

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2012

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

<b>District 1</b> Robert Bless Anna May Miller Marc Munaretto Robert Nowak	<b>District 2</b> J.S. "Scott" Breeden James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Donna Kurtz	<b>District 3</b> Mary L Donner Nick Provenzano Kathleen Bergan Schmidt Barbara Wheeler
<b>District 4</b> Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	<b>District 5</b> Tina Hill John P Jung Jr. Virginia Peschke Paula Yensen	<b>District 6</b> Randall Donley Diane Evertsen Mary McCann Ersel C Schuster

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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. Wheeler gave the invocation/personal remarks.

#### ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein was present. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-one members responding. Mr. Nowak arrived after the roll was called.

#### MINUTES

*Minutes of County Board Regular Session meeting of December 20, 2011 and January 3, 2012 and COW minutes of January 4, 2012.*

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to approve the minutes as stated above.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes, Ms. Schmidt noted a correction on page 3 and page 5 of the COW minutes. The changes are noted and will be corrected. Noting no other changes/corrections, the Chairman asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion to approve above-stated minutes has passed.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler told the Board that the County has received an opinion regarding the Regional Supt of Schools position. The person they have interviewed would be able to fill the position so a meeting is set up with this person and the Chairman, Mr. Austin and Ms. Peschke on Thursday at 4 p.m. Hopefully they will be able to make things work out.

Also, the Chairman said Senator Durbin was in town last Thursday and the Chairman was able to meet with him along with several Mayors and people from MCCOG. Serious issues have come up with regard to the Algonquin Bypass project that could delay it by another year. By having the Senator here and his staff person that is familiar with road situations that used to work for IDOT, the Chairman thinks we will be able to work through the issues. The timeline issues have to be corrected by March, so he will keep the Board informed on this.

Lastly, Chairman Koehler said the Strategic Planning meeting is on Friday and hopes to see all Board members there.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

Ms. Schuster made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Eagle Scout recognitions:

Hunter P. Stewart of Huntley	Troop #167
Samuel C. Payseur of Crystal Lake	Troop #550
Michael V. Gillette of Marengo	Troop #163
Jacob C. Voller of Marengo	Troop #163
Andres A. Langel of Marengo	Troop #163

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

ZBA CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove a petition, there were none.

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

Exb #11-20; Grafton Twp; Gambino/Hennig Trust/Leuth; reclass of A1-E1V  
Exb #11-44; Hebron Twp; AT&T Corp; reclass of A1-A1C

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion, noting none, he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Hammerand and Nowak. The vote being twenty-two (22) ayes noting two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the ZBA Consent Agenda has passed.

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Koehler explained the rules of Public Comment. The following person spoke:

Ryan Heuser of Marengo                      against                      Prevailing Wages

Noting no others wishing to speak, Chairman Koehler closed public comment.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

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

Senior Services Grant Commission	
Kevin Sarnwick	term to 10/01/2013
Mary Reid	term to 10/01/2013

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Hammerand and Nowak. The vote being twenty-two (22) ayes noting two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named Appointments has passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Ms. Peschke reminded members of the Public Health & Human Services Committee that their meeting was moved and will be held jointly with the Board of Health at 7 p.m. in this building on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Schuster said that Management Services will be looking at different operating procedures that we're working under as far as minutes and recording and how we get information from our liaison committees. If anyone has any suggestions on issues they would like to see the Committee address, please let a committee member know.

Mr. Merkel said on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. before our board meeting there will be an opportunity for members of the Building Projects Committee as well as other Board members to go over and take a look at the courtroom renovations that have been completed. Mr. Austin commented that Mr. Wallis and Judge Sullivan are talking about hosting an open house for the entire Board sometime this spring before an evening board meeting. They would like Board members to visit a number of offices in the courthouse to get a sense of how the space is used and where things have been remodeled and relocated. Chairman Koehler said parking can be a problem as well as entry to the building so he asked Under Sheriff Zinke to look into this and get back to him with any ideas. Mr. Merkel said details will go out to Board members via e-mail when they become available.

Ms. Miller thanked everyone who attended the COW meeting to discuss the Five Year Highway Improvement Program. She said tomorrow this will be on the Agenda and they have taken everyone's comments and concerns and put them to good use. They will be voting on moving that forward from Transportation to our next County Board meeting.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Routine Consent Agenda. Ms. Yensen removed #15.10 E(05); Ms. Kurtz removed #15.10 B(10), E(10) and I(05); and Ms. Evertsen removed #15.10 B(05) and B(15).

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with six items removed.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Hammerand and Nowak. The vote being twenty-two (22) ayes noting two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with six items removed has passed.

*15.10 B(05) Resolution authorizing salary increases for the Board of Review for the fiscal budget year 2011-2012*

Mr. Breeden made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the above-named Resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Evertsen expressed concern over giving a salary increase during these difficult economic times. Other board members talked about the tremendous amount of assessment reviews being requested and the expertise involved in being able to review assessments. Mr. Austin pointed out that although the Board of Review is not a year round job there are times of the year where it is like a full time job as these people are here every day.

Ms. Yensen asked if the Board of Review has had a pay increase recently, Mr. Austin said yes last year and noted that about a year and a half ago a slightly higher adjustment was given due to a market analysis of what other Boards' of Review were getting. Mr. Munaretto agreed adding that we strive to maintain the expertise that we have and to be competitive in this very specialized area.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Donley, Evertsen, Provenzano and Schuster. Absent: Hammerand. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes and four (4) nays noting one absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve **15.10 B(05) has passed.**

15.10 B(10) *Resolution authorizing a support contract with VMWare Software*

Mr. Breeden made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the above-named Resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Kurtz asked to abstain from the vote as she owns stock in the company.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Hill, Jung, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Abstain: Kurtz. Absent: Hammerand. The vote being twenty-two (22) ayes noting one abstention and one absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve **15.10 B(10) has passed.**

15.10 B(15) *Resolution authorizing monthly transactions for the Delinquent Tax Program*

Mr. Breeden made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the above-named Resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Evertsen said there was some blogging done last week about a tax sale and that the County is selling properties at below market values. She asked for clarification about how the tax program works. Mr. Austin said the blogger did have a conversation with the County Treasurer to get accurate information and to his knowledge there has been no more blogging on this. Mr. Austin said when the County auctions off the delinquent taxes there are some taxes that are not sold at this auction because of unique issues that do not make the properties taxes attractive to tax buyers. To protect all of the taxing districts the County turns to another company. This company, Mr. Austin is told, handles 80 of Illinois' 102 counties in this same manner. This company buys the taxes of those not sold and then they market those taxes themselves. Mr. Austin said the County has worked with this company since before our current Treasurer was in his position and it has been a successful relationship. The Chairman pointed out that this company does print a booklet before their auction so that people can review the parcels before the sale. Of note is that property taxes are sold at the auction not the properties themselves.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Hammerand. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve **15.10 B(15) has passed.**

15.10 E(05) *Resolution authorizing Adoption of the 2012 State Legislative Program*

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Mr. Provenzano to approve the above-named Resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Yensen is in favor of this program but would like to see the Prevailing Wage paragraph removed.

Ms. Yensen made a **motion to amend** seconded by Ms. Schmidt **to remove the exempt projects under \$50,000 from the Prevailing Wage Act requirements as listed on page 10.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Ms. Yensen said she has strong concerns saying as a Board we support the prevailing wage but wondered why we are accepting projects under \$50,000. To her this is eroding the Prevailing Wage Act by supporting this suggested alteration.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote on the motion to amend. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, McCann and Schmidt. Nay: Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Hammerand. The vote being four (4) ayes and nineteen (19) nays noting one absent, the Chairman declared the **motion to amend to remove the exempt projects under \$50,000 from the Prevailing Wage Act requirements as listed on page 10 has failed.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the main motion to approve 15.10 E(05). Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schuster and Koehler. Nay: Yensen and Schmidt. Absent: Hammerand. The vote being twenty-one (21) ayes and two (2) nays noting one absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve **15.10 E(05) has passed** as presented.

15.10 E(10) *Resolution authorizing an Agreement for an Electric Utility Aggregation Consultant*  
Mr. Provenzano made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to approve the above-named Resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Provenzano said the Board has on their desks a list of seven modifications to this proposed Agreement that came in as a result of a discussion with the State's Attorney's Office and attorneys for MCCOG. Mr. Provenzano said he would make a motion for each change being made. Chairman Koehler asked the Board if they would like to take all of the changes at once as they have the list in front of them.

Mr. Munaretto called a Point of Order and asked if these changes are to the contract that we are negotiating with this company. Mr. Provenzano said these are changes to the contract that is here for approval this evening. Mr. Munaretto questioned why the Board was receiving a document that was not finished. Mr. Provenzano said it is his understanding that it was finished out of Committee then went to the attorneys at MCCOG. They had some suggestions that were discussed with the State's Attorney's Office and then the Agreement came back here and didn't have time to go back before the Committee again before coming to the Board. The Agreement has been amended and is highlighted in yellow for Board members to see where the changes were made. There were six additions and one deletion. Mr. Austin added that this has been moving fast and they wanted to get this Agreement in place as quickly as possible. He noted that none of the changes has to happen they are just desirable. Mr. Austin said they are trying to work with several municipalities who are moving towards a contract with Independent Energy Consultants and MCCOG attorneys are representing a common contract that they are all going to use. Mr. Austin said he believes that each recommended modification strengthens our situation.

Mr. Provenzano made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Heisler to make the following modifications:

- 1) Page 1, 1.0 – add “consultant shall provide the following services”
- 2) Page 2, 1.1.5 – amended to read “Assist client in writing Customized Request for Proposals (RFPs) to solicit energy offers for residential and small commercial retail customers within Client’s jurisdiction.
- 3) Page 2, 1.1.10.7 – “Providing or assisting with preparation of factual information about local aggregation referendum

- 4) Page 3, 1.1.10.8 - "Providing information regarding demand management and energy efficiency services provided to each class of customers for inclusion in Client's aggregation plan
- 5) Page 3, 2.1.2 – words added "or renegotiated transaction"
- 6) Page 4, Section 6.2 was deleted (that allowed automatic contract renewal)
- 7) Page 5, Section 10.0 Confidentiality – add "Consultant agrees to cooperate with Client to ensure compliance with Red Flag Rules and other laws and regulations related to confidentiality of account, financial and other private and protected information.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend to make the above-named changes. Ms. Donner said although she is ok with the suggestions she would like a recess to review these.

Ms. Donner made a **motion** seconded by Mr. Provenzano **to recess for 5 minutes to review the changes.**

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the motion to recess, the ayes having it noting a few nays, the motion to recess for 5 minutes has passed. Recess 7:46 p.m. to 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Heisler made a **motion** seconded by Mr. Provenzano **to return to regular session.**

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Mr. Munaretto offered an apology to the County Board on behalf of the Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for having to do Committee work on the Board floor. He said this is material that could have been discussed and approved prior to the Board meeting tonight.

Ms. Schuster said she did vote for this to go forward in Committee, but looking at this now she had some observations. She has a problem with the wording because it says this company is going to "assist" the County but says nothing about them actually doing any promotional or informational work. There is also nothing about what the costs will be for McHenry County in putting this out and educating the public on what it is we are going to be doing.

Chairman Koehler asked that discussion be to the motion to amend not on the main motion.

Ms. Yensen suggested that in the future the Board have the original document with items to be changed red lined out and changes highlighted so that everyone can see exactly what and how the document is being changed. Mr. Provenzano agreed that this would be easier however this is how the changes were received. He did note that the front page does explain thoroughly what and why the changes are being made and the benefit of these changes.

Noting no further discussion on the motion to amend as stated above, the Chairman asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it noting one nay, Chairman Koehler declared the **motion to amend as stated above has passed.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the main motion. Ms. Wheeler asked if this was too early to be signing an agreement for a consultant. Mr. Austin responded that this agreement goes away if the referendum fails and there is no cost to the County, the consultants are paid by the suppliers and that is only if the referendum passes. He added that we want to be in a position to proceed as rapidly as possible should the referendum pass. Also, we know that a number of municipalities want to move together. He said there is a requirement to do some public hearing type events so there may be some incidental cost for hosting a meeting here some evening and these things have to be worked out as

quickly as possible. Mr. Austin feels that with so many municipalities moving on this there will be a lot of good dialogue in the free media on this subject.

Ms. Kurtz said she was able to find some figures on the internet pertaining to the purchase of energy of which she shared with Mr. Austin. She talked about the consultants being paid as determined by kilowatt usage by the homeowner. By the figures she ascertained on the internet she did the math and said the premium they could be paid is \$139,000. Mr. Austin responded that the County had an intensive interview process with five applicants and through that process of interviewing with several people and answering written questions, this firm was felt to be the best to work with. This firm was not selected on a price point they were selected because of their experience, they have done this for over ten years in Ohio and have done so successfully. Of note is that they have been retained regularly by the municipalities and counties that they have worked with. Mr. Austin said that the approximate cost per household calculated could be \$4.64 which varies by how much power is being used. From what they have seen, the average household could save about \$300 per year and the exact savings will not be known until we capture the price point on the day this goes to bid. Mr. Austin said McHenry County wants to go to bid with the firm that has done this most successfully and knows how to aggregate with a good network of suppliers. Mr. Austin and Ms. Kurtz came to the conclusion that this firm is higher priced but their experience justifies it.

Ms. Kurtz asked Mr. Austin to explain the Opt Out option for the consumer. Mr. Austin said if the referendum passes by IL law there are two required mailings to be done allowing the homeowner the opportunity to opt out. Com Ed is responsible for one of the contacts and the aggregator does the second contact. If you opt out right away, there is no cost to the homeowner. If you accept the service and then choose to opt out at a later date to go to a different supplier, there is a fee of \$15 to \$25 depending on how long you have been in service. He believes the cost goes down in the second year and after two years you can opt out on your own at no cost.

Several board members said they were against this because of the changes being brought to the Board on the board floor.

Ms. Evertsen pointed out that a homeowner can, at any time, contact any of the energy suppliers on their own and sign up. She doesn't understand why the County would get involved in this. Mr. Provenzano responded saying because the whole being sold on the open market can give a reduction in the cost vs. doing so on a singular basis.

Ms. Schuster asked if when talking with the aggregators did they give an idea of what the procedure would be for educating the public on what was happening with the referendum and costs involved. Chairman Koehler responded that any public meetings or PR that would be done, the cost would be covered by the consultant. If the referendum fails the consultant is out that money. The cost the County will have is putting the question on the ballot. Ms. Schuster said she has a problem with the agreement as it says the consultant will "assist" the County with things.

Mr. Bless said from a financial stand point, if the referendum passes, this consultant will be brokering for us. He did some research on the aggregation and noted that our electrical supply is about 70% coal, maybe 20% nuclear and the rest other. Coal right now is low in cost and this consultant is locking us in now. Right now we could be electric cheaper than we will after the referendum so we're actually giving them a bargain if we're locking in with them even though they are taking a chance on the referendum passing. He asked if there is a way to lock in any kind of pricing if the referendum passes. Mr. Austin responded that if the referendum passes and if the Board passes this agreement with IEC today, IEC would be our aggregator. They would then bundle our residential units with a number of other residential units and take them to market where 20-30 suppliers would be competing to provide power. The aggregator will get paid by the units of power that are consumed not by any particular supplier and

they will be paid monthly as long as our contract runs which at this time is 24 months. Mr. Austin added that if the referendum passes and when our residential units are aggregated and put to market, if we don't see a savings that the Board feels is acceptable then the Board can say no and not approve the aggregation. The only thing we are agreeing to today is the firm that would be positioned to move on this if the referendum passes.

Chairman Koehler pointed out that when the power is purchased we will have to have a committee of people that can meet on the same day that the consultant feels they want to make the buy so that we can give them the authority to negotiate and to have a decision maker or several decision makers to say yes we will be in on that buy. The Chairman said it is believed that because we have several municipalities as part of this aggregation with us with the same aggregator that is going to go out and bid, we will see better pricing.

Mr. Donley reminded the Board that we don't need this contract in order for there to be a referendum. He added that there will be media coverage on this whether this is voted on or not and the Board needs to be clear on what we are voting on. One example was being clear on how long the agreement runs for. Ms. Peschke pointed out on Page 4 where it states that the agreement will be in effect for the longer of 3 years or the term of the specific energy supply agreement signed into between the client and the suppliers prior to the expiration or termination of the agreement. Mr. Austin clarified that we can go to bid for 2 years worth of power.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Yensen, Breeden, Donner, Heisler, Hill, Jung, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Wheeler, Bless, Donley, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Kurtz and Schuster. Absent: Hammerand. The vote being sixteen (16) ayes and seven (7) nays noting one absent, the Chairman declared the **motion to approve 15.10 E(10) has passed.**

*15.10 I(05) Resolution adopting a HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding recommendation – contingency allocation*

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the above-named Resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Kurtz noted that \$296,118.10 was approved and this was then decreased, she asked if the Housing Commission voted on this change. Ms. Hill said no this was changed in Planning & Development so that there would be a reserve of 5% that could still be allocated to a CHDO should that request come forward. Ms. Hill recalls this being done only one other time just about a month or so ago and noted that the Housing Commission recommendations are taken into consideration and the P & D Committee has the final vote. She also pointed out that the Housing Commission is a new Commission just adopted about a year ago and this is only the second recommendation they've made to the P & D Committee. Mr. Sandquist added that P & D has been providing the Housing Commission with feedback on P & D and County Board actions on their recommendations, so they are being kept informed of what is happening.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Jung, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Donley, Evertsen, Kurtz and Schuster. Absent: Hammerand. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes and four (4) nays noting one absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve 15.10 I(05) has passed.

**ORDINANCES**

For Review:

*16.06 A. Ordinance for Recertification of Zoning Maps*

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to put the above-named Ordinance on 30-day review.

Ms. Hill noted that the township zoning maps are in the room and have been counted and confirmed.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said the Public Health & Human Services Committee will meet jointly with the Board of Health on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He encouraged board members to attend. Also, there will be a joint meeting of the Human Resources Committee and Finance Committee at 9 a.m. on January 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be going over some labor issues at this meeting. A report will be brought forward to the full Board at the first meeting in February.

Mr. Austin told the Board that the County paid off our final debt on Valley Hi last week.

Lastly, Mr. Austin reminded the Board that the Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Friday. Coffee and breakfast food will be at 8 a.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. He said they have pulled together all of the ideas that have been received so far and put them together into what staff sees as some action items that tie back into those ideas.

#### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Hill told the Board that Mr. Sandquist has placed in member's mailboxes a Impediments to Housing survey that they are collecting about elected officials. Ms. Hill has asked that the survey be e-mailed to members as well. She asked that the surveys be filled out and returned to the P & D Department.

Ms. Yensen said she has acquired a list of Gold Award recipients for the Girl Scouts and asked if these girls could be recognized as the Eagle Scouts are. Chairman Koehler said the County has done this before. He said the list she has can be given to Mr. Austin but would also like Ms. Yensen to get the Girl Scouts Organization to provide a list of the girl's names on their letterhead to the County. Ms. Yensen said there has been a change in leadership and she will look into this.

Mr. Merkel said in the IL County Review on page 6 there is a nice article on the salt storage and Mr. DeVries crew. He said it is nice recognition in a state wide publication and encouraged Board members to take a look at it.

Ms. McCann thanked the DOT for investing in more snow fences on Kishwaukee Valley Road. She said it made the trip in the snow a lot safer. To Ms. Yensen, Ms. McCann suggested that the Girl Scout Headquarters inform troop leaders to submit names to the Admin Office as the girls accomplish their Gold Award.

Ms. Kurtz said she and Ms. Yensen attended the LITH Village meeting last week and their Board unanimously recommended and presented a Resolution in which they stated they do not want to support the Continuous Flow Intersection. Ms. Kurtz thanked and commended Ms. Miller for coming to that meeting as well. She came as Chairman of the Transportation Committee to listen to what people had to say on this project and Ms. Kurtz said she believes the LITH Village Board appreciated her presence as well.

Ms. Peschke said she mentioned at the Housing Commission that age was probably appropriate since we do work with senior housing and other things so they will be looking into all of the protected classes and decide which ones they want to work with, so the demographics of the Housing Commission probably will change. Ms. Peschke also noted that while her husband was at home they acquired several pieces of expensive equipment and supplies which she has donated to Valley Hi. When she did so her son and daughter-in-law went with her and they were able to take a tour of the facility and were very impressed with both the staff and the facility.

Ms. Salgado said the Senior Services Grant Commission is looking for two good non-profit representatives. They have had no success in getting applicants in this area and they would like to have a full Commission as soon as possible so they can do their strategic planning. She has asked the Public Health & Human Services Committee to send some recruits their way and she is also asking the Board that if they know anyone to let her know. They can apply through the County. She noted that it doesn't have to be non-profit that works with seniors.

Ms. McCann told the Board that there was an Eagle Scout in Marengo that for his project set up a network within the faith community around Marengo for collecting gently used products for senior citizens and these items are distributed through the church.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wheeler made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2012.

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

ATTEST:

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