

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 2009.

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. Merkel gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine C. Schultz. The following members responded: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Barnes and McCann. Parliamentary Cynthia Schupp was present. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty two (22) members responding.

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Orphal to approve County Board minutes from October 6th, 2009. Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes or corrections. A few typos' were noted and will be corrected. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion to approve the minutes was passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler said he was out West last week where there were great amounts of rain and the way they handle rain (not well) made him appreciate how well our DOT moves around snow in the winter.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Fiber Build-Out Concept – Tom Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan came forward to speak and gave a power point presentation.

Mr. Sullivan said GRAFOS (Greater Rockford Area Fiber Optic System) is a consortium of McHenry, Boone, Winnebago and Stevenson Counties. They have applied for broad band stimulus grants in the amount of \$70 million dollars. The project would be to connect government buildings, police, fire, libraries, any type of municipalities, schools and hospitals with fiber optics to lower telecom expenses while increasing available internet bandwidth and decreasing duplication of services. He said a lot of schools offer the same types of services because they have to offer them at each location, as do many governments. Mr. Sullivan said to the point that we can interconnect these buildings with high speed internet bandwidth and network connectivity those services would not have to be duplicated. Mr. Sullivan said that in a recent survey the United States lags behind greatly and McHenry County is 8th in Illinois with an overall 5.88 MB/second which means it's slow. He said our part of the grant would connect 8 county buildings, 10 hospitals, 15 libraries plus other entities for a total of 273 government type entities that would be connected under this grant. This is a middle mile fiber plan which is running fiber along certain paths then along the last mile, i.e. from the street or from where the fiber runs to the specific building. Hand holes (accesses) are installed

so that you can get to the fiber. It is up to the anchor facility or entity to pay the money to connect to the middle mile project. In this grant there was money put in for making that connection. The total of the request was \$70 million, \$56 million for federal dollars with a state match of \$5 million and local funding of \$9 million, and this is for four counties not just McHenry County. Also to remember is that a lot of the money is already out there. The majority of the money is used to get into the ground with road work. The conduit and fiber is the small cost. Mr. Sullivan continued the power point presentation pointing out the positives of such a project and noting that we really need this to compete with the world. Mr. Sullivan said they are in the process of making presentations to many different entities, schools, municipalities and such, and they are seeking letters of support from these groups. The letters do not commit any funds but do say they think this is a good idea and that the community and/or entity would benefit from this type of project. The application was put in about a month ago with awards starting about mid November. At that point they need to be able to produce as many letters of support as they can. Mr. Sullivan showed a draft map showing lines of what would/could be the most efficient routing to pick up all of those 268 locations throughout the county. Mr. Sullivan asked for any questions. Some board members had concerns about where the money will come from. Mr. Sullivan reiterated that the money is out there and hopefully some of the grant money will be awarded to us. It was asked if other non government agencies or businesses could buy into it, pay the cost to connect and be a part of the project. Mr. Sullivan said the details of that are not ironed out yet but this is something they would like to do. This is an opportunity to establish framework within the county to promote business as well as interconnection amongst governmental entities. Mr. Sullivan said he believes there was a law just passed that mandates IDOT to every time they open up a road put conduit in the road so that fiber can be run through it. It was asked if the \$9 million would be a percentage split between counties depending on use. Mr. Sullivan said each facility would have to pay a certain amount to connect to the middle mile project and they have to pay a certain amount to get equipment at their facility. This will happen over a period of time. Noting no other comments, Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Sullivan for his presentation.

ZBA CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any petitions needed to be removed. Ms. Schuster removed Exb #09-18.

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Salgado to approve the following Petitions:

- Exb #09-20; Algonquin Twp; Schroeder/Kotlarz; reclass R1-R1V
- Exb #09-33; Dunham Twp; Harris Trust & Savings Tr HTX 7052/Stephens; reclass A1-A2
- Exb #09-35; Dorr Twp; Klehm/Skerke; reclass A1/A1V-A1C
- Exb #09-36; McHenry Twp; Berner; reclass R1-R1V

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

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Salgado to approve the following Petition:

- Exb #09-18; Richmond Twp; Richmond Burton CHSD #157; reclass A2-A1

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Schuster said she was against this because she believes the A2 was split off for a purpose and that is not what this request is all about. She has gotten information together and will be talking to committee about the Ordinance.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Schuster. Absent: Barnes and McCann. The vote being twenty-one (21) ayes, one (1) nay and two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ZBA REGULAR AGENDA

Ms. Hill said she will split up the vote on this as there were two recommendations from the ZBA.

Ms. Hill noted, in following County Board rules, the following petition will be brought forward in the affirmative on the Conditional Use request, so to vote with the Denial recommendation of the ZBA, a NO vote would be to deny petitioners request and be voting with the ZBA recommendation.

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to **approve the conditional use** on the following Petition.

- Exb #08-14; Chemung Twp; Jose & Ann Lopez; reclass E1V-A2CV

Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote noting that a YES vote will approve the request and a NO vote will deny the request, as recommended by the ZBA. The following members responded aye: none. Nay: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Barnes and McCann. The vote being twenty-two (22) nays noting two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the **motion to approve the conditional use has failed.**

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Mr. Donley to approve the following Petition as recommended by the ZBA, Reclassification & Variance Only:
Exb #08-14; Chemung Twp; Jose & Ann Lopez; reclass E1V – A2V

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Hill noted that the ZBA felt that the A2 zoning was a more appropriate zoning for this property. It was asked if this parcel was part of a subdivision. Mr. Kelly of the ZBA responded that this parcel was divided and is not part of a subdivision. Ms. Donner asked if the petitioner did not want to do the CUP without the variance, why is it necessary to vote on the variance since the CUP was denied. Mr. Kelly said they have a time frame that it has to be presented to the County Board if they wish to go forward in asking for their CUP. The ZBA recommendations stand on the two different issues and perhaps the petitioners were hoping the board would not agree with the ZBA recommendation on the CUP.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote to approve the reclassification and variation. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Donley, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Breeden, Donner, Munaretto and Schuster. Absent: Barnes and McCann. The vote being eighteen (18) ayes, four (4) nays and two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the **motion to approve 08-14 reclassification with a variance has passed.**

PLATS
None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Gail Gorczowski of Cary	against	Mental Health Board expansion
Diane Evertsen of Harvard	against	video gaming in unincorporated McHenry County
Evert Evertsen of Harvard	against	draft 2030 maps
Richard Draper of Wonder Lake	against	Mental Health Board expansion
Karen Ulrich of Woodstock	against	video gaming in unincorporated McHenry County
Ron Cyscon of Woodstock	against	location of wind tunnel in Savannah Grove
John Jaeger of Woodstock	against	location of wind tunnel in Savannah Grove
Rich Dankert of Harvard	regarding	thanks for dirt bike track ordinance that was approved
Chris Hesch of Woodstock	for	video gaming in unincorporated McHenry County
Sandy Lewis of Woodstock	regarding	Mental Health Board budget

Noting no others wishing to speak, Chairman Koehler closed Public Comment.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Mr. Merkel told the board that the Building Projects Committee is noting the progress on the Treasurer's building which is currently on schedule and under budget. At this time it looks like move in could be in early January.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, there were none. Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the Routine Consent Agenda.

Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breedon, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Barnes, Donley and McCann. The vote being twenty-one (21) ayes noting three (3) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCES

For Review:

16.2 A Ordinance authorizing Annual appropriations for FY 2009-2010 budget

16.2 B Ordinance providing for the Levy of Taxes for McHenry County for fiscal year December 1, 2009 through November 30, 2010

Mr. Munaretto put the above-named ordinances on review; they will be on public display in the County Clerk's office. The statute requires them to be on display for 20 days even though our board rules require most ordinances to have a 30 day review period. In regard to the Ordinance on Levy of Taxes, Mr. Munaretto said combined the budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 is \$252,536,104 dollars and is a balanced budget.

For Action: *Ordinance Amending the County Code to allow for an increase in the Law Library Fee*

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve the above-named ordinance.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked Mr. Sarbaugh, Mr. Munaretto and elected officials and department heads for their hard work in getting the budget together. He stated that a copy of the Strategic Plan was handed out noting that the first 10 pages or so are the County Board's Strategic Plan and the back two-thirds of the document is really the new element, the performance measurement we as staff are going to use to hold ourselves accountable. Mr. Austin said that an internal strategic plan core group has been formed that will be used to follow the plan and they will be working hard over the next couple of months to get our line staff familiar with the Strategic Plan and helping them recognize how their roll on an everyday basis can tie back to the plan. He added that this document will be the anchor for our annual Strategic Planning meeting which will take place sometime in February. He asked board members to look at it and if there are any questions, to let him or Mr. Labaj know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Peschke said that Applebee's Restaurant is giving free Thanksgiving dinners to Veterans, although she's not sure if it's on Thanksgiving Day itself. She said she has seen the WW II Memorial and it's a wonderful thing to see.

Mr. Merkel asked if Mr. Dvorak is a WW II Veteran as he saw him saluting the flag during the Pledge. Mr. Dvorak said yes he was there in early 1946, the war was over but their statute says servicemen could be called at anytime. After his discharge he was still able to be called. Mr. Merkel said he is going with some veterans tomorrow to see the memorial and he will take pictures to bring back. Mr. Dvorak said it would be nice if spouses could go with to see the memorial. Mr. Merkel said there are many veterans on a waiting list and they are doing their best to raise funds to get them there without having to pay. The transportation and meals are covered for the veterans and Mr. Merkel said he is going as a guardian chaperone and paying for his own expenses.

Ms. Schuster asked everyone to take a look at the new web site and offer any suggestions or comments to make it even better.

Ms. Salgado said Thursday October 22nd is her Support Your Troops Care Package party at the McHenry VFW from 5-7 p.m. She is honored to serve the county in this capacity and she is doing this Care Package party to send items to our troops as a thank you for what they do for our country. If you can participate please join them at the VFW.

Mr. Kennedy said he was at the Grafton Township food pantry grand re-opening last week in Huntley and it was very well attended. He reminded everyone that there are many people in need these days and any contribution to your local food pantry is appreciated.

Mr. Hammerand thanked the Chairman, staff and the public for attending the Liquor and License hearing as it was very informative.

Mr. Dvorak said last night he attended a presentation at Valley Hi Nursing Home given by an organization out of Rockford. There was a good response, about 25-30 people, and most of them were representatives of spouses in the facility. Mr. Dvorak said what was unusual about the presentation was that it dealt with the problems and stress that is created when family/friends continually visit their loved ones in a nursing home and see them deteriorate. Mr. Dvorak said he believes that the Director will send out a memo as to the results of the meeting.

Ms. Hill said that at the end of the month RPC will be turning the 2030 Plan over to the Planning & Development Committee and the first week of November they will be setting up a time to look at it as a committee and it will also go out to the full board to look at. She said they will let everyone know when the meeting review day is so all input can be heard. It will start going to different districts to look at on December 12th with District 1,2 and 3 at MCC; District 4 at McHenry Township; District 5 would be here; and District 6 would be at Marengo High, or where a venue can be secured.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 3rd day of November, A.D., 2009.

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

ATTEST:

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