

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 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, December 15, 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. Ms. Hill gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein was present. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-four (24) members responding.

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve County Board minutes from November 17th and December 1st, 2009. Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes or corrections. Ms. Yensen asked for one change, it was 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 thanked the women of the board for the wonderful Christmas dinner this evening. The Chairman mentioned that some members were over at the new Treasurer's office to get a preview before they are opened up. If any members would like to go over, contact Mr. LeFew and he'll take care of that. He noted that the past week has been a good one for the County as we have received another \$750,000 worth of road money through the efforts of Congressman Manzullo to use on Rakow Road. And in regard to the federally qualified health clinics, Mr. Tanner had said that we had only about a 3% chance of getting any money towards a clinic in McHenry County. We are very lucky, with over 600 applicants vying for the money, McHenry County was able to get this award; it is worth \$2.5 million dollars for use in building the clinic. Chairman Koehler said he is leaving tomorrow for Washington to try to get more money for McHenry County and will be back on Friday.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

Mr. Donley made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the following Eagle Scout recognition:
Jacob Alexander Mathews of Marengo Troop #163

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

7.2 Resolution Honoring the Cary-Grove High School Varsity Football Team

Ms. Barnes made a motion seconded by Mr. Dvorak to approve the above-named resolution.

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

Chairman Koehler said he had hoped to have some of the students here this evening but they are elsewhere receiving honor for their feats at another meeting.

7.3 Resolution Honoring the Cary-Grove High School Girls Volleyball Team

Ms. Barnes made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the above-named resolution.

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

Ms. Barnes said she is very proud of both teams. She knows many of them and it's a great experience for all.

7.4 Resolution Honoring Kayla Beattie on winning the Class 2A State Championship

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named resolution.

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

Chairman Koehler asked Kayla to come forward and presented her with the resolution as well as a miniature county flag to congratulate her on her accomplishment. Ms. Hill, Ms. Peschke, Ms. Yensen and Mr. Kennedy came forward as well for the presentation and pictures. Ms. Hill said she knows Kayla personally and is very proud of her and her accomplishment and noted that the whole Beattie family is runners. Mr. Kennedy also gave his well wishes.

7.5 Resolution Honoring Mental Health Board Trustee Beverly Thomas

Ms. Orphal made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked Ms. Thomas to come forward and receive a certificate of recognition from the County. Ms. Hill and Ms. Orphal came forward for the presentation as well. Ms. Hill read a resolution that is coming from the House of Representatives on behalf of Rep. Tryon in recognition of her service and noted a signed copy will be forthcoming in January. Chairman Koehler read a resolution on behalf of Senator Althoff and the IL State Senate recognizing Ms. Thomas for her dedication and service to the Mental Health Board and County. Don Larson came forward and presented Ms. Thomas with flowers. Ms. Thomas thanked everyone for the recognition and also thanked the staff for their support over the years. She has been proud and enthusiastic to hold this position and said she will be a cheerleader from the side lines. Ms. Thomas also thanked the County Board for their partnership with the Mental Health Board.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

McHenry County College Promise – Bill Brennan, Interim Executive Director of the Friends of MCC Foundation

Chairman Koehler said this presentation was canceled for this evening as they were getting more data. They will come in January to make this presentation.

ZBA CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any petition(s) needed to be removed, there were none.

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

Exb #09-37; Algonquin Twp; Melissa Harjung; reclass R1 to r1V

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ZBA REGULAR AGENDA

None

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed/asked to speak so Chairman Koehler closed Public Comment.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.1 Request to amend application for a Variance – Petition No. 09-39 (no resolution)

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named request.

Mr. Sandquist explained that per the County's ordinance, if a petitioner wishes to amend an application after the hearing is completed they must file the request/ap with the County Clerk's office at which time it is forwarded to the County Board office as well as to the Planning & Development office.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Schuster made a motion seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the following Appointments:

McHenry County Ethics Commission	
Deborah Nier – Administrator City of Marengo	term to 02/01/2011
Major John Price – Salvation Army Crystal Lake	term to 02/01/2011
Robert Martens – Director Family Service & Community Mental Health Center	term to 02/01/2011

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Ms. Orphal made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the following Appointments:

McHenry County Mental Health Board of Trustees	
James Swarthout	term to 01/01/2014
Brett Wisnauski	term to 01/01/2014

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Mr. Merkel said in regard to the Treasurer's building the move in process will start on December 28th and they should be completely moved in and running fully out of the new building on January 11th. During that time period they will be operating fully. Chairman Koehler noted that the building looks good and is completed on time and under budget.

Ms. Hill said the Planning & Development Committee meeting this Thursday has been canceled. There will be a need for a short meeting at the first meeting in January to do some CDBG and Historic Preservation Committee appointments. Also, she congratulated Mr. Sandquist on his one year anniversary with the county.

Ms. McCann reminded the Environmental Committee that they will be meeting on Thursday at 8:30 and it should last about an hour and a half. Also, she asked if the board could have a presentation from GIS on their work.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Schuster removed Item #15.2 J7 and J8; Mr. Dvorak removed 15.2 I1.

Ms. Salgado made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with three items removed.

Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

15.2 I1 *Resolution authorizing approval and filing of the by-laws of the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County, Illinois.*

Mr. Dvorak made a motion seconded by Ms. Orphal to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Dvorak spoke highly of the VAC and introduced Mike Iwanicki of the VAC and two others, Joe Kirsten and Ray Rigby, who helped write the by-laws.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed

15.2 J7 Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between Dorr Township and McHenry County for the provision of transportation services

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve the above-named resolution.

Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. Nay: Schuster. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes and one (1) nay, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

15.2 J8 Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between McHenry County and PACE Suburban Bus for coordinated transportation services

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Salgado to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Donner asked to abstain from the vote as she is an employee of PACE.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. Nay: Schuster. Abstain: Donner. The vote being twenty-two (22) ayes, one (1) nay and one (1) abstention, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Chairman Koehler recognized the fact that there were many years involved in getting this Pilot Program off the ground. He thanked Mr. Osborn of the DOT who had a big hand in getting this done. This will start February 13th.

ORDINANCES

For Action: *Ordinance to designate the exclusive collector of solid waste, recyclables and yardwaste in certain areas of unincorporated McHenry County (info, bids, maps)*

Ms. Orphal made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to approve the above-named ordinance.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Board members spoke for and against this ordinance with some having heard from residents who were concerned about the increase in costs and some residents who looked forward to having the pickup.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote. Mr. Hammerand made a request for a roll call vote, Mr. Kennedy seconded that request.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, and Koehler. Nays: Breeden, Donley, Hammerand, Miller, Schuster and Bless. The vote being eighteen (18) ayes and six (6) nays, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said he placed a hard copy of a business analysis of Valley Hi that was prepared by Revere Healthcare on board member's desks. He also e-mailed this as well. He asked board members to review this over the next couple of weeks. He said the Valley Hi Committee has reviewed it and they feel good about this as it is a recap of where Valley Hi is now, what has been done in the last two years and where we need to go. Mr. Austin said after the board meeting on January 5th, which should be short, he would like to have a COW meeting afterward to go over this and talking further about the potential of creating an operating board to help govern Valley Hi. Any questions or comments please let him know. Mr. Austin said on February 19th (tentatively) in the morning he would like to spend a

half day talking about the County Board Strategic Plan and also fold in a COW meeting to talk about the county's budget and where we are and how we finished fiscal year 2009 and what capital projects we're going to be moving on in fiscal year 2010. Lastly, he reminded board members that tomorrow morning the Sheriff is doing a ribbon cutting on his new sub-station at 11 a.m. at the Algonquin Twp. Highway office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Koehler said there was a need for executive session to discuss pending litigation.
Ms. Hill 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: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Mr. Hammerand to return to open session.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Executive session ran from 7:58 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Salgado wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Schmidt said she has 6 female Valley Hi residents who need a Secret Santa. If anyone would like to purchase gifts for any of these people, please see Ms. Schmidt after the meeting.

Ms. Donner said in regard to the Pilot Program, they have been putting applications on the seats for the current dial-a-ride programs within the area. She was told today they already have 60 applications, so it's going well. Chairman Koehler said they were able to give one presentation to Senior Services at their monthly meeting and they are the topic at January's meeting.

Mr. Kennedy reminded board members that Valley Hi's party for the residents is: December 23rd at 2 p.m. for the 1st floor; December 22nd at 10 a.m. for the 2nd floor. Cookies will be served.

Chairman Koehler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Peschke made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 5th day of January, A.D., 2010.

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

ATTEST:

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