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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on December 14, 2021 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stumpf 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 25 Present – 4 Absent. Mr. DelGiorno, Mr. O’Neill, Mr. Preckwinkle, and Mrs. Small were excused.

BICENTENNIAL PRESENTATION

Sara Jimenez addressed the County Board to give a brief update on the Bicentennial as the campaign is ending. They currently have more than 200 videos on the County website, so it has been very successful. She acknowledged Maria, who is present, and has been working tirelessly going all around Sangamon County capturing the videos. She has been doing an outstanding job. They have gotten many great stories. She played one of the videos for them tonight. Chairman Van Meter stated the one that Senator Durbin did was good too. Sara Jimenez stated that Senator Durbin self-submitted one as part of the campaign. We have some of the self-submissions and the ones they have contracted with to shoot the videos. Jeff has been doing great work to get all the videos uploaded to the website. If you have any time over the holidays, just clicking on some of your friends and neighbors you will be inspired, as we go into the next 200 years, of all the nice stories to tell. They have gotten most of the mayors in Sangamon County and are trying to get all of the schools to participate. The youngest person is around eight or nine years old and oldest is in their 90’s.

They have tried to get all types of different people to participate in the program. They have also been trying to encourage selfie videos. You can go to the website, shoot your own video, and upload them to the website as well.

Jeff Wilhite explained that they have the ability to track all the video views. They had over 600,000 total views, with a lot of them coming right from their website. They can also track all of the engagement on social media. The comments and engagement is about 90% positive. The biggest negative comments are about the ad blocks. The top three most viewed videos were from Sheriff Jack Campbell, Evelyn Brandt, and Annie Fulgenzi.

Mrs. Jimenez stated the other component in this campaign is a drawing for a gift certificate to a restaurant to someone who has submitted a video. In addition, Annette Fulgenzi came up with the idea to take available money in the budget and launch a scholarship program where the goal is to get more young people to participate in the campaign. Those young people in high school will probably be the ones who open up the time capsule in 50 years. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one student from each of the public & private high schools. They have a little less than two weeks to go. She asked the County Board members to encourage their constituents with high school students to participate. The voting platform will launch on January 3rd where the videos will go up and the student from each school with the most votes will be the recipients of the \$1,000 scholarship. The votes will be tallied at the end of the week, and the winners will be announced at the January County Board meeting. The Bicentennial officially ends January 31st. They will adopt a resolution in February about the time capsule and where it will be stored.

Chairman Van Meter stated they have done a great job organizing this and it has been a lot of fun.

Linda Fulgenzi asked if any of the aspects of this are going to be available for the next 50 years, or will it all be locked up. Mrs. Jimenez explained that they own all the videos that are uploaded to their site. She is sure they will have a place on the website where they will live and will also have hard copies of them, so if we want to use them in the meantime, that would certainly be possible.

Chairman Van Meter stated that Sara Jimenez would be back next month to talk about the status of the Transportation Center. Mrs. Jimenez said the plan is to bring the murals back at the next meeting and give an update on some of the other committees.

COVID-19 REPORT

Director of Sangamon County Department of Public Health Gail O'Neill addressed the County Board to give a COVID-19 update. She stated the numbers are increasing. They are very close to crossing a mark they did not want to, with 299 people who have died of COVID related problems.

The number 300 is a number they did not want. The CDC has now approved booster vaccinations for 16 and 17 year olds. Currently, to be fully vaccinated you are required to have two vaccinations. What we will see soon, to be fully vaccinated, you will need your booster too. What they are seeing is people who had 2 vaccinations and six months or so have passed, they are not seeing as much protection as they wanted. The boosters have been very helpful. Hospitals are getting busy again, and 80% of those admitted are unvaccinated. The number is very low for those who have received the booster. Right now, the state is only reporting breakthrough cases statewide. We all know vaccines, in general, are not 100% effective. In Illinois, it is just .054% of the population that is hospitalized due to a breakthrough case. There have been 1,185 deaths in Illinois, which .016% that have died after being fully vaccinated. With some of the cases, the fully vaccinated person had underlying health conditions.

They are also dealing with the Omicron variant. Sangamon County does not have any cases yet. We only have the Delta variant. They have talked about the Omicron variant not being as deadly. Some symptoms are a dry cough, night sweats, and extreme fatigue. They should still take this very seriously.

About 59.47% of Sangamon County residents are vaccinated. The County had 43,790 boosters. The highest percentage is 90.93%, which is 65 and older, that have been vaccinated. They did start vaccinating 5 to 11 year olds in our community. They are now starting to get their second doses. All of Illinois is currently at a high transmission rate. There were 130 new cases today with 49 people hospitalized.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Miller and Mrs. Douglas Williams presented Christmas gifts to Brian McFadden and Mary Carter and thanked them for all their hard work.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of November 9, 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

1. Resolution approving highway improvements with motor fuel tax funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. 2021-041 – Mark and Jamie Wallman, 3839 Stone Road, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 2 on the floor.

Mrs. Ruzic stated that Jamie and Mark Wallman are friends of hers. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 3 – 9

3. 2021-042 – Text amendment to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance amending Chapter 17.46 of the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance related to swimming pools.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 3 – 9. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 4 – 9.

4. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Sheriff's Office from Advanced Correctional Healthcare for the purpose of medical and mental health services in the amount of \$1,028,004.
5. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Sheriff's Office from multiple food vendors for the purpose of purchasing food supplies in the amount of \$541,631.

6. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Sheriff's Office from various vendors for the purpose of purchasing cleaning and non-cleaning supplies for the Jail in the amount of \$130,535.
7. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for the Sheriff's Office from Motorola Solutions for the purpose of connecting to the Law Enforcement Starcom Network in the amount of \$57,576
8. Resolution approving the extension of the Land Records Life Cycle Maintenance and Hardware Agreement with Fidlur Technologies for the Recorder's Office in the annual amount of \$73,170 for December 1, 2021 to December 1, 2026.
9. Resolution approving the Tax Levies for Fiscal Year from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.

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 3 – 9, 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

RESOLUTIONS 10 – 24

10. Resolution approving a grant application for the Department of Emergency Management from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$66,322.39.

A motion was made by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 10 – 24. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 11 – 24.

11. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Court Services from Memorial Behavioral Health for the purpose of providing diagnostic and therapeutic outpatient services in the amount of \$120,000.
12. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Court Services from Memorial Behavioral Health for the purpose of providing a full time Behavioral Health Specialist at the Sangamon County Jail in the amount of \$57,678.
13. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Court Services from Advanced Correctional Healthcare for the purpose of providing on-site medical services at the Juvenile Detention Center in the amount of \$86,341.
14. Resolution authorizing the Circuit Clerk to collect the new maximum of \$20.00 on new filings and appearance documents and be deposited into the Law Library Fund.
15. Resolution approving an agreement between Menard County Board of Health, Menard County, Sangamon County Board of Health, and Sangamon County for the provision of public health services in Menard County.
16. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor from Troxell, Inc. for the purpose of Self Insured Retention-General Liability in the amount of \$80,000.
17. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor from Federal Insurance Company (CHUBB) for the purpose of Commercial Property Insurance in the amount of \$153,237.
18. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor from Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for the purpose of Worker's Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$860,067.
19. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor from Cincinnati Insurance for the purpose of Automobile/Property Damage Insurance in the amount of \$75,252.
20. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor from Cowbell Cyber for the purpose of Cyber Risk Insurance in the amount of \$69,823.
21. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor from Hudson Insurance Company for the purpose of Auto Liability Insurance in the amount of \$55,000.
22. Resolution approving the list of contracts for employee benefits for 2022.

23. Resolution approving the renewal of an offering of healthcare services to employees.

24. Resolution allowing the Sangamon County Board of Review to be held in session until the 2021 complaints and subsequent administrative duties are completed.

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 10 – 24, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mrs. Williams voted Present on Resolutions 11 & 12.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

RESOLUTION 25

25. Resolution granting authority to settle certain opioid litigation claims.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Williams and Mr. Bunch, for the adoption of Resolution 25. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

B. Appointments

Appointment of Keith Moore to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2022.

Appointment of William Bishop IV to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2022.

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Appointment of Todd Ballenger as the Sangamon County Hearing Officer for a term expiring December, 2023.

Appointment of Jennifer Bliesner to the Dawson Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2023.

Appointment of Shannon Fehrholz to the Community Services Block Grant Board for a term expiring September, 2022.

- Appointment of Julie Pittman to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Patty Hayes to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Linda Fulgenzi to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Sarah Delano Pavlik to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Dana Kinnion to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Eve Blackwell Lewis to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Gordon Gates to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Christina Shutt to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Brad Miller to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Sheila Walk to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Linda Norbut Suits to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Dan Wright to the Atrium Advisory Committee.
- Appointment of Ryan Cadagin to the Atrium Advisory Committee.

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

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications

There were no procurement/grant notifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Coventry addressed the County Board regarding Sangamon County Animal Control issues. She addressed a clerical error made with a driver's license. The person who did that was new at Animal Control. She thinks the attention from that drives away from the true issues of the plight of the animals out there and the care they need. That has gotten more attention from people than the fact that they need to lower the fees to get the cats and kittens adopted out quicker. The fact that they cannot just drop the fees to move the animals out is an issue. The County says you have to do a study to see the financial impact. You would rather see dogs and cats die rather than lower the adoption fee? That is absolutely ridiculous and unforgiveable. There are a lot of groups and individuals with many agendas; however, those of us out there that go out to Animal Control on a daily & weekly basis, and are dedicated volunteers, still see the suffering because of the lack of action the County will not take. Many people think there should be an animal control just for Springfield, but that does not help the animals in the rest of the county. There has to be some way they can work together. She asked if they have done a fee study yet. She just wants to know if there is anything they can do because the animals are suffering.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Williams, 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 January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk