

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2009

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

District 1 Yvonne M. Barnes Robert Bless Anna May Miller Marc Munaretto	District 2 J.S. "Scott" Breeden James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Lyn Orphal	District 3 Mary L Donner Ed Dvorak Kathleen Bergan Schmidt Barbara Wheeler
District 4 Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	District 5 Tina Hill James P Kennedy Virginia Peschke Paula Yensen	District 6 Randall Donley Mary T McCann Daniel P Ryan Ersel C Schuster

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 4th, 2009.

Vice Chairman Heisler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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. Hammerand gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto and Orphal. Absent: Breeden, Miller and Koehler. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein was present. Vice Chairman Heisler declared a quorum present with twenty-one (21) members responding. Mr. Breeden arrived after the roll was called.

MINUTES

Ms. Yensen made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve County Board minutes from July 21, 2009. Vice Chairman Heisler asked if there were any corrections, there were none. Vice Chairman Heisler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion to approve the minutes was approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Vice Chairman Heisler noted that Chairman Koehler was out of town this week.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

Ms. Peschke made a motion seconded by Mr. Dvorak to approve the following Girl Scout Gold Award recognition:

Shelby Baker, Crystal Lake	Sara Liston, Crystal Lake
Ellen Borhart, Marengo	Elizabeth Mulvey, McHenry
Diana Cwerenz, Johnsburg	Carliann Pentz, Crystal Lake
Sarahann Eskridge, Hebron	Amanda Reich, Crystal Lake
Audrey Edwards, Lakewood	Lauren Stengel, Crystal Lake
Jacqueline Jaskowiak, Spring Grove	Katherine Shadle, Marengo
Annemarie Kinney, Johnsburg	

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

Girl Scouts Audrey Edwards and Lauren Stengel came forward and received congratulations from Vice Chairman Heisler along with a Certificate of Recognition and miniature County flag as a memento of their accomplishment.

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Mr. Dvorak to approve the following Silver Buffalo Award recognition:
Charles Walneck

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

Mr. Walneck came forward and received congratulations from Vice Chairman Heisler along with a Certificate of Recognition and miniature County flag as a memento of his accomplishment.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Heisler explained the rules of public comment. Vice Chairman Heisler noted that at the next County Board meeting, August 17th at 7 p.m., there will be a special presentation on the Alden Road project.

The following people spoke:

Robert Anderson of Alden	against	Alden Rd bridge project
Kurt Beystehner of Harvard	against	Alden Rd improvement project
June Giugni of Harvard	against	Alden Rd improvement project
Larry Gehant of Richmond	against	Alden Rd improvement project
Alan Plane of Harvard	against	Alden Rd improvement project
Marion Lemberger of Woodstock	against	Petition #09-25 rezoning
Gene Boppart of Harvard	against	Alden Rd improvement project
Ken Lemberger of Schaumburg	against	Petition #09-25 rezoning
Diane Evertsen of Harvard	against	Alden Rd improvement project
Melinda Wells of Woodstock	against	Alden Rd improvement project
Evert Evertsen of Harvard	against	Alden Rd improvement project
Preston Rea of Harvard	against	Alden Rd improvement project

Noting no others wishing to speak, Vice Chairman Heisler closed the public comment part of the meeting.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Ms. Salgado said the Human Resources meeting scheduled for next Monday is canceled and will be meeting later in the month. The Senior Services Grant Commission will have their first meeting on August 14th and they will begin their interviews at that time. Money will be allocated to the agencies on the 28th.

Ms. Schuster said the Management Services meeting has been moved from August 11th to the 10th at 8:30 so that people who have signed up can attend the legislative breakfast on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Heisler said the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is moving along, they are analyzing public comment from the four workshops and finishing up their deliberations. He said there is another RPC meeting at 6 p.m. this Thursday.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Heisler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, there were none. Ms. Peschke made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Routine Consent Agenda as presented.

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

ORDINANCES

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said spread sheets have been printed off to hand out to board members showing where we are with our recovery funds, what we have applied for and what we have received. In regard to the recovery funds, a letter is going to go out signed by Mr. Munaretto and Mr. Labaj to local governments in the County letting them know about the recovery zone dollars and tools that are available.

Mr. Austin said in regard to the Strategic Plan, staff met Thursday evening and all day Friday and are very close to being done. Information will be shared with the full board in the coming weeks.

Mr. Austin said Judge Sullivan reported that Governor Quinn has signed a bill that will bring a new judge to McHenry County. This new judge will start no later than December 1, 2010 and this will bring us up to 17 judges. From a facilities stand point, Mr. Austin said he believed we could handle one new judge and after that we will have to do some construction.

Mr. Austin noted that he attended a special meeting of the McHenry County Conservation District regarding the issue of the HUM Trail and the desire of the Conservation District to consider the designation of that area as a protected prairie and the conflict that this creates with the City of Marengo and Huntley's desire to site train stations in the future. In the effort to foster good governmental relations and find a solution, the Conservation District is taking the step of hiring a third party to evaluate the prairie and grade different sections of the area to try to find some locations that would be best suited for a train station in Marengo and Huntley.

In regard to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Mr. Austin said they had a good meeting last week in wrapping up the text for the plan and they are now moving on to maps. They are still on schedule to get that done this year.

Mr. Austin commented that he was in Nashville a couple of weeks ago at the National Association of Counties Conference along with Ms. McKinney, Water Resource Manager, to accept a NACo Achievement Award. They recognized our Groundwater Protection Program as something unique and noteworthy. On that front, he said the Groundwater Protection Taskforce is wrapping up their work. There will be a final meeting on August 25th and they will wrap up the water conservation text. The plan at this point is on the evening of September 15th to have many of the taskforce members here to accept a thank you from the board and for the board to accept the taskforces Groundwater Protection Program. We aren't adopting anything, just accepting it and then review that text and see what is most applicable to the County. We will then ask our municipalities and townships to do the same. Mr. Austin said there is an earmark on the house side from Congressman Manzullo, that \$275,000, if it sticks in the final federal bill, to continue the hydro geological modeling that we have been working on.

In regard to the Treasurer's building, Mr. Austin said bids are going to be open for that tomorrow. There are a number of trades that are going to be bidding on that.

Lastly, Mr. Austin asked Dan Wallis to comment on the new Mental Health Court hire. Mr. Wallis introduced Scott Block as the new Coordinator for the Mental Health Program. Mr. Block was the Director of the PADS Program.

Mr. Block said he has a background in both mental health and substance abuse and is looking forward to improving the current Mental Health Court and aiding in the development of the Drug Court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Peschke commented on a pleasant experience she had with the Woodstock Food Pantry, where she is Treasurer. She was told about a 7 year old girl who had heard about the need for food for food pantries and this girl put on a lemonade sale and turned over \$64.93 to the food pantry as a donation. Ms. Peschke said you hear more and more about young people thinking about others rather than themselves and it's heartwarming. She will find out who this young girl is and would like for the board to recognize her.

Ms. Hill welcomed Mr. Block to the County and attested to his dedication to his calling.

Ms. Donner said last week she visited the Animal Control Center on adoption day and the dogs were out looking happy and content. People were standing in line waiting to see other dogs and there were none. It was a successful event and the Center is doing well at its location. Of note, she said, is that they still have an over abundance of cats and kittens if anyone is interested.

Mr. Kennedy thanked the public for coming to the board meeting to speak to the board. Their comments are always welcome. He did note that the public's comments are important and that board members do take it into consideration. He encouraged the public if they were interested in becoming a part of the process, they should run for public office. He would be happy to talk to about the process if anyone is interested.

Mr. Hammerand said he had the honor to be a 4-H Judge to judge contestants on small engines, bicycles and tractors. He said our young people are very intelligent and articulate and moving ahead in their fields of interest.

Ms. Yensen also thanked the public for coming out this evening to speak to the board. She does accept e-mails and phone calls but requests that the person doing so identify themselves to her and be respectful and not swear at her. She received a call yesterday from a person in the Alden community and he did not identify himself and was very verbally abusive. Ms. Yensen said she takes her position as a County Board member seriously and is open to what someone has to say on all projects. She did say that in the future if a caller is verbally abusive, she will have a hard time listening. The Alden Road project is being looked at by all of us very seriously.

Ms. Salgado welcomed Mr. Block to the Mental Health Court. She also noted that with all of the stories about heroes returning home, she asked for continued prayers for those still fighting the war for us.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Vice Chairman Heisler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 18th day of August, A.D., 2009.

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

ATTEST:

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