ages. Sangamon County is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. They are looking to mark the occasion with different organizations in the County to spread the word about the history of Sangamon County and their hopes for the future. The main project the committee will be working on is this digital time capsule project. The digital time capsule is an effort to gather personal testimonies from all residents in Sangamon County. They will be running a campaign from September to December of this year that will include sharing stories from social media and the traditional media. Some County Board members have already participated in this. In addition to bringing on a video team to shoot different videos, they are also encouraging the public to submit their own videos. This project has been running smoothly so far and they hope this continues. Ms. Jimenez showed a video of former County Board Member Catie Sheehan as an example of one of the selfie videos people can take for the time capsule.



The budget for this project in the resolution tonight is not to exceed \$200,000. Most of that is going to be spent on the paid marketing portion, such as radio and TV ads. There will also be a contract person assisting with scheduling the video shoots. She wanted to thank the County Board for their support on the fair vaccination program. There was a \$250,000 budget for this program and around \$146,000 has been spent. The Sangamon Experience is one group they are partnering with to create a documentary on the history of Sangamon County. The Sangamon Experience has a website and a Facebook page and are located out at UIS. They are a great resource in learning about Sangamon County.

One of the things they did was offer free admission to the Sangamon County Fair to anyone who showed their vaccination card. This was part of their marketing component and approximately 9,000 fairgoers showed their vaccination card at the Fair. During the time of this campaign, the vaccinations went up by about 30%. After the campaign, the rate leveled off. Another thing people will notice on Sangamon County's Facebook page are little facts about the history of Sangamon County. These will start showing up in September.

SIU PRESENTATION

Lakeisha Phelon addressed the County Board. She wanted to thank the County Board for their patience and support as they try to figure out the right strategy to increase participation and vaccination rates for minority communities in Sangamon County. The main goal was to use the stakeholder feedback to put together an authentic campaign that addressed a lot of questions and misinformation. The timeline for that campaign was around four to six months with the understanding that once they hit that five to six month spot, they would evaluate what was working and what needed to change. They started working on this campaign during Black History Month, so they are coming up on the six-month mark. In regards to the tactics they have used, they started with a lot of outreach to communities to make sure they were hearing from stakeholders and leaders to figure out what was important and what the key messages were. After this, they started the campaign in two phases. The first phase had a lot of organic social media and outreach work. The second phase was the more traditional and paid online campaigning. On their online side, this included YouTube, Spotify, and Google searches. Through all of this campaigning for the first phase, they reached 1.3 million impressions. This means people were seeing this information over and over again. Their traditional campaign was print, radio, and outdoor. They did billboards, Illinois Times, Pure News, and TV ads. Through these, they received about 1.1 million impressions.

Out of all the people in Sangamon County who are fully vaccinated, 7.6% of them are black. Even though they are at the close of the first phase of this campaign, they are not seeing the numbers they want. One of the things she thinks is important to realize is marketing has to be married to other access and outreach strategies. They need to figure out what to do next before making further investments. One of the things they are going to do now is take a pause on the campaign and they are going to do some research. They are going to look at other counties and see what is working there. It is clear with the impressions they are getting that they are getting the word out, but they

want to know how to get people to actually get the vaccine. They will be looking at comparable counties in Illinois, as well as different counties across the country. From there, they can start looking at what works in those counties that they can do here.

COVID – 19 REPORT

Gail O'Neill, Director of Department of Public Health, addressed the County Board. She stated the positivity rate in Sangamon County has increased from 1.59% to a level of 10.89%. The number of cases for seven days have increased by 36.03%. They had about 589 cases in the last seven days. New hospitalizations with new admissions have increased by 25.81%. They can thank the variant and the things going on with Covid in the community. They still need more people vaccinated. Today there was information out to try to break down the vaccine levels by groups. They were able to see that 58.4% of the 17 to 18 year olds have been fully vaccinated. That is a good number. Ages 18-64 are at 60.8% and those 65 and older are at 82.3%. Most of the state is at the point of high transmission. They are seeing unvaccinated people getting the brunt of the situation with this, but they are also seeing a few who have been vaccinated having the breakthrough cases. They are ready for booster vaccines as soon as they are available to them. They are still going out to the community for vaccine opportunities. Their next big focus is keeping kids in school for in-school learning. The mask requirement should help with that.

Linda Fulgenzi asked if the booster shot is in addition to the vaccine they have already received. She asked if there is an age group, they would try to give the booster to first. Mrs. O'Neill stated she does not know the age group for sure. They have talked about a shot of either the Moderna or Pfizer for those who had the Johnson & Johnson. The other ones will just be a third dose.

Annette Fulgenzi stated she had a question from a constituent the other day. They asked if someone gets the antibody test if they are recognized as being vaccinated. Mrs. O'Neill stated they found out at the end of school year last year that the antibody tests are all so different and so hard to interpret, so there is no good answer.

Mrs. Hayes asked what percentage of hospitalizations are breakthrough cases of those fully vaccinated. Mrs. O'Neill stated it is around 10 to 20%.

Chairman Van Meter asked if they are seeing any increase in vaccinations with the delta variance. Mrs. O'Neill stated they are slowly. They are still at less than 100 per day. Chairman Van Meter stated the odd thing about this is everyone will be vaccinated. Either you will be vaccinated by a shot in your arm or you will be vaccinated by the virus that might kill you. Nobody has a choice, and people just don't get it.

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of July 13, 2021 and July 22, 2021. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLUTION 1

 Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Sangamon Mass Transit District and the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department for vehicle repair and maintenance services.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, 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 26 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. 2021-028 – Staley Farms Limited Partnership (Susan Staley Young, Ann K.S. Salzberger, Barbara Staley, Karen Staley Ross), 12376 Clevinger Road, Loami – Granting a Rezoning and a Variance. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Miller, 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 on the adoption of Resolution 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2021-029 – Werner Farms, LLC (Jesse Werner, Curt Clarida, Margaret Friel, Terese Friel-Portell), 6700-6800 Block of Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and a Variance. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 3 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 on the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2021-030 – Brent and Melissa Schwoerer, 6900-7100 Block of Farmington Cemetery Road, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Linda Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 4 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 on the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 5 – 8

5. Resolution setting forth budget policies for the preparation of the FY2022 Sangamon County budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 5 - 8. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 6 - 8.

- 6. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Environmental Systems Research Institute for the purpose of entering into an Enterprise Agreement for three years in the amount of \$480,750.
- 7. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Watts Copy Systems, Inc. for the purpose of replacing all the County copiers in the amount of \$56,880.

8. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Building and Grounds from Kuhn & Trello for the purpose of replacing the Sangamon County East Complex's roof in the amount of \$70,700.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mrs. Williams that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 5-8, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 9

9. Resolution approving the Sangamon County Board Organizational Structure.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 9 on the floor. A motion was made by Mrs. Williams that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 9. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 10

10. Resolution approving the 2021 Reapportionment public hearing schedule.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mrs. Williams that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 10. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 11

11. Resolution approving the procedure for the preparation of the County redistricting plans.

A motion was made by Mr. McGuire, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, to place Resolution 11 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 21 Nays. Those voting Yea were Mr. Bunch, Mr. DelGiorno, Mrs. Douglas-Williams, Mrs. Hayes, and Mr. McGuire. Those voting Nay were Mrs. Deppe, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Fraase, Annette Fulgenzi, Linda Fulgenzi, Mr. Hall, Mr. Krell, Mr. Madonia, Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Ratts, Mrs. Ruzic, Mrs. Scaife, Mr. Schackmann, Mr. Smith, Mr. Snell, Mr. Stumpf, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Tjelmeland, and Mrs. Williams. Resolution 11 is denied.

MOTION CARRIED RESOLUTION DENIED

RESOLUTION 12

12. Resolution accepting a bid for the construction of the new Sangamon County Sheriff's Office evidence/storage facility.

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to table Resolution 12 and to hold a special meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of awarding the contract for the Sheriff's Office evidence/storage facility. This will allow time to thoroughly analyze the bids received without unduly delaying the start of the project. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED RESOLUTION TABLED

RESOLUTIONS 13 – 18

13. Resolution approving a successor Intergovernmental Agreement for the administration of general assistance with Capital Township.

A motion was made by Mrs. Annette Fulgenzi, seconded by Mr. Hall, to place Resolution 13 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 13 – 18. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 14 – 18.

- 14. Resolution approving Community Resources to develop a program to provide financial relief to landlords and income eligible tenants in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- 15. Resolution approving the salary of the Public Defender in an amount of \$165,090.76.

- 16. Resolution approving a digital time capsule creation and advertising campaign for the Sangamon County Bicentennial celebration in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- 17. Resolution approving a grant application from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Sangamon County Farm-to-Table Strategic Planning Project in an amount of \$120,580.
- 18. Resolution approving a grant application for the Department of Public Health from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Solid Waste Enforcement Program in an amount of \$82,674.53.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mrs. Williams that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 13 - 18, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Chairman Van Meter stated the reason they are delaying Resolution 12 is to review the bids as a courtesy to their friends at organized labor.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Dianne Hardwick to the Springfield Airport Authority for a term to expire August, 2026.

Appointment of Chip Smith to the Sangamon County Board of Review for a term to expire August, 2023.

Appointment of Brad Baughman to the Workplace Safety Board for a term to expire August, 2024.

Appointment of Julie Pittman to the Workplace Safety Board for a term to expire August, 2024.

Appointment of Tim Eggleston to the Workplace Safety Board for a term to expire August, 2024.

Appointment of Todd Ballenger to the Workplace Safety Board for a term to expire August, 2024

Appointment of Rod Mitchell to the Illiopolis Fire Protection District for a term to expire May, 2024.

Appointment of Terry Schierholz to the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District for a term to expire May, 2023.

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in September were also submitted.

- C. Procurement/Grant Notifications
- D. 2022 County Holiday Schedule

Chairman Van Meter asked for approval of the 2022 County Holiday Schedule. There were no objections.

MOTION CARRIED
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADOPTED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel and Cynthia Cody, residing at 20 Wildwood Road in Springfield, addressed the County Board. Mrs. Cody stated she is the stepmother to Jaimeson Cody who was killed in the Sangamon County Jail. They want people to be aware of using excessive force and tasers. Sheriff Campbell said normal procedures were used. Several guards were there while this was going on. She would like to know where it states that it is normal for three or more people to sit on a person until they stop breathing. There are guidelines published by the National Law Enforcement Technology Center that should be taught to correctional officers and other law enforcement officials because not one of them was followed in regards to her son. One publication addresses positional asphyxia and the other addresses a policy on the use of tasers. Since 1995, the Law Enforcement Technology Center has recognized positional asphyxia as a cause of death when jailers sit on people. They know Jaimeson had at least 900 pounds of weight sitting on his back and they still tased him five times. She does not understand why it was necessary to tase him five times while he was face down on the ground with officers on top of him and surrounding him. She does not know everything that happened, but

Jaimeson had six or seven fractured ribs and numerous bruises on his body and face. They have been told that Jaimeson had drugs in his system and that was what caused his aggression and caused officers to use extreme force. She was told by the Coroner that the amount of drugs was so small, it would have had no effect on his behavior at the time of his death. She has also spoken to the Sangamon County Jail Committee, but has not received a response. The video tape they have showed Jaimeson walking out of his cell calmly with his arms in front of him, and then the tape goes blank. The next thing they knew, Jaimeson was being wheeled out on a stretcher to be pronounced dead at the hospital. She wants to know when this will end and if anybody will ever be held accountable. Mrs. Cody and her husband hold Sheriff Campbell responsible. She and her husband have a right to know who was responsible for the injuries that caused their son's death. She is publicly asking for someone to share this information to her and her family. They want answers, transparency, and changes in the system so that this does not happen to anyone else and their families. She acknowledged Jaimeson was a troubled person and was in jail for a reason, but he was also a human being who was loved by his family and friends. They know of three other people who died of positional asphyxia under the care of the Sangamon County Jail and Sheriff Campbell. She hopes there will be changes in the system.

Mr. Delgiorno asked if the County Clerk could have scans of the documents sent to the County Board members. Chairman Van Meter stated yes, the County Clerk can send the documents out.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place the Committee Report on Claims on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to August 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray Sangamon County Clerk