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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on November 13, 2018 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Sheehan gave the Invocation and Mr. Snell led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Van Meter asked all the Veterans in the room to stand and be recognized in honor of Veteran's Day.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 29 Present – 0 Absent.

PROCLAMATIONS

Linda Fulgenzi presented a Proclamation to Tom Cavanagh upon his retirement as Sangamon County Treasurer. Mr. Cavanagh thanked Chairman Van Meter and all current and previous County Board Members he has worked with over the past 22 years. It made it a lot easier for him to do his job knowing there was some good common sense at the governance level of Sangamon County. He knows it is not this way everywhere. They are doing high quality work. He also thanked Sheriff Barr, Jerry Durr and Court Security, all of the elected officials, department heads, and every County employee. He thanked his staff and Assistant Treasurer Mark Crawford who has been his chief deputy for 22 years. He has known thousands of public employees all over the state and there is none better than Mark. He is leaving this office in good shape and is turning it over to a high quality official Joe Aiello. He also thanked his wife Diane Reed.

Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Tjelmeland presented a Proclamation to Sheriff Wes Barr upon his retirement as Sangamon County Sheriff. Wes Barr thanked the County Board for all of their leadership and support.

He has only missed three meetings since he was sworn in and has enjoyed coming. He thanked Chairman Van Meter and County Administrator Brian McFadden. They are good people to work with. He thanked Assistant State's Attorney Dwayne Gab, who he has worked closely with as well. He is proud to say they have come a long way in the Sheriff's Office. They have reduced overtime and increased revenue, have done some things to make the office safer, increased headcount, yet did not increase the budget. He is grateful to have served the citizens of Sangamon County and is more grateful to have worked with this County Board for the last four years. His wife is not here tonight, but she could attest that he goes home after a County Board meeting and says "He is so impressed with what the County Board does and what they do for the citizens everyday."

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of October 9, 2018 and October 30, 2018. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds for the annual maintenance of County highways.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Fulgenzi, 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 28 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving a bridge petition for a structure on Oak Crest Road in Clear Lake Road District.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2018-045 – Innovative Power Systems, Inc., 6300 block of East Walnut Road, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Tom Madonia, Jr., District #9.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Trustin Harrison, professional staff, stated the petitioner is requesting a conditional permitted use for a Solar Farm Energy System. Steve Keenan, professional staff, stated staff recommends approval of the conditional permitted use for the Solar Farm Energy System. The petitioner is proposing to comply with all the specific setback requirements and additional standards in the Solar Energy System Ordinance and maintain the site. The petitioner will also use the type of solar panel that is designed to limit the negative impact on adjacent property owners. Mr. Harrison stated the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff recommendations.

Scott Aaronson, with IPS at 24464 Telegraph Road, Southfield, MI, addressed the County Board. He is present on behalf of Innovative Power Systems, Inc. They want to be good neighbors and do everything they can to make the project viable for themselves and the neighbors, but they also want to recognize that the landowner has the right to build. They have moved the blocks of panels over 1,000 back. That is four times more than what the ordinance requires. They believe this to be an excellent ordinance. There is only about a 20% chance that each one of these projects will get the credits required to build. It's a very good likelihood that one or two, if any, of the projects will be built. If that's the case, they will push that back even further. They will also put vegetative screening in front of it. They will do everything it takes to make sure you can't see it or that it is minimized. He can't picture a better spot for this.

Mr. Madonia asked him to show on the map where the power source will be coming from. Mr. Aaronson stated he believes there is an existing line that comes back there, which is another reason why this is a good property for this. They will connect into the existing three-phase line. Mr. Madonia asked if they will also plant crops in front of it. Mr. Aaronson stated his understanding is that it will still be farmland. There will be corn and other crops there. Mr. Madonia asked if the transformer will be about 1,500 feet from the nearest house. Mr. Aaronson stated it would be at least that, if not more.

Mr. Mendenhall asked if they have looked at other locations in Sangamon County. Mr. Aaronson stated they have. They do everything they can to reach out to adjacent property owners, and this is the result of that.

Mr. Mendenhall asked how many other locations they have found. Mr. Aaronson stated he believes there was just one other location in this area. Statewide there were roughly 60 locations. Mr. Mendenhall stated he has also driven around a lot of solar farms, and he knows what all of their requirements are. They are hundreds in Sangamon County, if they look. He is not anti-solar and not anti-business, but he has a real problem with robbing from one business to create another business. When they take prime agricultural farmland out of production, they are not creating anymore of that. There are many other locations for this. Mr. Aaronson stated he understands his point. There is a conservation program that also takes a lot of other land out of production. This is only under 40 acres. If they would have found a better place, they would be trying to develop on it. He appreciates their concerns, but wanted to remind them the landowner has the right to profit off of his land. Mr. Mendenhall stated that is true with any business, but they regulate other businesses. They are very particular with where they allow a liquor store or a tavern. They try not to let it impede other entities like churches or schools. You are only going to take 14 or 15 acres out of production, but if they end up with 200 solar farms and they all take 14 or 15 acres out of production, that is a huge impact. That is robbing income, maybe not from the landowners. There are a lot of landowners that are not farming their farms. He is opposed to taking prime agricultural farmland out of production. There is a lot of other land coming out of the government program that would fall within their requirements. That should be looked at, not only by you, but all the other entities coming to Sangamon County.

Steve Jones, residing at 46 Longview Drive in Springfield, addressed the County Board. They just don't want their neighborhood to change. It goes back 50 years ago with middle income families ranging from those starting a family to retirees. The big problem they have is that it is right on their doorstep. It is right across the street from a subdivision that has 95 homes and is a block away from a subdivision that has 55 homes. They are scared that this will lead to more of them if this gets in. There are 75% of their properties that border farm fields. During the 50 years the subdivision has been there, they have lived hand-in-hand with agriculture. You can go down a mile from where the proposed location is and get into a road that is a Class 3 highway with gravel pits and flat ground. The land doesn't look as good as what they will put this on, and everyone in their subdivision would be happy with that. They just don't want it next to their neighborhood.

Clifford Clement, residing at 2 Longview Drive in Springfield, addressed the County Board. He is directly across the street from where the solar panels will be. He has lived there for 49 years. He went around the neighborhood to 70 of the homes, and there were four people out of the 70 homes who said they had no objection to solar farms because of the effect on property values. There are farm fields there that have been there for 48 years in the back and on the side. He knows this will affect their property values. Most of the people out there are working people and their property is their biggest asset they own. He talked to one other farmer in that area and she's had three other solar companies contact her about putting in 85 acres of solar farm. Once they get the door open for these they will have an avalanche like they have with windmills in the Lincoln area.

Mr. Hall stated they had some zoning cases a few months ago, and they had people here who discussed how that zoning would affect their neighborhood.

He remembers the word Democracy being used. Here tonight they have people showing up that will be affected by this. He hears they are going to use the type of solar panels that will limit the negativity impact. What he goes back to is people saying they don't want this in their area. That is Democracy. He asked if there is anyone in this room who lives in this area that is for this, besides the owner who doesn't even live in Illinois.

Mr. Bunch asked if anyone can testify there is a solar energy system that could depreciate the value of their property. He's never heard of anybody, other than people against it, saying it will depreciate their property value. Mr. Jones stated he can't see where any residential property being next to a commercial property would do anything but decrease the value. That is just his opinion. Mr. Bunch stated he would really like to know. If that is the case then they shouldn't even allow solar farms in Sangamon County. Mr. Jones stated he is not against solar power or energy, but it doesn't need to be next to a populated area. He thinks you can go a mile away from their subdivision and you can find the type of property where a solar farm would not affect people like it would where they have it planned.

Mr. Mendenhall stated he understands Mr. Bunch's concern and thought pattern. He doesn't think they will be able to answer his question for three or four years after the solar farms have been established. He can tell them how it has affected the property values in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. It has greatly affected the property values there, and he can only assume it will have the same affect here. There are other locations for this and he can show them where they are at, but they haven't gone to look at them.

Mr. Aaronson gave his rebuttal. He understands their concerns and knows some have lived there for a while. There is an ordinance they put in place for all the reasons they mentioned. They also have to go through this process. A lot of people are worried about a bunch of people coming in. That is exactly why they have the process they have. This particular project is set back over 1,000 feet behind to accommodate others. There is no reason they want to upset anybody, and there is no reason why they wouldn't build it in the best spot possible. If there was a better spot, then they would be building it there. He will do everything in his power to work with the neighbors.

Linda Fulgenzi asked if the solar panels are 10 x 10 feet. Mr. Aaronson stated they are. She asked if they go in vertically or diagonally. Mr. Aaronson stated they go in slightly diagonal to catch the sun rays. They are more elongated so they are 10 x 10 in terms of height. Mrs. Fulgenzi asked if this will be enclosed with a 12-foot fence. Mr. Aaronson stated it would be and they will put vegetative screening in front of that. Mrs. Fulgenzi asked why they would need a 12-foot fence. Mr. Aaronson stated it would be for security purposes because they will have over \$1 million in equipment per megawatts. They would have a fence to protect the equipment from being taken. If they have specific requirements for the fence they will listen and do everything they can to do it. They can do things like change the color of the fence and put vegetative screening in front of the fence. There are a lot of things they can do to make everyone happy. Mrs. Fulgenzi stated a 12-foot fence seems very tall. Mr. Aaronson stated he would have to check on what the actual size would be. Mrs. Fulgenzi stated 8 feet seems like it would be average. Mr. Aaronson stated that is something they could see about.

Mrs. Fulgenzi asked if they have seen where there have been large amounts of theft of equipment that would necessitate the fences. Mr. Aaronson stated the fence is also for things like deer. He can't recall any incidents of theft of the equipment. They could possibly lower the fence. They are willing to work with everybody to come to a resolution on a lot of things.

Mr. Preckwinkle asked the professional staff what the process is that allowed them to approve this particular project. Zoning Director Trustin Harrison stated the project is submitted to the Zoning Department to make sure the project itself meets the zoning requirements. Once they do that it will go in front of the Public Health, Safety and Solid Waste Committee for their review and final approval before they apply for the building permit through the Building Department. Mr. Preckwinkle asked if it met all of their standards. Mr. Harrison stated it did. Some of those standards are to make sure they meet the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan and that the public highway signs off on it. There are multiple steps they have to go through before they actually get the opportunity to do so.

Mr. Jones gave his rebuttal. Right now they plan on making this solar farm as big as they can by law. What happens if the law changes? What are they going to do with the property that is going to be right across the street from their subdivision? Do they plan on leaving it the way it is now or do they plan on expanding it? Their main concern is that things change.

Mr. Clement gave his rebuttal. He stated it would be a responsibility of the County Board to pay attention to the people they are working for and to their desires. He thinks that's why they have this board. They should listen to the people.

Mr. Madonia asked if they knew the setback would be a minimum of 1,000 feet instead of the 250 to 350 feet when they signed the objection letter. Mr. Clements stated he did not. Their objection basically was that it's a solar farm for a commercial venture in a residential area. He's been out there for 48 years. He knows 1,000 feet sounds like a lot, but when you are out there in the wide open, it is not a lot.

Mr. Stumpf explained that this committee worked for almost a year on the parameters of this ordinance for this solar farm plan. He has some issues, like Mr. Mendenhall, with the black dirt and taking it out of commission, but he also does not like telling a property owner, for the most part, what they can and cannot do with their property. They worked with Regional Planning, the Farm Bureau, the Zoning Department, and their committee to come up with all the parameters for this ordinance. This one here meets 4 times the setback that was approved by all the entities he named. This is meeting all of their requirements that took them almost a year to put together. In his mind, it is a good project. When the solar farms are done with their decommissioning process it will go back to land. They have been talking about this, and will talk about two others tonight, and didn't just come up with these parameters out of the blue. They worked on it for almost a year.

Mr. Mendenhall stated he does agree with what Mr. Stumpf just said. He feels, as a landowner that has farmland, he has a right to develop his property. If he got ready to build a grain elevator, hog house, or a feed mill in the same area, there would be a lot of objections. They would listen to it and they would vote different.

Chairman Van Meter asked for a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 3. Upon the roll call vote, there were 11 Yeas – 17 Nays. Mr. Bunch explained his vote. He stated that he didn't initially know they had set this back 1,000 feet, but he had given his word to a lady who asked him about this that he would vote no. He doesn't want to now, but he gave his word. Those voting Nay were: Mr. Bunch, Mrs. Deppe, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Fraase, Linda Fulgenzi, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hills, Mr. Krell, Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Ratts, Mrs. Ruzic, Mrs. Scaife, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Tjelmeland. Resolution 3, written to grant a Conditional Permitted Use, was denied.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION DENIED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2018-046 – Innovative Power Systems, Inc., 5800 block of Old Route 54, New Berlin – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and a Variance. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, 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.

Mr. Bunch asked if this was the same as the other resolution. Trustin Harrison stated this is another request for a solar farm in a different location, but is a very similar request. Chairman Van Meter clarified that this is a different application for a different piece of ground.

Mr. DelGiorno asked what kind of land it is for this proposal. Trustin Harrison stated currently for this proposal it is farmland. Mr. DelGiorno asked if it is premium or mixed soil farmland. Mr. Harrison guessed that is probably prime farmland. It is not floodplain by any means.

Mrs. Hills asked if it is adjacent to commercial entities or a residential area. Mr. Harrison stated it is adjacent to an area that is industrial and business in nature.

Mr. Hall asked if this parcel would match this area in Sangamon County. He asked if there are any homes in the area. Mr. Harrison stated there are not. Mr. Hall stated they would be able to see what Sangamon County is going to look like in 20 years from now. This is good zoning and this one works.

A voice vote carried for the adoption of Resolution 4. Mr. Bunch voted Present.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2018-048 – Bret Miller, 6200 Farrier Place, Springfield – Denying a Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case. Trustin Harrison stated the petitioner is requesting a variance to allow an “A” Agricultural District Conditional Permitted Use for a bed and breakfast in an “R-1” Single-Family Residence District. Steve Keenan stated the staff recommends denial. No particularly unique circumstances exist that would justify the requested variance, and the subject property can still be utilized as a single-family residence. The requested variance to allow a bed and breakfast would in effect create a duplex or multiple-family residential lot, which is not compatible with the single-family residential trend of development in the area. The standards for variation are not met. Mr. Harrison stated the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff recommendation.

Attorney Matthew Cate at 831 E Monroe in Springfield, addressed the County Board. They represent a number of the homeowners within this particular residential subdivision. He believes the staff recommendation is clear, and none of the standards for variation are met. This would be a bed and breakfast inside of a typical residential community. There is nothing unique about their circumstances. This would be a slippery slope into allowing bed and breakfasts to pop up anywhere since they did not meet a single parameter of zoning.

Chairman Van Meter asked for a vote on the question to adopt Resolution 5. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolution 5 written to deny a variance was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2018-049 – Huntco Partners, LP, 5677 Hunter Road, Rochester – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Jeff Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 6 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 for the adoption of Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2018-050 – Russell Schwartz, 20 Pin Oak Lane, Springfield – Denying a Variance. County Board Member – Abe Forsyth, District #27.

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to withdraw Resolution 7. There were no objections.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION 8

8. 2018-051 – TerraNavigator, LLC, 19800 Borden Road, Illiopolis – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mrs. Small, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case. Trustin Harrison stated the petitioner is requesting a conditional permitted use for a Solar Farm Energy System. Steve Keenan stated the staff recommends approval of the Conditional Permitted use for the Solar Farm Energy System. The petitioner is proposing to comply with all the specific setback requirements and additional standards in the Solar Energy System Ordinance and maintain the site. The petitioner will also use the type of solar panel that is designed to limit the negative impact on adjacent property owners. The subject property is also zoned I-2 which allows for more intense uses than a solar farm. Mr. Harrison stated the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff recommendation.

Christian Dick with TerraNavigator, LLC, at 888 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA, addressed the County Board. He stated his firm TerraNavigator specializes in environmental management. They picked this site explicitly because it matches with their impact investment of site selection of brownfields, landfills, and surplus industrial property. They have worked extensively with the Village of Illiopolis and their economic development agency in order to find this site and decide where it is currently proposed. It is a beneficial of industrial brownfield real estate. A question they should be asking all applicants is if they are the owner and operator. He is the owner and operator of this intended asset, and will be here through the intended life of 35 years, and will be a member of this community through the actual usable life of the proposed project, at which point the decommissioning process will return it back to its existing current condition.

Mr. Stumpf stated if there is any place in this whole county that is a proper place for this farm to be, this is it. This is the best place he can think of in the entire county for this place to be.

Mr. Mendenhall stated this is what he has been saying about solar farms and that is there are places they should be and places they shouldn't. This is an ideal location. He welcomed them.

Mr. DelGiorno asked if he could explain what a brownfield is. Mr. Dick explained that a brownfield is a contaminated site that cannot be used for other commercial purposes.

Mr. Bunch asked if there used to be a factory there on this property. He asked if there is any tillable ground there. Mr. Dick stated they will be on a portion of the buffer property that he thinks is currently used as tillable land and a portion as industrial property.

Mrs. Scaife commended them on the site selection. This is what many of the members were looking for.

Chairman Van Meter asked for a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 8. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

9. Resolution approving the Election Security Grant from the State Board of Elections in the amount of \$38,262 to upgrade election related computer systems and to implement cyber security for election systems.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Miller, to place Resolution 9 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle 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 employee dental insurance contract with Sun Life Financial for 2019-2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle 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 authorizing a contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute for a three-year Enterprise Agreement for the County's Geographic Information System (GIS).

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mrs. Hills, to place Resolution 11 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 11. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 12

12. Resolution approving the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the County of Sangamon for the Fiscal Year December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 12 on the floor.

County Administrator Brian McFadden gave a slideshow presentation on the FY2018-19 Sangamon County Budget. This is the tenth budget he has presented to the County Board. He thanked the great team in Sangamon County including current and prior County Board members, department heads and elected officials, Auditor's staff including Terry Viar, Brad Hammond, Tim Eggleston, Mike Cowles and Auditor Andy Goleman.

Mr. McFadden gave a review of the FY2018 budget. They were about 2% under budget in payroll and fringe benefits. The same situation with commodities, which is trending a little bit higher. Contractual Services is under budget. They are ending the year in a pretty strong position. The General Fund and All Funds are trending about 1% higher than the previous year. It's a very small modest growth from FY2018 to FY2019. They built this budget the same as they have built all other budgets. They operated under the same basic principle with their approach to revenue, which is they acknowledge that we can't spend what we don't have. They plan for the worst and don't hope for the best. It's a balanced budget, they live within their means, are paying bills on time, they have financially sound & affordable pensions, financially sound affordable health care, limited debt, and there is reduced headcount. These are all the things they have seen in previous budgets, and they are doing this under the constraints of tax caps and under a tax rate that is lower than it was 25 years ago.

He discussed the EAV growth and new property increase. The property tax levy is \$32.7 million this year. The levy itself is up a little over 4%. The estimated property tax rate is up about 1%, so that is well below the CPI of 2.1%. The state tax distributions from FY2016 to FY2019 went from \$13,977,000 to \$12,994,000, so it is 7% below where it was. The fines and fees for All Funds is \$15,191,475, which is up 4%.

Fines and fees for the General Fund is down 8%. There is an increase of 6.6% in FY2019 for grants. State reimbursements have decreased by 25% for FY2019. They have very solid fundamentals in their cost centers including: payroll, pensions, health insurance, over time, and debt. Payroll is down and part of that is due to a reduction in headcount. They also have the lag built into the budget. Non-union wages are 2.6%. Every contract will be up after December 1st with the exception of the deputies. Payroll costs are well in check. Pension costs went down about 5% due to the Tier 2 savings and reduction in headcount. Health insurance is up about 6%, but premiums are being held flat, which is good for the employees. Overtime is finally starting to stabilize. It is going up slightly, but they are not seeing the big swings they have seen in the past. Debt is well within control. They are not even close to their statutory allowed amount of debt. Those fundamentals are very solid and help set the tone for the rest of the budget. There are no layoffs first and foremost. They are eliminating 16 positions including positions through SMART, the Sheriff's Office, and Recorder's Office, and through the Federal Aid Matching Fund. They are adding two including one through the swap with the Federal Aid Match, and the Child Advocacy Commission is adding a grant funded position.

Worker's compensation expenses are down due to the diligent work from the Auditor's Office, the Workplace Safety Committee, and Denise McCrady. Back in 2009 they had a worker's comp premium of almost \$1.6 million. It is down to about \$700,000. Back in 2007 there were 188 claims per year. They are now down to 28 claims per year. This is phenomenal. These are the kind of things that are eating up other local government budgets. They are keeping these things in check. They are working to become self-funded for worker's compensation.

They spend about \$2.4 million on State's Attorney and Public Defender salaries. There are around 35 attorneys. They will be looking at their peers' salaries. Internally, both the State's Attorney and Public Defender are advocating for some salary and staffing adjustments. They will be bringing in Maximus this summer to look at this.

They take their promises very seriously and are getting things done. Some upcoming projects will include: SMART, the Child Advocacy Center, SIU Clinic, Sangamon Valley Trail, Economic Development Commission, Drug and Mental Health Crisis Center, Animal Control kennels, recycling, Woodside/Iron Bridge Public Works project, Transportation Center, and dedicated Employee Health Clinics. Other projects will be: the East Complex roof/HVAC/Controls, ADA upgrade, disaster recovery, new phone system, backup power supply, Sheriff storage, evidence & training facility, cabling upgrade, rural fire radio system, and new property tax system. They will talk about the possibility of doing some capital bonding. He thinks they need to look at a continuous bonding program for capital projects.

They have a new Sheriff in town. Wes has been a great person to work with and has been a great Sheriff and Administrator. The Sheriff's budget makes up roughly 20% of the County's budget. It is a big cost center for them. The new Sheriff will have new ideas and plans. The Finance and Jail Committees will be discussing this.

Inflation is a big deal to them. It is an increase in prices with a decrease in purchasing power. Inflation is measured by the Consumer Price Index. The Consumer Price Index drives not only their largest revenue source, which is the property tax revenue, but also drives their largest cost center, which is employee wages. They are seeing rates go up due to county inflation. They will be watching that closely. They will be watching that this summer because it does have such a large impact on those two items and their borrowing.

They talk a lot about financial trends, but this is more about non-financial trends. One thing in this year's budget that is a trend are drones. The Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management have both requested funding for a drone. They are going to try and share resources, so instead of buying two drones, they will look at buying one. The drones serve a very legitimate purpose for rescues.

Mr. McFadden gave a final summary of the budget. FY2018 is looking good and FY2019 is essentially flat overall. The fundamentals are solid and headcount is heading in the right direction. There is a savings in worker's compensation. Grants are helping to subsidize staffing. The growth in the EAV and new construction is not good. The state tax distribution is also not good, and there are challenges with fines and fees. The unknown is what's going to happen with state reimbursements, what the new Sheriff will do with his budget, capital needs & bonds, inflation, and interest rates.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 12. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 13 – 16

13. Resolution approving amendments to the Fiscal Year 2018 Sangamon County Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 13 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 13 – 16. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 14 – 16.

14. Resolution approving the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2019.

15. Resolution approving the execution of an agreement between the Circuit Clerk and the Village of Sherman for an Electronic Citation Program.

16. Resolution approving the execution of an agreement between the Circuit Clerk and the Village of Rochester for an Electronic Citation Program.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 13 – 16, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

A motion was made by Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to waive the 10-day filing period. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 17 – 23

17. Resolution approving the renewal of the agreement with Troxell for the firm's professional services in the administration of the County's insurance programs for Fiscal Year 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to place Resolution 17 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 17 – 23. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 18 – 23.

18. Resolution approving the renewal of the County's property/casualty insurance policy with CHUBB-Federal Insurance Company for 2019.
19. Resolution approving the renewal of the County's worker's compensation insurance policy with the Illinois Public Risk Fund for 2019.
20. Resolution approving an agreement between the Menard County Board of Health, Menard County, the Sangamon County Board of Health, and Sangamon County for the provision of public health services in Menard County.
21. Resolution approving an amendment to Chapter 5.20 of the Sangamon County Code-Food Service Establishments.
22. Resolution approving a grant award in the amount of \$63,586 from the Illinois Public Risk Fund for the Auditor's Office to offset the cost of funding the medical case management program.
23. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Sangamon Mass Transit District and Sangamon Menard Area Regional Transit for vehicle repair and maintenance services.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 17 – 23, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Henry “Patt” Patterson to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2019.

Appointment of John Hearn to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2019.

Appointment of Michael Krall to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2019.

Appointment of Declan Binninger to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2019.

Appointment of Keith Moore to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2019.

Appointment of Tony Smarjesse to the Sangamon County Building Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring November, 2019.

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

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

C. Approval of the 2019 County Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sheehan, for approval of the 2019 County Board Meeting Schedule. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING SCHEDULE ADOPTED

D. Approval of the County Plumber Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Smith for approval of the County Plumber contract for the County Complex. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
CONTRACT ADOPTED

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

Sheriff Barr thanked his administrative staff and all employees of the Sheriff's Office, including Tim Eggleston, for all of the success they have achieved over the last four years. They are a great group of people. The citizens of Sangamon County should be very proud of the Sheriff's Office and the people that work there because they work very hard to make the Sheriff's Office what it is.

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

Linda Fulgenzi commended Don Gray on the Selfie Station he had set up during the Election. She watched many first time voters using it. It was great fun.

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk