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## **MINUTES**

### **SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

The Sangamon County Board met in special session on September 28, 2010 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Chairman VanMeter gave the Invocation and Mr. O'Neill led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Chairman VanMeter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 23 Present – 5 Absent. Mr. Fulgenzi, Mrs. Fulgenzi, Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Snell and Mrs. Turner were all excused.

### **APPOINTMENT OF STATE'S ATTORNEY**

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for the appointment of John Milhiser as the Sangamon County State's Attorney. A voice vote was unanimous.

County Clerk Aiello administered the oath of office to John Milhiser.

Mr. Milhiser thanked the County Board and Chairman VanMeter. He stated he understands the trust that is being placed in him as State's Attorney and he looks forward to serving the citizens of Sangamon County. He explained that he is not originally from Sangamon County, and he moved all around when he was growing up. He stated that his parents are here tonight. He moved around because his father was in the Air Force. A constant no matter where he lived was his parents. He stated they taught him three important things that he took to the State's Attorney Office and will continue as State's Attorney. They are: to be honest, to be fair, and to work hard. They taught that by example, and he wants to take this to the State's Attorney's Office. He thanked them for all their support and encouragement. He stated that he has lived in the State of Virginia, Taiwan, Colorado, California, Hawaii, Alabama, Tennessee and Illinois.

Sangamon County is a great place to live and that is why he is excited to be State's Attorney. This gives him the opportunity to make a difference everyday. His number one goal is to guarantee and make sure criminals are locked away to make the streets safe for this community. Those who commit crimes will be prosecuted and will be brought to justice.

He also thanked his wife Gail and two children Abbie, age 10 and Katie Mae, age 8. He especially thanked his wife for all she does. He also thanked Pat Kelly, who originally hired him in 1997. He thanked John Schmidt for bringing him back in 2008 as First Assistant State's Attorney, when he had left in 2003 to enter private practice. He thanked Mr. Schmidt, who is going to be sworn in as a Circuit Judge, and encouraged everyone else to do so for his 18 years of service to Sangamon County. He thanked all the employees of the State's Attorney's Office who do an outstanding job. Office Manager, Mary Ann Scheib does a wonderful job. Diane Bell who is in charge of the victim/witness program also does a wonderful job. It is a professional office, and they understand everyday that a vital function of this office is the fair and equal enforcement of the law. It is vital for a community to have this to survive. He stated he looks forward to leading the office and providing the highest level of public service to the citizens of Sangamon County because they deserve it.

### **RECESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to the regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED**