

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
MAY 2, 2006

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

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

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chief Deputy County Clerk Terry Madsen with Members of the Board, department heads and visitors participating. Mr. Klasen gave the invocation/personal remarks.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Chief Deputy County Clerk Terry Madsen. The following members responded: Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Klasen, Larson and Koehler. Noting one (1) vacancy, Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-three (23) members responding.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Mr. Klasen to approve County Board Regular Session minutes from April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and Committee of the Whole minutes from April 18, 2006.

Chairman Koehler asked for any changes or corrections. A typo was noted on the Regular Session minutes and will be corrected.

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Koehler said an update on the legislative agenda was done at the CALF meeting. He also noted an interesting meeting he had with a group called the McHenry County Civil War Round Table. This is a group remembering the heroes from McHenry County that served in the Civil War. This group would like to bring the regimental flag, which was for both Boone and McHenry County, back to the counties where these men were from. They asked permission about McHenry County being a recipient of this flag. Chairman Koehler said a resolution will be drafted in regard to this and he would like to see the flag displayed in the board room. It is an expensive proposition to do this, about \$27,000 to have these flags repaired. They are not asking the county for any money, however, they are accepting donations to do this project, so if anyone is interested in this, let him know. The flag is presently down in Springfield at the Illinois State Military Museum where the flags have been stored since the Civil War.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Art Work - Susan Steford brought in artwork that has recently been donated to the county and explained about their meaning and who the artist is. A status report of the Art Committee has

been handed out to each board member describing their mission statement as well as an inventory of the artwork the county has obtained and upcoming events that the Art Committee has planned. Ms. Stelford noted that on May 16<sup>th</sup> a reception will be held in honor of the permanent collection from 3 – 4:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Ms. Wheeler represented Chairman Koehler at the Sedom luncheon to say thank you to those employers of the students at Sedom. They presented 12 Student of the Month awards and a Student of the Year award which went to a gentleman who is basically a programming genius; his employer had many nice things to say about him and he has a bright future ahead of him. The Health Department and Valley Hi were presented a plaque for employing many students from Sedom. Ms. Wheeler gave Mr. McNulty the plaque for the Health Department.

Chairman Koehler told the board that Judge Zopp was here to swear in Blake Hobson as the newly appointed Board Member for District 3 to replace Ann Kate. This Resolution will be done now so that Judge Zopp can get back to his courtroom.

***Resolution to fill a vacancy on the McHenry County Board from District 3 and to appoint Blake Hobson to this position***

Mr. Jung made a motion seconded by Ms. Gilman to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Klasen, Larson and Koehler. Nay: Chmiel. The vote being twenty-two (22) aye votes and one (1) nay vote, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Chairman Koehler commented that there were outstanding candidates that applied for the position. He congratulated Mr. Hobson on his appointment. At this point, Judge Zopp swore Mr. Hobson into office. Chairman Koehler said if anyone wished to change their seat to occupy Ms. Kate's old seat, as long as you are not sitting next to a member of your own district, you can do so at this time. No one was interested in changing seats. Mr. Hobson will take Ms. Kate's vacant seat on the board floor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chairman Koehler explained the rules of Public Participation. The following people spoke:

Tom Lilligard of Crystal Lake	against	Pease zoning
John Podgorski of Crystal Lake	against	Pease zoning
Raymond Finney of McHenry	re: water quality and flooding/gravel pits and disappointment in local & state govt.	

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

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***Resolution authorizing a re-organization of Standing Committees***

Chairman Koehler noted that some board members wished to be re-assigned to different committees to fill Ms. Kate's vacancy. Ms. Chmiel will be part of the Planning & Development Committee, leaving the Valley Hi Committee and Ms. Wheeler will be part of the Management Services Committee, leaving the Public Health & Human Services Committee. Newly appointed board member Blake Hobson will replace Ms. Chmiel and Ms. Wheeler on the committees they left, as well as filling other vacancies left by Ms. Kate.

Mr. Jung made a motion seconded by Mr. Shea to approve the above-named resolution with the changes indicated.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Hobson, Larson and Koehler. Nay: Brewer and Klasen. The vote being twenty-two (22) aye votes and two (2) nay votes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

***Discussion of a new Animal control Facility***

Chairman Koehler told the board that it has been a priority to try and find a new site for the Animal Control Facility. At this time he is making a recommendation along with Management Services that the former State Farm building, at 100 Virginia Ave. in Crystal Lake be considered as the location of our next Animal Control facility. It has about 16,500 sq ft and sits on about 3+ acres. Chairman Koehler said that they would like to take 5,000 sq ft of the building to be devoted to the Department of Public Health which would be used for environmental services as well as examination areas for the public and also some public meeting rooms. This would not be replacing Annex B, though. The remaining 11,500 sq ft would be the Animal Control facility. A layout of the building was passed around for the board to look at. Chairman Koehler said there is a tentative contract on the building for \$1.7 million dollars which does not include the cost of the renovation of the building. It would require a complete renovation of the heating and air conditioning system because of the necessary ventilation requirements. With the renovations and the building the cost for the Animal Control portion could come out to about \$2.5 million dollars. The cost for the building and complete renovation for both Public Health and Animal Control would be about \$3.5 million. Chairman Koehler said that they have looked at many different facilities being built in other areas; a 7,000 to 8,000 sq ft building would cost approximately \$2.5 to \$2.6 million dollars to construct and an 11,000 sq ft building would run approximately one million more. Here, we're getting a building large enough to handle our needs plus over 3 acres of property in a very visible area of the county where the population density happens to be today and where a lot of the animal activities are taking place. In addition, Chairman Koehler said it allows us to look at the adoption component. which is something that the county wants to do, either by ourselves or with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to administer that. The county has \$300,000 toward the purchase price and anticipates adding about \$170,000 more with the sale of the existing Animal Control facility.

Chairman Koehler pointed out that they did meet with the City of Crystal Lake yesterday to go through the process that has to be done; this will take a little time. If this is something the board wishes to pursue we could possibly close on the building sometime in June or July. Ms. Hill was present at the meeting and added that the City of Crystal Lake must approve this so we needed to make sure that we had everything in order and that we were doing our due diligence. It seems that everything is in order and the only concern Crystal Lake had was that this might generate more traffic. Chairman Koehler said he did not believe it would cause more traffic than what was originally the use of the property.

Mr. Austin commented that our current Animal Control facility is 4,000 sq ft and although the county keeps putting money into this facility, Animal Control is in desperate need of more space. Initially upon looking for a space, 8,000 sq ft was the size in mind, however, after speaking with several people involved with Animal Control it was determined that 8,000 sq ft would not be big enough. If the board decides to do this, we would be nearly tripling the space for Animal Control. The early design of the building allows space for a third party agency who could possibly handle the adoptions at some point.

Board members asked many questions about cost of operation and the ability to expand. Chairman Koehler said those figures are not available at this time but he feels that the costs would not be out of line for a building of that size. Mr. Munaretto said he would like to know the

costs of what it will be to occupy 5,000 sq ft of Public Health facility and 11,000 sq ft of Animal Control. He also suggested that registration fees for dogs could be raised and registration fees for cats could be initiated to help in the financing of this project. As far as future expansion, any future expansion could possibly be done in the parking lot area as State Farm had a very large parking area but this would have to be worked out with the City of Crystal Lake. It must be kept in mind that this is watershed property and there are certain covenants that are already there protecting that property, so it would be a matter of working very closely with the city. As far as an outside exercise area for the animals, in preliminary talks the city's planning department did not seem to see a problem with this. It was suggested that Management Services take a look at how we are going to do some public relations on this long before we go to the city council to show how it will be a benefit to both the City of Crystal Lake and the County as a whole. Chairman Koehler said that they will keep the board informed as this proposed project progresses.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Gilman made a motion seconded by Mr. Larson to approve the following appointments:

##### Board of Review

Robin Brunshon

Mary Mahady

both terms to expire 05/31/2008

##### McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Hamilton Hale, Jr.

term to expire 11/16/2010

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Hobson, Klasen, Larson and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) aye votes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

#### ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any one wished to remove an item from the agenda.

Mr. Shea asked to **pull item #13.2 I (2)** from the agenda for today. Mr. Shea said he removed this because it was produced on an agreement with CATS and they have been informed that is a jurisdiction now under the Regional Planning Board and it will have to be re-written.

Mr. Brewer asked to **remove item #13.2 B (1)**.

Mr. Shea made a motion seconded by Mr. Merkel to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with two items removed.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Hobson, Jung, Klasen, Larson and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) aye votes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

**13.2 B (1) Resolution authorizing the award of bids for landscaping installation services and jail expansion parking lot improvements and an emergency appropriation in the Jail Build-Out Project Fund and a budget line item transfer in the General Fund.**

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

Mr. Brewer asked about drought resistant landscaping that has been discussed in the past and if they would be included in this project. Mr. Hadley said yes, a list of plants has been developed

and they will be making a plan to use these types of plant materials, both here and at Valley Hi. The cost is the same as previously budgeted.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Hobson, Klasen, Larson and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) aye votes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

#### ORDINANCES

For Action: ***Ordinance to correct a Scrivener's Error on Petition #05-53***

Ms. Gilman made a motion seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the above-named ordinance.

It was noted that the change being made was **changing the word "west" to "east"** in the legal description. It was suggested that the wrong wording should be put in quotations and the corrected part should be underlined.

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

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin told the board that he has received a request to use county property on Sunday for an Immigration Rights Rally that will march from the Woodstock Square and end at the Government Center. He has spoken with the rally organizers and the Sheriff's Department about any concerns. Also, a report from the County Administrator's office has been set on each desk touching on a number of issues being worked on. Finally, Mr. Austin has put an evaluation form on the desks for his position and he is hopeful that board members will fill them out to let them know where they/he need to improve. If everyone could get them into Barb Todd he would appreciate it. A summary will be done and reported to the board.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Koehler said there was a need to go into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation and Collective Bargaining.

Mr. Munaretto made a motion seconded by Ms. Chmiel to go into executive session.

Executive session ran from 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

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

#### MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Ms. Gilman said she put a sheet of paper on everyone's desk. It is what P & D has had under discussion regarding the 2030 Land Use Plan. She did this so everyone knows that we have this process that we are debating, some things have been agreed upon and some have not. If anyone wants to add any thing or has a problem with any of it, please let her know as they are moving forward on this fairly rapidly. Also, she asked the board to remember May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Water Resources Summit at MCC at 8:30 a.m. She also mentioned a newspaper article about a Supreme Court ruling that the government has to make efforts to notify a homeowner before it

sells off property for unpaid taxes. She thought maybe the Finance Committee should meet with the Treasurer to look at our policy in this regard. Dave Stone said he is looking into this and he doesn't think it has any impact on us.

Ms. Miller said tomorrow at noon she will become a grandmother for the first time. Board members extended their prayers and congratulations.

Mr. Hammerand said he attended the Health Department's anniversary celebration and it was very nice. Chairman Koehler agreed, adding that the wall of articles from over the years was very interesting.

Mr. Hobson thanked everyone for their warm welcome to the board.

Mr. Heisler thanked everyone for their prayers throughout his recent loss.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shea made a motion seconded by Mr. Merkel to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2006.

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

ATTEST:

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