

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2008

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

District 1 Yvonne M. Barnes Marc Munaretto Anna May Miller Dan Shea	District 2 Marie M. Chmiel James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Lyn Orphal	District 3 Ed Dvorak Mary L Donner Nick Provenzano Barbara Wheeler
District 4 Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	District 5 John Jung Jr. James P Kennedy Virginia Peschke Tina Hill	District 6 Randall Donley Mary T McCann Daniel P Ryan Mary Lou Zierer

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by County Clerk Katherine Schultz with Members of the Board, department heads and visitors participating. Mr. Kennedy gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Ryan and Koehler. Absent: Salgado, Jung, McCann and Orphal. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty (20) members responding. Mr. Jung and Ms. McCann arrived after the meeting started.

MINUTES

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve County Board Regular Session minutes from October 7th, 2008. Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes or corrections, there were none. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler said we will be hosting the MCCOG meeting at Deeter's restaurant tomorrow night. Also, he noted that the men of the County Board will be hosting the County Board Christmas party which will be held December 16th.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

Mr. Shea made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the following Eagle Scout recognition:
Patrick R Grosse of Fox River Grove Troop #166

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

ZBA CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any petitions needed to be removed. Mr. Munaretto asked to remove #08-48. Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the following ZBA petitions:
Exb. #08-05; Grafton Twp; Springbrook Comm Church; reclass A1C to A1C (amend)
Exb. #08-41; Algonquin Twp; Schaffer/Louderback; reclass R1 to R1V
Exb. #08-42; Riley Twp; Griebel Trust; reclass A1/A1C to A1C (Amend)

Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel,

Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Ryan and Koehler. Absent: Salgado, Jung, McCann and Orphal. The vote being twenty (20) ayes noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Petition request:
Exb. #08-48; Dorr Twp; Dooley/Rinn; reclass A1C to A1C (renew)

Chairman Koehler asked about the Endangered Species Report and if there are any Blanding Turtles on the site. ZBA Chairman Kelly responded that there were no turtles found on the site and the IDNR did not need anything else.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Ryan and Koehler. Absent: Salgado, Jung, McCann and Orphal. The vote being twenty (20) ayes noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ZBA REGULAR AGENDA

Ms. Wheeler said she would split up the request on this as on one part there was no recommendation from the ZBA.

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Petition request:
Exb #08-25; Grafton Twp; Frank/Julie Kearns; reclass A1 to E1

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

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Petition request noting there is no recommendation from the ZBA.
Exb. #08-25; Grafton Twp; Frank/Julie Kearns; reclass A1 to B1

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Some board members noted that the Village of Huntley was in favor of this request.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Provenzano, Ryan and Koehler. Nay: Hill, Jung, Kennedy and Peschke. Absent: Salgado, McCann and Orphal. The vote being seventeen (17) ayes, four (4) nays noting three (3) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

PLATS

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Mr. Dvorak to approve the following Final Plat:
Wallen Woods, Algonquin Twp

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Ryan and Koehler. Absent: Salgado, McCann and Orphal. The vote being twenty (21) ayes noting three (3) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the following Appointments:

McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals	
Vicki Gartner	term to 09/01/2013
Robin Perry	term to 09/01/2013
Edward Haerter	term to 09/01/2013
Ervin T Staveteig (Alternate)	term to 12/15/2009
Mark A Elmore (Alternate)	term to 12/15/2011

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Ryan and Koehler. Absent: Salgado, McCann and Orphal. The vote being twenty (21) ayes noting three (3) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Mr. Jung said at the last Regional Planning Commission (RPC) meeting they finished off the Agricultural and Economic Development Chapter and passed it along to Planning & Development for their review. At the next meeting they will be having three presentations, one on affordable housing, one on groundwater and one on McHenry County Workforce. The Commission will also be reviewing their vision statement. He encouraged board members to attend on Thursday night.

Mr. Hammerand said at Liquor and License they found out that the establishment that sold to minors three times in a row and did not discharge the employee who was serving, the state decided that they should retain their license. Mr. Hammerand said that we had revoked it. They are going to go to appeal to see if the local courts will agree that this establishment should lose its license.

Ms. Wheeler said that Planning & Development reviewed both the Agricultural and Economic Development Chapter, both of which are on the website. She encouraged board members to review them. Chairman Koehler also encouraged everyone to attend the meeting on Thursday night.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Munaretto asked to pull item #15.2 D(2) from the agenda to be brought back on November 6th so that it can go through the Finance Committee.

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

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Ryan and Koehler. Absent: Salgado and Orphal. The vote being twenty two (22) ayes noting two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCES

For Review: Ordinance authorizing the Annual appropriations for FY 08-09 budget
Ordinance providing for the levy of taxes for McHenry County for fiscal year December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009

For Action: *Ordinance amending the McHenry County Sign Ordinance (waiver of 30 day review requested)*

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the above-named Ordinance.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Noting none, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Barnes, Chmiel, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Ryan and Koehler. Nay: Hill, Kennedy and Provenzano. Absent: Salgado and Orphal. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes and three (3) nays noting two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked Ralph and Cindy for getting the County to this point in the budget process as well as acknowledging the department heads and board members, knowing that this has been a little bit tougher year than it has been in the past, but he still feels we are on track. If there are any questions, please let Ralph or himself know.

He asked County Clerk Schultz to speak on the early voting that is going on. Ms. Schultz said that early voting has been going on since the 14th with 8 sites open now and two more that will open on the 23rd. The total right now is 6,637 people who have voted early which is even more amazing. Grace Period voting which began two years ago which allows someone to register and vote at the same time in the Clerk's office, today was the last day and 438 people took advantage of that and 141 of those were today. There are a total of 9,880 people who have either voted early, grace period or requested absentee ballots.

Mr. Austin went on to say that one of the priorities for Human Resources this year was to take a look at our evaluation form that we have been using and come up with something that it more focused on goal setting and the like. Today we finished the fourth of four courses that have been provided during the month of October to our managers, and with over a thousand employees that is a lot of evaluations and hopefully a new evaluation form will acknowledge those who are doing good work and help those who need a little tweaking.

Chairman Koehler said he and Mr. Austin will be talking in the next few days about committees and the structure that we have now and talking about ideas on some other committees that we think may be appropriate as we go and change on many issues. If anyone has ideas to bring forward or constructive criticism on current committees on how they may be improved, please let Mr. Austin or himself know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMENTS

Mr. Kennedy said he heard that the Village of Lake in the Hills are seeing huge numbers of early voters this election.

He said he has attended both of the election judges training classes and they were very thorough and informative.

He also said he attended a meeting in Lake in the Hills about the Randall Road improvement where a number of residents had some concerns. State Rep. Tryon, Senator Althoff and himself along with the Village President attended that meeting and hopefully alleviated some of their fears about that project.

Mr. Draffkorn said she received a call from a woman in the Health Department who said they will be offering flu shots on election day at a church in McHenry where there will be voting be done.

Mr. Miller asked if board members were allowed to be election judges. She said when she was elected she got a state's attorney's opinion on this that said she could not do so. She even offered to waive the pay to be an election judge and that didn't work, she felt badly when she had to give it up. She asked Ms. Rein to check into this for her. Mr. Kennedy said he didn't know that this could be a conflict and will step down as a judge if this is a conflict.

Mr. Shea mentioned that there were four specific plans presented with some options for trails that highly interfered with the people that lived along the Randall Road improvement, but to select a single item out of the four is maybe acting hastily as it's also available in a "cut and paste" situation. What may be acceptable at Miller Rd is not particularly locked into the same plan that goes all the way out to the County line. So what may be accepted will be a conglomeration and assortment from the plans that were offered. He understands that Lake in the Hills selected a single plan but there are things that may not have to fit with what is planned for the Miller area where the biggest impact was on individual houses.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. . Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 6th day of November, A.D., 2008.

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

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED: 11.06.08