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## MINUTES

### SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on September 8, 2009 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Smith gave the Invocation and Mr. O'Neill led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 27 Present – 2 Absent. Mrs. Musgrave and Mrs. Turner were excused.

## MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of August 11, 2009. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MINUTES ADOPTED

## CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place the correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous. There was no correspondence to file.

## RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving a professional services agreement with SIU School of Medicine and Sangamon County Court Services for services at the Juvenile Detention Center.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Upon a roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 0 Nays for the adoption of Resolution 1.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

## RESOLUTION 2

2. 2009-38 – Marine Bank, Springfield, TR530020, 386 South Koke Mill Road, Springfield – Denying a Rezoning. County Board Member – Abe Forsyth, District #27.

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case. Molly Berns from Regional Planning stated that the petitioner is requesting a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District with a use variance to allow a construction office and print shop to “B-3” General Business District to allow for an ambulance service. The professional staff recommends denial of the “B-3” zoning. Although the LESA score of 113 indicates the property is acceptable for non-agricultural development, encroachment of “B-3” zoning would not be appropriate with nearby residences immediately adjacent to the north, south and east. “B-3” zoning also permits other highly intense uses, which are inappropriate for a residential area. The staff finds the request to be spot zoning, and other requests for “B-3” zoning have been denied in the past. The staff feels a use variance at this location is not appropriate due to the potential negative impact noise and activity, associated with this use, would have on nearby residences. The standards for variation are not met. The Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends denial.

Joshua Ishmael, Assistant General Counsel with Marine Bank located at 3050 Wabash in Springfield, addressed the Board. He stated that they respectfully disagree with the professional staff's recommendation. The bank is in a position to sell this piece of real estate to a local ambulance service. American Ambulance is interested in this location. They are now located in the 1500 block of South Fifth Street, and are looking at this location as a satellite location on the west side of Springfield. Currently, the closest ambulance service to the west side is on Second Street. Current response time can be as long as 20 minutes. With this proposed location, they could be there in about 5 minutes. There is a fire station and police substation currently located on the west side. Agricultural zoning can allow fire and police stations. Along with emergency services for the community, ambulance services should surely be included.

Mr. Goleman asked if it is true there are currently mobile ambulance services that patrol throughout this entire County. Mr. Ishmael agreed that there is, but you could not reasonably expect a team of paramedics to remain mobile for an 8 to 12 hour shift. They need a location to rest, stretch their legs, and gather their thoughts. If they remain mobile, it could put them at risk for fatigue.

Mr. Goleman stated it is accurate to say ambulances go out to different places and then park the ambulance when they need to take a break. The point is, they are out there somewhere.

Mr. Preckwinkle asked what kind of business was there before. Mr. Ishmael stated that there was a business called Illini Reproductions and Ashtree Group. They published pamphlets and small books and operated generally as a print shop. The structure was used for construction. A contractor used it to house tools, equipment, and vehicles. At one time there was also a builder located there.

Mr. Krell asked if this location would give preference to all west end calls, or if they would still be divided amongst the three ambulance companies. Mr. Ishmael explained that he is not familiar with the procedure for emergency response and who they dispatch. As far as American Ambulance, their intention is to use that location to serve as a base for the entire west side so it can eliminate the lag they may have by traveling across Springfield.

Mr. Bunch stated that there is a new ambulance station at the 2100 block of South 15<sup>th</sup>. It has been there now for about four months, so there are three ambulance services in Springfield.

Mr. Smith asked for clarification if this would be a satellite base and not a main base. Mr. Ishmael stated that it would be a satellite base because of expansion on the west side.

Mr. Smith asked how many ambulances would be occupying this facility. Mr. Ishmael stated that there would be one ambulance stationed there, but they will still maintain the roaming nature of the ambulances. When an emergency arises, they will be able to get there quicker on the west side by having one stationed there.

Mr. Smith asked what the acreage and square footage of the property is. Mr. Ishmael stated that it is about one acre. The building stores an ambulance or two, and there is an office and social/sleeping quarters. This location was chosen because it would be so cost prohibitive to put it at another location for this side of town. It makes sense to use one that is already established and make it a satellite location.

Mr. Smith asked if he knows what the square footage of the building is. Mr. Ishmael stated that it is 10,000 square feet. Mr. Smith stated his concern is that there is a whole lot of building for just one ambulance and for a couple people to rest.

Mr. Ishmael stated that it is a large area, but to build something suitable would be unprofitable. This location was chosen because of the bank's willingness to work with American Ambulance to reach a sale on that property. If they can't sell it to them with a limited use, then there would be no advantage based on the other permitted uses. Mr. Smith explained that there would be no limit to the use of the property with "B-3" zoning.

Mr. Moss asked if the construction company that was there before was under a use variance. Molly Berns, professional staff, stated that they were. Mr. Moss asked what their stipulations were for use of that property. Ms. Berns explained that it was zoned agricultural with a use variance to allow for a construction and business offices, a print shop, and indoor storage of construction equipment.

Jared McCormick, residing at 352 Koke Mill in Springfield, addressed the Board. He explained that he resides right next door to the proposed property. The property in question is on 1.7 acres with 80 mature trees, a 10,000 square foot building, and a three-car garage. He purchased his house eight years ago, and it is 1,200 square feet with a detached garage and is on 1.1 acres of land. Before he purchased it he investigated the zoning of the adjoining property. At the time, there was a printing company on the main level, a large condo suite on the back, and office spaces on the upper floor. The hours of operation were 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The zoning was set specifically for the printing company; therefore he was fine with the arrangement. At one point the City was planning on expanding the road and offering city sewer and underground electric. Needless to say, none of these things have happened. There are no street lines, no street lights, no street shoulders, and no street curves. There are also telephones poles close to the road. If ambulances are allowed up and down this road, something bad could happen.

Mr. Mendenhall asked Mr. McCormick if he feels there is no advantage to have the ambulance service there, and if it would be detrimental to have it out there. Mr. McCormick agreed, and stated that he sees ambulances sitting out there in the area all the time. It should stay agricultural out there.

Mr. Moss asked if he was present when the construction company occupied the facility. Mr. McCormick stated that he was. Mr. Moss asked if there were a lot of trucks and traffic. Mr. McCormick stated that there was not.

Mr. Forsyth asked where he would recommend they put the ambulance service. Mr. McCormick stated that it should be in a properly zoned location where there are other commercial properties.

Mr. Ishmael gave his rebuttal. He explained that traffic is a major issue, but emergency personnel travel on country roads on a daily basis. The drivers go through training courses and exercise care when needed. You cannot reasonably expect ambulances to barrel through neighborhoods full of children. It is their job to save lives.

Having a full time ambulance there will eliminate a lot of peoples concerns with response time. The safety issue should outweigh any concerns.

Mr. Moss asked how long the property has been on the market. Mr. Ishmael stated that it has been since late 2007 or early 2008.

Mrs. Long asked if he is saying there will be an ambulance at that location at all times. Mr. Ishmael stated he believes that is the plan.

Mr. Good stated that his wife rode with an ambulance company, and there were down times and times when they are out around the City in different locations. It would not be fair to say there are never ambulances at the buildings. If they do not allow for expansion to the west at some point, how will they ever get that service out there?

Mr. Fulgenzi asked how long the company has been in existence. Mr. Ishmael stated that American Ambulance has been in existence for about 41 years. He asked if this is the first time they have thought about locating west. Mr. Ishmael stated he believes it is.

Mr. Moore asked the professional staff to explain why this would be considered spot zoning. Molly Berns explained that spot zoning is a term that generally means it is zoning one lot or parcel of land for a specific use on behalf and to the benefit of that specific owner that is different from the uses and the zoning in the immediate and surrounding area. In some cases it can be detrimental to the longevity and development of the surrounding area. The Regional Planning Commission looks at rezoning amendments when they come before the County Board. They look at whether they are spot zoning in terms of certain types of businesses in residential districts taking one piece of property at a much higher intense use which would potentially have a negative impact on surrounding properties zoned for residential use. In the past there have been staff recommendations where a trend of development in the area has occurred, but in their opinion it has not occurred in this case. Mr. Moore concurred with Ms. Bern's comments.

Mr. Good asked if a fire or police station would currently be allowed on this property. Ms. Berns stated that it would, but she would need to verify that for sure.

Mr. McCormick gave his rebuttal. He explained that it is not about traffic, but is about the street itself. It is small, has telephone poles right next to it, no curves, and no gutters. When you see an ambulance you want to get over, and it is not going to happen there. There is going to be an accident.

Chairman VanMeter clarified that the street in questions is not a county road and they do not plow it. It is a typical misconception that all country roads are county roads, but this road is a township road, and they are responsible for its maintenance.

Mr. Forsyth asked if the township road goes down to where the blacktop changes and then the rest of it is in the City. Mr. Fraase stated that he believes it is in the City.

Mr. Moss asked Mr. McCormick if he were looking for a home tomorrow, would he purchase the house with the ambulance service located there. Mr. McCormick stated that he would not.

Molly Berns clarified that under the existing zoning for agricultural use, the police and fire stations are allowable uses.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 2. Upon the roll call vote, there were 22 yeas – 4 Nays. Mr. Good, Mr. Krell, Mr. Preckwinkle, and Mr. Schweska voted nay. Resolution 2 is adopted and the rezoning is denied.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 3**

3. 2009-39 – John Parke Morgan Revocable Trust, 1998 Dawson Road, Dawson-Granting a Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 4**

4. 2009-40 – Patrick Patterson, 6009 Old Salem Lane, Springfield – Denying a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Harry "Tom" Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Good, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Molly Berns stated that the petitioner is requesting a conditional permitted use to allow for a landscaping business. The staff recommends denial of the conditional permitted use. It appears there also is some discrepancy regarding the width of the easement, which is being used as driveway access to the property.

The petition did not include information regarding the size of the equipment, number of business vehicles, and number of employees that would be utilizing the easement on a daily basis.

This request is difficult to more fully evaluate until the width of the easement is determined to be adequate to handle the size, type, and number of vehicles that would be using the easement. The Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends denial.

Don LoBue, located at 1020 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Springfield addressed the Board. He stated that he is the attorney on behalf of Doug and Pamela Barringer and the Barringer Trust. They live on Old Salem Road and are opposed to the conditional permitted use. The Barringers own the first 610 feet off Old Salem Lane, and the petitioners have to access their property through this private lane that is only seven to eight feet wide. That is the equivalent of less than a single lane of traffic. According to the web site of the petitioner, they have six snow plow trucks, two bob cats, one backhoe, and two salt spreaders for snow removal. It is just not appropriate or safe for that particular area. The petition does not meet all the requirements for a conditional permitted use. All of the land in the immediate area is agricultural, and there are no commercial businesses. It is not safe, and this road is appropriate for the volume and type of traffic that would be created by this landscaping business. It would cause depreciation of the properties, and could be a health risk for the children in the immediate area.

Mr. Fraase asked what the original purpose was for granting the original easement. Mr. LoBue stated that he does not know. They do not have a written easement for his client. Mr. Fraase stated that he believes it was for a residential home.

Mr. LoBue stated that they submitted a petition of signatures in opposition to this. There are 41 people in the immediate area who are opposed to this. He asked the Board to deny the petition.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 4. Resolution 4 is adopted and the conditional permitted use is denied.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

#### RESOLUTION 5

5. 2009-41 – Amy L. DeRiemacker, 2315 Parkes Kinner Road, Pleasant Plains-Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Tjelmeland, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 6**

- 6. 2009-42 – Joseph Smith, 4424 Irwin Bridge Road, Cantrall – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Harry “Tom” Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Dillman, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Moore 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. 2009-43 – W.J. Sallenger, LLC, 11,000 Block of Palm Road, Glenarm – Denying a Rezoning and Granting a Use Variance and a Variance. County Board Member – Don Stephens, District #5.

A motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Goleman, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD**

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

MOTION CARRIED  
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED



**RESOLUTION 8**

8. Resolution approving the designation of The Inn of the Lamplighter Indoor Pool as a Sangamon County historic site.

A motion was made by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 8.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 9**

9. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Sangamon County and the Springfield Mass Transit District.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Goleman, to place Resolution 9 on the floor.

Mr. Hall asked if the City of Springfield is assisting with this as of now. Chairman VanMeter stated that they are not at this time. Mr. Hall asked if they are going to. Chairman VanMeter stated that he cannot speak for them. Mr. Hall asked if he has heard of anything at their meetings. Chairman VanMeter stated that the City of Springfield adopted an amendment indicating they should stand ready to oppose this plan by all means. That amendment was unanimously adopted when they adopted a similar resolution to the County's Resolution 10.

Mr. Hall asked if there would be any assistance from the hospitals. Chairman VanMeter stated that the hospitals are willing to fund some portion of the communities' effort to study this issue. Mr. Hall stated that the amount in the agreement is for \$25,000. He asked if this is the amount they are going to stop at. Chairman VanMeter stated that he thinks it is correct to say \$25,000 is the limit for the County at this stage. There is an agreement in the process with the Chamber of Commerce's Q5 Committee to take over the legal expenses after this amount of money is fully expended.

Mr. Goleman stated that the County has always had the foresight to take leadership on these types of issues.

Mr. Moss stated he thinks it is wrong that a proper study was not done for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor. IDOT should stand behind their past practices and do these studies before they start moving forward.

Mrs. Long stated that she whole heartedly supports the Counties involvement in this. The negative impact to the future of the community and effects on the neighborhoods is just criminal. The number of overpasses is just unreal. She asked just how long before these overpasses would be covered in graffiti. They need to do whatever they can to save the County.

Mrs. Fulgenzi asked if the Springfield School District has expressed any concern regarding how this will impact how the children get to school. Chairman VanMeter stated that the Regional Planning Office has been in contact with the school district to discuss this. This is all moving very quickly and they have been scrambling to obtain this information.

Mr. Moore applauded Springfield Mass Transit for stepping up and helping with this. He agreed with Mr. Hall in that they would like to see more participation from other governmental bodies, community groups, and businesses in the community. He asked if everyone should be looking at what they are telling their constituents besides that they are seriously looking at taking legal measures.

Chairman VanMeter stated that they want to work with all parties to find a solution that is positive for everyone. The legal research being done by the attorney they retained is intended to help foster the cooperative positive effort to find a solution that works for everyone. At the same time, as representatives of the community and given the speed at which this matter is moving, they have to make some preparation for the possibility they will not be able to come to a positive resolution and they will have to stand up and protect the communities' interest. They are still hopeful they can find a positive solution that will be positive from all parties' perspectives.

Mr. Moore explained that he has been telling people they should call John Shimkus, Dick Durbin, and Aaron Schock and make their voices heard on this issue. They need to be prepared for anything, but cannot wait for them to come to their rescue. Chairman VanMeter agreed they should encourage the citizens of this community to give their input.

Mr. Hall asked if they have ever done anything like this before. Chairman VanMeter explained that there have certainly been a number of cooperative efforts and intergovernmental agreements with other governmental entities in the community. He stated that he does not know for sure if they have specifically funded legal research, but they probably have.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 9.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 10**

10. Resolution supporting the longstanding plan to consolidate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Street rail lines at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, and opposing the IDOT and Union Pacific plan for railroad improvements along the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street rail line for emergency passage.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Resolution 10 on the floor.

Mr. Bunch explained that many of his constituents are opposed to this speed rail down 10<sup>th</sup> Street. It seems like when there is something somebody else doesn't want, they try to put move it to the east side.

He stated that he would like to study this a little more because he is kind of blindsided by it, and he cannot support this right now.

Chairman VanMeter explained that if his constituents have questions, they can schedule a time to come in and talk with the Regional Planning staff and the County Board staff.

Mr. Bunch stated that there was a meeting at a church and they were very much opposed to this being on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. He explained that he does not know if he can get that many people to listen to them. Chairman VanMeter stated that the professional staff can supply them with a lot of information. They did conduct two meetings on the east side and one here in the County Board Office, and they are seeking opportunities to hold other meetings with people who have questions.

Mr. Stumpf asked if the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor would cross over the North Grand area. He asked if there is somewhere they can obtain information about would happen if this heads down 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Chairman VanMeter explained that the professional staff is scrambling to study the issues on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. They thought it was important to understand the issues on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street first, and they are now assembling the data on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. They will get more information in the near future on the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor. The overpass on North Grand needs to be built whether the 10<sup>th</sup> Street or 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor is chosen. If the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor is chosen, the overpass will be a part of that plan, but is not specifically a part of the plan for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street even though it should be built.

Mr. Stumpf asked which roads would have the underpasses on them if it did go down the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor. Brian McFadden, County Administrator, stated that there will be an overpass constructed on North Grand and underpasses constructed at Madison, Jefferson, and Ash Street. Chairman VanMeter explained that if the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor is selected they get no improvement on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. If the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor is selected, they get improved connections from the east side of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor to the west side of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor.

Mr. Stumpf stated that he will support this especially because IDOT and Union Pacific will have to do another study for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor. It is hard to support the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor without more positive information.

Chairman VanMeter explained they are not asking that the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor be the absolute decided corridor, but that the State studies both alternatives. They believe the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor can be a win win proposition for everyone involved, based on the study they have done.

Mr. Sullivan asked if there has been a cost comparison between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street projects, and if there is a time of completion for either.

Chairman VanMeter stated that they have not had time to fully address in details the cost in order to answer that in total confidence. Based on the study they have done today, they believe the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor would be less expensive to mitigate than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor.

Mr. Schweska agreed with Mr. Stumpf in that he does support this to a point. He stated that he does believe they have been circumvented by their own transportation department and transportation secretary. They need to do something about this to show they are not going to be run over. They need to stand as a Board united, otherwise this could happen to other communities.

Mr. Montalbano stated that he has not heard anything about the medical district that is right in the middle of this. He asked what would happen to them. Chairman VanMeter stated that they do not know what would happen to them, but it would be extremely difficult for the medical district to develop in the way the community has envisioned with St. John's and Memorial Hospitals, and the medical school being divided.

Mr. Goleman stated that he appreciates Mr. Schweska's comments. If they want to be in a leadership position, they need to be a leader. This means they need to listen to what their constituents are telling them. The people in this community are outraged at what is going on with this 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor. He stated that a lot of his constituents drive right through this area to go to work. This is a disaster, and he is asking people to take leadership on this. The Board is taking leadership on this. This County has always taken the proactive approach to see the big picture, and that is what they are doing now. If this thing happens, there will be serious ramifications for years on this community. People need to step up to the plate and let their elected officials know how they feel.

Mr. Hall agreed with everything that has been said tonight. He stated that he also has people in his district that work in the hospitals.

Mrs. Douglas Williams stated that she was at the Union Baptist Church when the people expressed their dislike of this idea. The east side right now feels that everything is already shoved down their throat. They keep hearing how fast everything is moving, and it is moving very fast when it comes to decisions about this being the best for them on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that she has to vote no because her constituents are telling her they do not want this in their back yard. She stated that she will not support this until they can get more information.

Linda Fulgenzi stated she appreciates the fact that they are trying to slow this down and look at all the information. To get this money would be great, but they are not giving it to them on a silver platter. They are dividing the city. They are not the east and west side, but are Sangamon County. They need to do what is best for everyone. What they want to vote for is to make IDOT do a complete study and tell them everything. They are not looking at the total picture. This Resolution is to say to those government bodies above them "we are not going to take this".

Chairman VanMeter stressed that the purpose of this Resolution is to ask the State to study both options so all the information can be on the table and everyone in every corner of the community can understand what the options, costs, and benefits are. That is what they are asking in this Resolution. If the east side has questions, they should join the entire community in asking IDOT to do a full study of all the possible solutions.

Mr. Krell stated that he believes IDOT does need to do a study on this. Nobody is talking about the increased freight traffic going through the community. It would go from 8 to 10 trains per day up to 20 to 40 per day. That is scary and does present a problem to the community.

Mr. Bunch agreed that IDOT is probably not giving them the whole picture. Everyone needs to visualize what he and Mrs. Douglas Williams goes through. The biggest concern on the east side is the safety of their children. There are a lot of children in this area. He clarified that he is not totally against this, but would just like to see the whole picture.

Chairman VanMeter asked Mr. Bunch how many children he has raised. Mr. Bunch stated that he and his wife have raised 29 foster children.

Chairman VanMeter explained that the Norfolk and Southern Railroad can currently run as many trains as they want down that corridor because they own it. If the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor were designated as the principle corridor for trains through town, there would be improvements that would make it safer for the children. There would also be better connections. Those improvements would have to be made as part of this study. They are trying to ask the State of Illinois to please follow its own regular procedures and do the study. The more united they are in voice, the more chance they will have to get somebody to listen to them. He asked Mr. Bunch to join them in supporting this Resolution if he wants IDOT to study the issue and tell them what is going on.

Mr. Fulgenzi stated that he understands Mr. Bunch's concerns. If they do not consolidate this on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, then the 19<sup>th</sup> Street tracks may never disappear, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street tracks will definitely be there. They would end up with three rail corridors going through town, instead of one more protected rail corridor.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a vote on the adoption of Resolution 10.

Mr. Bunch explained that he is voting yes, but if IDOT does not show them they are going to do what is in the best interest of his constituents, he will not support this. Mrs. Douglas Williams explained that she is not against this and will go along with this at this time, but she does need to respect her constituents.

Chairman VanMeter clarified that the purpose of holding the meeting at Union Baptist Church, and the purpose of this Resolution is to say "let's study this and look for the best solution".

A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Resolution 10.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 12 – Tabled 5/12/09  
Resolution allowing a study of radio communications by the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone Systems Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mrs. Long, to bring Resolution 12 from the table. A voice vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to withdraw Resolution 12. There were no objections.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

## B. Appointments

Dick Ciotti to the Springfield Metro Sanitary District for a term expiring May 2012.

Gary Fraase to the Western Fire Protection District for a term expiring May 2012.

Pat Somers to the Board of Review for a term expiring September 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote carried. Mr. Fraase voted present on the appointment of Gray Fraase to the Western Fire Protection District.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

## **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES, STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Moss and Mr. Moore gave a report on the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Moss explained that they have been working on a rough draft and have been going around the state to meet with other counties to gather information on how they handle Community Resources and their stimulus funding in workforce development.

Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Moss, Mrs. Dillman, and Mrs. Douglas Williams for their help on this report. There is a lot of work that needs to be done here. There is a good system in place to monitor the federal stimulus funds. They think they can make some improvements. They have been appointed to this committee to study how they can best use these funds and how they can account for them. They have concluded that they need quarterly reporting to the Finance Committee and to the County leadership. They are doing a fair job here, but need to keep a little bit closer watch to make sure they are doing the best accounting they can. They have seen several good ideas out there from different counties. There are some really good ideas out there, and they really need to look at how they will implement them for more effective stimulation of the local economy. The number one thing the business communities want is for it to be easy to take advantage of the opportunity to use these funds. He stated that they need to make it easy for them to do this. This is a good time for them to look at different county departments, and this is one of those times when they need to look at how and why they are doing things a certain way. They are seeing that a lot of counties are going to a one department structure for these types of organizations.

Mr. Moss stated that one point they need to address is getting the resources out there. There are a lot of people that use the system already, but there are so many that aren't aware of them.

There may be better ways of reaching people in need who don't normally get assistance. Mr. Moore stated that Community Resources has really stepped up the presence in the media regarding the stimulus money. Some other counties' web sites are phenomenal in making information available so the people can come in the office with the paperwork in their hands. That is something Sangamon County needs to do.

Mrs. Dillman encouraged everyone to talk to Community Resources, or go to their web site and pass the word around because there are a lot of great programs being offered.

Chairman VanMeter stated that Sangamon County is the county that gets sued if anything goes wrong. They could fail by not getting the word out to people who can benefit from these services, and they could fail by misappropriating some of this money. It was one thing when it was a small office with a small amount of money, but this is a tremendous amount of money that will go through this office. He expressed his eagerness to get their recommendations implemented to get better organized.

Mr. Moore explained that there will be a final version of this report within the week to the County Administrator, and he believes they will be ready to go before the Board next month. They are looking at putting a staff person in the position to be the liaison as well as the accountability person for this. Chairman VanMeter asked if there is money for oversight in the \$5,000,000. Mr. Moore stated that there is. They will run this through bills Committee and the Finance Committee.

Mr. Moss explained that they currently know what the grants are, but may not know in the future. They want to make sure the County takes advantage of any other grant money that may be available, but also make sure there is no liability that comes with a lot of different grants.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT**

Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, gave a report regarding the H1N1 Virus. The H1N1 has been in the County since April. They are no longer reporting individual cases of this because not everyone being presented with flu like symptoms is actually being tested. They have now adopted their protocol for seasonal influenza reporting, which includes number of hospitalizations and number of deaths. There have been 6 hospitalizations and no deaths attributed to H1N1 in Sangamon County. They are beginning the seasonal influenza program on September 16, 2009, about three weeks ahead of schedule. They hope this can be completed before the H1N1 vaccine becomes available some time in mid to late October. The thought is to keep the population as healthy as possible, and not to overtax the medical provider system. They have an all hazard plan for approaching any kind of public health emergency, and they will be tweaking that when recommendations are finalized.

Clinical trials for H1N1 vaccines were just completed within the last week, and they are waiting to see whether they will be providing a two-shot or one-shot series.



They are working with the schools right now and are getting information to them. If people ask questions, they can assure them the County is following the CDC guidelines, and anyone can check that web site at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) to obtain information regarding H1N1 and seasonal influenza.

Mr. Krell asked what the risk is for both vaccines. Mrs. Stone stated that there is no risk at all, but if you receive a live vaccine you need to wait 30 days before you receive another vaccine.

Chairman VanMeter asked if this means the people who receive the H1N1 shots, should get the flu shot soon. Mr. Stone stated that the regular seasonal vaccine is not a live virus, and you should get that as soon as it is available. Most of the H1N1 vaccines will be a synthetic vaccine, but there will be some live virus available. You need to know which vaccine you are getting and talk to your provider.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS**

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

MOTION CARRIED  
REPORT FILED

### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Long, to adjourn the meeting to October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED