

STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2010
Stephenson County Board Room

The Stephenson County Board met in the County Boardroom on Wednesday April 14, 2010. Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Newton gave the Invocation and Mr. Brown lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll. Members present; Samuel Newton, Bennie Brown, Charles Hilton, Jeffrey Mikkelsen, Debra Devine, Sheila Hooper, Todd McKenna, Peter Willging, Donald Parker, John Blum, James Graham, Alvin Wire, Linda Dotson, Thomas Gilmour, Lynn Koch, George Kinney, Salvatore Détente and Forrest Senn. Members absent: Vicki Hooper, J. Kuhlmeier, A. Kuhlemeier and Brenda Boynton. Eighteen members present. Four members absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Blum requested an amendment to the Agenda allowing the Zoning Report and the Chairman's State of the County Address to be presented prior to "Old Business". Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the amendment. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the amendment carried unanimously.* Mr. Kinney made a motion to allow the audience to address action items following the Chairman's State of the County Address. Second by Mr. Graham. The Chairman called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the amendment carried unanimously. The Agenda was amended to present the Zoning Report, the Chairman's State of the County Address and Public Comment to address action items prior to Old Business.* (Noted arrival of J. Kuhlmeier and A. Kuhlemeier)

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2010 MEETING MINUTES: Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting as received. Second by Mr. Willging. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting as received carried unanimously.*

CLAIMS ON THE CLERK'S DESK: Mr. Senn made a motion that all claims on the Clerk's desk be referred to the proper committees without reading. Second by Mr. Detente. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion that all claims on the Clerk's desk be referred to the proper committees without reading carried unanimously.*

COMMUNICATIONS: The Clerk presented the following communications;

*Public Defender Report for March; 235 New Cases, 233 Cases Closed, Income \$5,033.70

*Acknowledgements from Judge Hauser regarding the Illinois Judges Association program

Mr. Senn made a motion to receive all communications and place on file. Second by Mr. Gilmour. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to receive all communications and place on file carried unanimously.*

ZONING REPORT: No report

PECATONICA PRAIRIE PATH/JANE ADDAMS TRAIL: Minutes of the Jane Addams Trail Commission meeting were distributed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: No report

9-1-1 REPORT: Minutes of the 911 Board meeting, Status of Projects, Stats and Financial reports were distributed.

CHAIRMAN'S STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS: See attached

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS: It was noted that the proposed lease agreement for Mill Race Crossing Lot 9 would not be an action item in tonight's meeting.

Mike King of 5003 N Dakota Road, Dakota stated he did not support the County financing a Transportation Study when there is already \$100,000 budgeted to NIDA. He does not feel the Proclamation for Comcast Cares Week is appropriate.

Chris Clukey of 128 N. Bailey Avenue, Freeport stated he does not feel a County with under 50,000 people needs a transportation system.

Windy Pearson of 711 S. Carroll Street, Freeport stated that problems with Pretzel City Transit should be addressed before expanding the transportation system.

Barb Curtis of 208 N Bridge Street, Eleroy voiced her concerns with access to Furst McNess and the dangerous truck traffic.

OLD BUSINESS: It was reported that modifications had been made to the Comcast Cable agreement as requested by Mr. Isbell. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve the revised Agreement. Second by Mr. J. Kuhlmeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Comcast cable television franchise agreement carried unanimously.*

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Snyders reported on a leak in the Public Safety Building's roof. The problem has been temporarily fixed but permanent repairs will be needed. The Civil War Monument is showing signs of decay. He has spoken with Terry Cole at Renaissance Restoration in Galena regarding the necessary repairs. An auction date has been scheduled for Thursday, May 13 for the disposal of any excess County equipment or property.

Funds for a grant that was applied for in 2008 have finally been received. Mr. Senn made a motion to approve a Resolution appropriating the \$225,000 grant dollars into the Sheriff's line item for Safety Equipment. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Kinney, Détente and Blum. Twenty ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #10-04-1737 appropriating the \$225,000 grant dollars into the Sheriff's line item for Safety Equipment carried unanimously.*

Sheriff Snyders publicly thanked all personnel involved with the responsibilities in the Orangeville murder case. Monthly Statistics were distributed for January and February.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Mr. Isbell presented the following Resolutions:

#10-04-1731 HD 10-13; Resolution to approve entering into an Economical Development/Tarp program with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Furst McNess for Section 10-00176-00-CH, Eleroy Project. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution HD 10-13. Second by Mr. Koch. Discussion was held on area residents safety concerns. Mr. Isbell explained the process of these agreements and problems with changing a State approved project. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Resolution #10-04-1732 HD 10-13; entering into an Economical Development/Tarp program with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Furst McNess for Section 10-00176-00-CH, Eleroy Project carried unanimously.*

#10-04-1732 HD 10-14; Resolution to award low bid to Monroe Truck for Dump Truck Snow Equipment for \$34,025. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution HD 10-14. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Kinney, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, and Blum. Twenty ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #10-04-1732 JD 10-14 awarding low bid to Monroe Truck for Dump Truck Snow Equipment for \$34,025 carried unanimously.*

#10-04-1733 HD 10-15; Resolution to award low bid to Sawicki Motors for two 2-wheel drive 2010 pickup trucks. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution HD 10-15. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Kinney, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, and Blum. Twenty ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #10-04-1733 HD 10-15 awarding low bid to Sawicki Motors for two 2-wheel drive 2010 pickup trucks carried unanimously.*

#10-04-1735 HD 10-16; Resolution to award low bid to Moring Construction for Section 05-09115-00-BR/05-12129-00-BR Fawver Road Bridge. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution HD 10-16. Second by A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Kinney, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, and Blum. Twenty ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #10-04-1735 HD 10-16 awarding low bid to Moring Construction for Section 05-09115-00-BR/05-12129-00-BR Fawver Road Bridge carried unanimously.*

#10-04-1736 HD 10-17; Resolution to award low bids for Township Seal Coat for Section 10-XX000-01-GM. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution HD 10-17. Second by Mr. Gilmour. The Chair called

for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Kinney, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, and Blum. Twenty ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #10-04-1736 HD 10-16 awarding low bids for Township Seal Coat for Section 10-XX000-01-GM carried unanimously.*

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Beintema reported his Department has vaccinated about 9,000 individuals for H1N1 in Stephenson County which is a little over 19% of our population. They are still holding clinics every Tuesday and Thursday, and will be calling local businesses to offer on-site clinics. The “Women Out Walking” Program has over 300 participants. The Department has received two United Way Grants; CATCH (coordinated approach to child health) for obesity. Programming will begin with K-5th Graders at Lena and Pearl city Elementary Schools, beginning in the Fall. Teen Pregnancy Prevention efforts will also continue. The Health Department sponsored a Human Services Conference in April, with 108 people attending. They are working on the FQHC with the next step of finalizing agreements with Monroe Clinic and FHN. The Health Department is actively recruiting volunteers through the National Medical Reserve Corp Program. Free medication disposal will be offered at Senior Center located in the Lincoln Mall on Saturday, June 12th from 9 am to Noon. The Animal Control Report and Food Scores for the month of March were distributed.

NURSING CENTER REPORT: No report

FINANCE: Joan Sage from Comcast Cable addressed the Board reporting the company is planning a community clean-up at Little Cubs Field. They are also encouraging Comcast customers, employees and community members to donate blood all week at the Rock River Valley Blood Center. Mr. Graham made a motion to proclaim April 19 through April 24, 2010 as “Comcast Cares Week.” Second by Ms. Devine. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to proclaim April 19 through April 24, 2010 as “Comcast Cares Week” carried unanimously.*

PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Pauley reported the Dependent Children funds are staying well below budget. Fines and costs are being collected in lieu of work hours. A new group program will be offered; the State will provide training on how to facilitate these groups. Probation Department statistics were distributed.

STATE’S ATTORNEY REPORT: State’s Attorney Vogt reported on the progress of the Collections Committee. The amnesty program remains in effect through May 1st. Judge Hauser has volunteered to look at the oldest cases and compile a summary of outstanding fines and warrants. The Illinois State Bar Association will be presenting the 2010 Law Enforcement Award to Bob Smith on Monday May 10th. Board Members are invited to attend.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Blum presented the appointment of Peter Willging as Union Negotiations Liaison. Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the appointment. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to appoint Peter Willging as Union Negotiations Liaison carried unanimously.*

Action Items from Standing Committees

Finance

Mr. Graham reported the State has been accumulating transportation funds for the County, but before the funds are released, the County needs to complete a County-wide Transportation Study. It was noted that NIDA is also working on private contributions. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve a Budget Resolution to appropriate \$5,000 into a Transportation Study line item. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. Discussion followed on the current financial condition of the County and the need, or lack there of, for a transportation system. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Senn, Brown, Mikkelsen, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging and Blum. Members voting nay: Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Kinney, Détente, Hilton, Devine and Parker. (Noted absence of Mr. Newton) Ten ayes. 9 nays. *Motion to approve a Budget Resolution to appropriate \$5,000 into a Transportation Study line item failed without super majority vote.* Mr. Graham reported that Bob Smith has completed a new FOIA Policy and Procedures for the County. Each department will develop their own guidelines. The County Administrator will handle requests for the County Board. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution establishing a policy and procedure for the administration of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in Stephenson County, Illinois. Second by Mr. Senn.

The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Resolution #10-04-1734 establishing policy and procedures for the administration of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in Stephenson County carried unanimously.*

Administration

May 6th is the National Day of Prayer. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to Proclaim May 6th, as the National Day of Prayer in Stephenson County. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to Proclaim May 6th, as the National Day of Prayer in Stephenson County carried unanimously.*

- Raffles (all fees and bonding in order)
 - 1549 German Valley Lions Club, Manager Peggy Larson
 - 1550 Hometown Heroes, Manager Elaine Fuchs
 - 1551 Pearl City Homecoming, Manager Stanley K Lott
 - 1552 Stephenson County Historical Society, Manager Edward F Finch
 - 1553 Northland Turkey Chasers, Manager Ron Rogers
 - 1554 Freeport Sunrise Rotary, Manager Mary Vogel – Union Savings Bank
 - 1555 Tri-County Christian School, Manager Wendy Schardt
 - 1556 Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, Manager Julia Hilliger

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve the raffles as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the raffles as presented carried unanimously.*

Planning & Development

No action; proposed Lease for Mill Race Crossing Lot off the table.

Information from Standing Committees

Finance: Mr. Graham reported an open forum will be held on Monday April 26th from 6-8 pm at the Farm Bureau. County Board Members and Department Heads are invited to attend. The meeting will be posted as a Special Finance Committee Meeting. It was noted this is not a mandatory meeting and no per diem will be paid.

Public Property: Mr. Senn reported the Courthouse space allocation plans are moving forward.

Administration: Ms. S. Hooper reminded oversight committees to discuss the Code Book recommendations with their respective department heads.

CLAIMS

Finance & Procurement	\$	577,835.33
Administration	\$	55,728.40
Public Works	\$	151,942.21
Nursing Center	\$	168,839.08
Public Property	\$	27,194.74
Court Services	\$	9,489.40
Public Safety	\$	39,010.59
Planning & Development	\$	816.15
9-1-1	\$	19,323.66

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the claims as received. Second by Mr. Detente. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlmeier, Koch, Kinney, D tente, Senn, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker and Blum. Nineteen ayes. *Motion to approve claims as received carried unanimously.*

Mileage & Per Diems – Subject to review by Finance Chairman

Blum 5 days, 0 miles-Boynton 0 days, 0 miles-Brown 3 days, 8 miles-Detente 4 days, 78 miles-Devine 3 days, 20 miles-Dotson 3 days, 109 miles-Gilmour 4 days, 0 miles-Graham 5 days, 0 miles-Hilton 3 days, 8 miles-S Hooper 4 days, 0 miles-V Hooper 3 days, 0 miles-Kinney 3 days, 38 miles-Koch 3 days, 72 miles-A Kuhlmeier 3 days, 95 miles-J Kuhlmeier 4 days, 92 miles-McKenna 2 days, 8 miles-Mikkelsen 4 days, 8 miles-Newton 3 days, 6 miles-Parker 2 days, 8 miles-Senn 2 days, 28 miles-Willging 3 days, 0 miles-Wire 3 days, 118 miles. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the mileage & per diems as received. Second by Mr.

A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the mileage & per diems as received carried unanimously.*

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE: Mike King of 5003 N Dakota Road, Dakota addressed the Board with his objections to the slides of the wind turbine construction presented in the Chairman's address. He stated that energy costs are not being reduced, the property tax revenue will not be seen for years and the district could use this money to help balance their budgets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION /ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session

ADJOURN UNTIL 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY MAY 12, 2010: Mr. A. Kuhlemeier made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Hilton. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. Motion to adjourn until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday May 12, 2010 carried unanimously.

Mr. Newton will be responsible for the Invocation & Mr. Hilton will lead the Pledge