

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MARCH 7, 2006

Chairman of the Board – Kenneth D. Koehler (District 2)

District 1 Donald R. Brewer Marc Munaretto Anna May Miller Dan Shea	District 2 Marie M. Chmiel James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Lyn Orphal	District 3 Ed Dvorak Ann Kate Nick Provenzano Barbara Wheeler
District 4 Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	District 5 John Jung Jr. Perry Moy Virginia Peschke Tina Hill	District 6 Ann Gilman Richard Klasen Don Larson Mary Lou Zierer

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Eagle Scout Mark Giddens of Troop 171 in Harvard with Members of the Board, department heads and visitors participating. Ms. Hill gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine C. Schultz. The following members responded: Jung, Kate, Klasen, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill and Koehler. Absent: Larson, Draffkorn, Gilman and Heisler. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty (20) members responding.

MINUTES

Mr. Shea made a motion seconded by Mr. Dvorak to approve County Board Regular Session minutes from February 7th and February 21st, 2006. Chairman Koehler asked for any changes or corrections. Ms. Peschke noted a few typographical errors that will be corrected. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion is passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler thanked everyone who attended the Committee of the Whole on Friday. Mr. Austin and Mr. Labaj are working on follow up to that meeting and we should have some information coming forward. Also, he asked that everyone keep Mr. Heisler and his wife in their prayers, as his wife is home now and is not doing very well. Chairman Koehler also extended condolences to Ms. Wheeler on the passing of her sister-in-law.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Artwork Subcommittee –

Sue Stelford came forward to describe the pieces that she has with her as well as additional pieces that have been donated or are on loan for display. Pieces are displayed throughout the building and more will be displayed in the Government Center as remodeling is completed over there. Mr. Moy described the framed poster art that he has on loan for display in the Administration Building. He found this piece in an antique store in Richmond. What is unique about this piece is that you have Picasso's original signature and that it was hand brushed

by him personally. The printer who printed this poster piece is as famous as Picasso and his name is Merlo. He would like to see a small plaque that says "Discovered in Richmond in support of Tourism". Mr. Brewer sang praises of the work done by Jeanine Hill-Soldner of Algonquin. He said that she has artwork all over the county. One of the large murals she did is at the main fire house at Pyott and Algonquin Road and it is remarkable. Ms. Hill said that Chairman Koehler donated Native American Portraits by a Russian artist.

McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) – Karen Patel

Ms. Patel introduced Cort Carlson, Executive Director of the McHenry County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). He said there is some information in the blue folder that each board member has which is being sent to local businesses to get their financial support and their membership in the CVB.

Ms. Patel described other items that were in the folder as well. Of significance she wanted to share was that MCEDC, Family Services and Community Mental Health Center worked together to provide a low cost funding source for this non-profit. She included a thank you letter from the Illinois Facilities Fund who underwrote the development that is going up in McHenry.

Ms. Patel mentioned that the McHenry County Workforce Imposium is being held on March 14th and is a great collaboration between the McHenry County Workforce Board, the MCEDC and the McHenry County Cooperative for employment education. A power point presentation was done at this time about MCEDC and Imagine McHenry County. After the past couple of years they believe as an organization that we can get together a grass roots effort focusing on preserving the areas natural resources while increasing the economic vitality and the quality of life now and in the future.

Ms. Patel said the Imagine McHenry County survey that went out and is available on line is doing well. To date they have over 1,000 surveys returned and are looking forward to many more for their input. Imagine McHenry County is a non-profit organization that has its own website along with a link from the MCEDC website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Koehler explained the rules of public participation. The following people spoke:

Christopher Palluch of Woodstock	regarding changes	2020 Plan
Michael Walkup of Crystal Lake	regarding changes	2020 Plan
Patricia Kennedy	to take part in a forum	

Noting no others wishing to speak, Chairman Koehler closed this part of the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Kate made a motion seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the following Appointment:

Ethic Commission	
Art Osten, Jr.	term to expire 02/02/2008
Timothy J. Clifton	term to expire 02/01/2008

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Jung, Kate, Klasen, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill and Koehler. Absent: Larson, Draffkorn, Gilman and Heisler. The vote being twenty (20) ayes noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any one wished to remove an item from the agenda. Mr. Brewer asked to remove Agenda #13.2 B(6).

Mr. Shea made a motion seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with one item removed.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Jung, Kate, Klasen, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill and Koehler. Absent: Larson, Draffkorn, Gilman and Heisler. The vote being twenty (20) ayes noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

13.2 B(6) Resolution authorizing a short term allocation from the General Fund to the Mental Health 708 Board fund in FY 06.

Mr. Munaretto made a motion seconded by Mr. Klasen to approve the above-named resolution.

Mr. Brewer said this is something that Finance has looked at for the last two years and this is one of the things that the Finance Committee has looked at very carefully. It is saving money over all for county. Mr. Munaretto said this saves us whatever the interest rate is on a borrowing that we would have to engage ourselves in for tax anticipation notes or tax anticipation warrant which are placed in the capital markets. Both are short term borrowings and typically the interest rates are a little higher as a result of that. Based on a State's Attorney's opinion it is within purview to make an inter-agency loan with funds that are currently available within McHenry County's General Fund to operating entities of McHenry County. The Mental Board has suggested that there will be a cash flow shortage in their operating account between now and the time the first distribution of taxes are made. In order to accommodate them we have agreed to loan the money from the General Fund at an interest rate which is our investment rate which they will repay from the first funds available after the distribution of taxes are made.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Jung, Kate, Klasen, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill and Koehler. Absent: Larson, Draffkorn, Gilman and Heisler. The vote being twenty (20) ayes noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCES

For Review:

Ordinance designating Trout Valley Stonegate Entrance as a local McHenry County Landmark

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked everyone for their participation in the Strategic Planning meeting last Friday. Last week himself along with Chairman Koehler and Mr. Jung went down to Springfield to get an update on what is going on down there. Worth mentioning, Mr. Austin noted that Senate Bill 2400 has a decent chance of passing which allows for a smoking ban to be put in place in unincorporated portions of the county. It puts the decision to local county boards. Also, Senate Bill 2691, that was proposed several years ago when counties had to actively decide whether or not they wanted to cap assessments at 7%; there appears to be some pressure to open that door again. Also, there has been a lot of discussion in Springfield about imminent domain coming from a Supreme Court case and Illinois' reaction to it. Mr. Austin said right now it appears that counties state wide have negotiated such that any imminent domain bills moved this spring are not going to be impacting counties. Finally, he said there are many "dog bills" floating around. And lastly, he said Ms. Ehardt and himself attended an impromptu meeting at Lake In The Hills Village hall last night with representatives from 8 municipalities, a school district and some public to talk about the 2020 Plan and where we are in the process. They wanted to focus on how they

are going to move forward with creating a 2030 Plan but it did underscore our need to reach out to the municipalities as we move forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Koehler said there was a need to go into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation and review previous executive session minutes for release.

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Ms. Orphal to go into executive session. Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Jung, Kate, Klasen, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill and Koehler. Absent: Larson, Draffkorn, Gilman and Heisler. The vote being twenty (20) ayes noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Executive session ran from 9:57 a.m. to 10:14 a.m.

Ms. Orphal made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to go back into open session. Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Jung, Kate, Klasen, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill and Koehler. Absent: Larson, Wheeler, Draffkorn, Gilman and Heisler. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes noting five (5) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Chairman Koehler asked for a motion to approve release of certain Executive Session minutes as approved by the State's Attorney's office.

Ms. Peschke made a motion seconded by Mr. Shea to approve the release of certain Executive Session minutes as approved for release by the State's Attorney's office.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion is passed.

MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Chairman Koehler told that board that long time ZBA member Bert Emmerson died on Saturday and expressed condolences. He also told the board that he will be out of the office until next week.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Koehler commented on a letter he received from LSN regarding Tim Wenberg.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Orphal made a motion seconded by Mr. Klasen to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 23rd day of March, A.D., 2006.

S/ Kenneth D. Koehler
Kenneth D. Koehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

S/ Katherine C. Schultz
Katherine C. Schultz, County Clerk