

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
JUNE 1, 2010

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, June 1, 2010.

Chairman Koehler 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. Dvorak gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel and Koehler. Absent: Ryan. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-three (23) members responding. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein was present. Mr. Ryan arrived after the roll was called.

MINUTES

None

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler said he hoped everyone had a nice Memorial Day weekend and hoped that all veterans were remembered on this special day.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

7.1 Proclamation – Recognizing Donna Mayberry for her service to McHenry County

Chairman Koehler asked Ms. Mayberry to come forward and read the Proclamation being presented to her today and congratulated her for her years of service to McHenry County as well as to Kane County. Ms. Mayberry thanked the County for this honor.

7.2 Proclamation – Recognizing Lucille "Murph" Wilcox for her service to McHenry County

Chairman Koehler said Ms. Wilcox was not available to attend this meeting, so he read the Proclamation in her honor. A member of the Health Department staff came forward to accept the Proclamation for her.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mike Iwanicki of the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) came forward to speak about artwork that is going to be on loan for display outside of the VAC office. Mr. Iwanicki said in recognition of Memorial Day they wanted to do something special this year and Ms. Wheeler gave him information on this project to check into. There is a local artist who is participating in the Vet's Art Project, Jeanine Hill-Soldner, and she has agreed to display and rotate some of her portraits of veteran's outside of the VAC office with each portrait having information about the veteran next to it. Charles McHenry will be the first portrait displayed and the second will be Phil Seyler. Ms. Hill-Soldner said she is an artist and lives in Algonquin, with her art studio being located in Crystal Lake. She said her dad was a veteran having served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, two tours of duty. Her latest artwork about war is Portraits of American Veterans project. She is doing this collaboratively with the Vet Art Project which originated in Chicago in mid 2007 at the Chicago Cultural Center. What she does is to have the veteran come into her studio and pose for about three hours and they tell their story. She starts their portrait in her studio, takes photographs and completes the portrait

later. She asks them to send or e-mail pictures of important things in their life and she collages these pictures into the foreground of the portrait. She said the process of this project has been a healing process. This project was exhibited for the first time in November of last year and will be exhibited again this November in the Sage Gallery at the Lakeside Legacy Arts Park. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to show her work.

8.1 *Presentation of the McHenry County Journal 1 – Phyllis Walters and Nancy Fike*

Chairman Koehler said this is something that rarely happens when an item for whatever reason is displaced and all of a sudden is rediscovered. Ms. Walters came forward and said not only do we have this wonderful find, Nancy Fike, Administrator for the McHenry County Historical Society just received from a descendent of the very first pioneer who came to McHenry County in 1834, the Gilliland's, the Will of Margaret Gilliland, a ten type picture of her and a book with her signature. Ms. Walters said no one in the family wanted this piece of history, so Ms. Fike was contacted to see if the Historical Society would like this material. Ms. Walters said we are hoping this will lead to other decedents or families sharing information about our County.

Ms. Walters said we know that the early settlers of our area were preceded by Native Americans in the Blackhawk War of 1832. They traveled Northwest from Chicago along Indian trails in search of farming sites. In their search they found vast rolling prairies, well watered with large beautiful Oak trees which would soon become McHenry County. Over time trailblazers found access to Cook County government increasingly difficult and grew concerned over the voices not being heard so they petitioned the IL legislator to name a new county and in 1836 the legislator approved a petition and named McHenry County after Major William McHenry, an officer and leader of the volunteers in the area of the Blackhawk War. Chicago had just become a city, with a population of a little over 4,000; beef and butter was six cents a pound; a barrel of flour was three dollars and a financial crisis, the panic of 1837 had just erupted in the United States. Ms. Walters said proudly it was exactly 173 years ago today, June 1, 1837, when the first handwritten entry was made in this historic McHenry County Journal. There were three county commissioners; and the Sheriff, the Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer, Recorder and Surveyor were elected or appointed in the newly established County of about 200. The election was held at the home of Heiran Kennebecot (sp). Ms. Walters said she first received the book in early December and she and her staff were amazed that the book appeared to be in good condition. They carefully leafed through the pages with white gloves on and they knew this was something extremely special. Ms. Walters said she called Chairman Koehler to look at the book as well as Ms. Fike. After reviewing the book, Ms. Fike said this book appeared to be the first written documentation on the forming of McHenry County. Ms. Walters's office made a microfilm copy of the book and gave a copy to Ms. Fike to go over. Ms. Walters thanked Carolyn Taft of Springfield, IL who graciously contacted her and shipped the book back to McHenry County. Ms. Walters said she will be sending Ms. Taft a copy of the DVD and program and some pictures of this event. Ms. Walters thanked Scott Robinson, President/CEO of US Imaging of Saginaw, MI. Ms. Walters said Mr. Robinson sent staff to scan the original book on March 15th, then sent them back again on May 26th to rescan the book after it had been restored. Mr. Robinson performed both scans at no charge to the County. Mr. Robinson also provided the DVD copy set for distribution today and it was done quickly and efficiently. Ms. Walters also thanked Brown's River Merotti Co of Essex, VT where the original Journal was sent on March 17th for full conservation. The original binding and sewing had deteriorated and the paper was acidic and weak with some tares on the edges. The treatment report for Journal 1 was dismantling of the book with binding materials removed; paper was mended with Japanese tissue or other tissues; paper deacidification using magnesium oxide was done on each page then the book was bound back together in a leather cover with acid free materials. Chairman Koehler was holding the book up for everyone to see. Ms. Walters welcomed the McHenry County library representatives present here this evening and invited them and all guests to Conference Room A for a celebration of this Journal. At that time she will hand out a copy of the DVD of McHenry County Journal 1 to the library representatives for their respective libraries.

Ms. Fike came forward and talked about her findings in the book and said she is thankful that the book came back to Ms. Walters and the County. Ms. Fike said there were many interesting things in the book, one being an entry just after McHenry County was created there was the first reference of dividing Lake and McHenry County, and the idea was to divide it down the Fox River. Ms. Fike talked about points she found significant i.e. the verification of endurance of the democratic process; the first election in McHenry County was in 1838; the location and relocation of the courthouse; how to finance government; the expectation of public participation; and the flushing out of first people, homes of which we now try to preserve. Ms. Fike said when you think about it, this book predates electricity, railroads, township government and the Civil War and to have it back home and accessible is an aha moment, Chairman Koehler thanked Ms. Walters, Ms. Fike and everyone involved in bringing this book home. He added that the original book will be on display in a locked glass case for its protection and viewing in the County Board offices.

8.2 McHenry County Division of Transportation (DOT) on the process to complete a major highway rehabilitation project – Joe Korpalski and Jeff Young

Mr. Korpalski came forward to talk about the process of completing major highway rehabilitation. A power point presentation was done for everyone to follow along with. He said they will focus on the Phase 1 process emphasizing the CSS and public participation aspects. Noting that all public comments are taken into consideration and balanced with the need to improve safety, reduce congestion and support economic development.

Mr. Young came forward stating that there are many facets of what they do in their office every day. Focusing on the design element, within design engineering there are different categories that a project can fall into i.e. feasibility study, Phase I, II or III. He explained about feasibility studies and the phases in which the project is worked on. They work closely with IL Department of Transportation (IDOT) to make sure all projects are consistent with federal, state and local goals and objectives and policies and regulations. Guidance for a project for Phase I engineering comes from IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. With IDOT they have a Memorandum of Understanding which is a document that provides the County with certain abilities in terms of processing projects through IDOT. This is important because counties with larger populations, such as McHenry County, do have the ability to process projects on their own which takes the burden off of IDOT wherein some of the more rural counties in IL may not have this ability. In regard to Contact Sensitive Solutions (CSS), from the Federal Highway Administration, "CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stake holders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. CSS is an approach that considers the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist." Mr. Young went over basic principals saying key is striking a balance. Mr. Young talked some on Complete Streets and importantly is how it affects our long range plan. Mr. Korpalski said IDOT's direction on this is about three years behind schedule. Direction was supposed to be given within a year of the legislation being passed and they have yet to get any direction from the state DOT. In summary, Mr. Young said Phase 1 engineering is a dynamic, constantly evolving process that is tailored for each specific project. Ms. Barnes asked regarding complete streets, it refers to within one mile of an urban area, she wondered if there is a specific definition for urban area. Mr. Young said this is why they are seeking assistance from IDOT; they have to interpret what an urban area is. Right now they are handling things on a case by case basis until they get more definitive direction. It was asked what happens if you find in Phase II that a discovery has been made i.e. turtles, butterflies, what happens to the project. Mr. Young said this is something that should be caught in Phase 1. They would have to work with their resource agencies to see what they would have to do to address this kind of concern. In Phase I you get sign offs from the different agencies letting you know if there are any or no impacts. It was asked about how many miles of roadway are cleaned up by Adopt A Highway volunteers. Mr. Korpalski said 63% of the county roadways are cleaned up by volunteers. It is a profound amount of money that the County is saving by volunteers cleaning up the county roadways. Ms. Wheeler asked regarding the Fleming Road and Alden Road projects, if we are restricted based on IDOT regulations for size and right of ways. Mr. Young said that there are some things that are inflexible regarding design, and some that are flexible and this is where CSS comes in. An example of what could be flexible would be how you handle the drainage for a project. Then you have to balance the financial, environmental and other aspects that come into play. Ms. Miller thanked Mr. Korpalski and Mr. Young for this presentation today and encouraged anyone with questions to give MCDOT a call. Chairman Koehler thanked them as well for this presentation. A copy of their power point slides is included in the County Board file.

8.3 Recognition of Aaa Rating Status – Marc Munaretto and Eric Anderson

Mr. Munaretto came forward and said it's only taken 176 years for this County to achieve a Aaa credit rating! It's a continuum and government has to look out a long ways and focus on the long term. He thanked all of the financial stakeholders in McHenry County for embracing his financial leadership over the last ten years. It created a path that allowed us to arrive at a place and time where McHenry County becomes part of an elite group of counties in the United States; a recognition that we do things better than 98% of the people in our same business throughout the United States. Getting there was really hard and maintaining this status can be elusive, it requires our constant and focused vigilance.

Mr. Anderson came forward and said it is a pleasure to recognize McHenry County's achievement of the Aaa rating. He said getting to this point took a careful disciplined approach in funding our growth. He said it's quite impressive when you look at all of the projects that have been funded over the last ten years i.e. the highway facility, the Administration Building, the road projects, third floor jail build out, various technological and energy savings projects, and most recently the Mental Health expansion. All of this has been done without raising taxes. He said the County has taken the scarce funding that has been generated through careful budgeting and have utilized that to embrace growth and achieve a Aaa rating in that same period of time. Mr. Anderson said he has other clients who are Aaa rated most of which have utilized a separate levy on their residents to achieve that, McHenry County has not, and for this McHenry County should receive special distinction. Mr. Anderson said he has worked with many of the team

members involved with this accomplishment and they provide him with timely, accurate, complete and well analyzed data; you have to start with quality to get quality. He said there is a very high standard for the quality of work that comes out of McHenry County's administration. Mr. Anderson said the Finance & Audit Committee, he has been before them many times and they carefully consider and play programs and ask many questions. Mr. Anderson gave a shout out to Mr. Munaretto saying he has used two different things that have infected other units of government that Mr. Munaretto has shared with him; one of which is the county's appetite for financial risk is something less than zero. He likes this saying and he's used it many times. The other thing he said was that it is customary for some units of government to kick the can down the road, but McHenry County has embraced the process where you've said we want to be able to regularly reinvest in our county and recirculate those funds. He said other units of government are starting to get that; so McHenry County is in a positive way infecting other units of government and this is a good thing. Mr. Anderson thanked the board for the opportunity to vet the process through the board; there has always been allocated quite a bit of time to discuss the matters, to encourage an open and transparent process and this is emblematic of great government, and this is positively viewed by Moody's rating agency. Mr. Munaretto said you only get one chance to make a first impression, so this event is being memorialized with something you can keep to be reminded of all of the hard work that went into getting a Aaa rating. He asked board members to come up row by row to accept a memento of this accomplishment. Mr. Anderson was also presented with the same memento. Mr. Austin stated that paperweights were distributed to department heads in recognition of this accomplishment.

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.1 Resolution authorizing a change in the compensation for the County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Sheriff

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

Ms. Salgado stated this is coming out of the Human Resources Committee because it failed in the Finance and Audit Committee with a vote of 3-3.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Miller asked for background on what the reservations were from the Finance Committee on moving this forward. Mr. Breeden said when this came forward it was in addition to his original concern and he feels that moving past the County Board to other elected officials is premature at this time. Ms. Miller asked if there was some legal timing involved in this; could this wait a few months. Ms. Rein said there is a policy where it has to be done 180 days before that person takes office; the salary has to be set. That's why it is before the board today. There is also a state statute that says an elected office salary can't change during the time they are holding their term. It has to be done prior to those offices being seated. Ms. Wheeler said she felt we have had this discussion before. Chairman Koehler said the other salaries are not frozen and there has been discussion in the past, although he doesn't remember it being done last time around. Ms. Yensen said she serves on the Human Resources Committee and she voted in support of this. She thinks it is important to lead by example understanding that there are a lot of people in our county that are going through difficult times. She feels we need to tighten our belt like everyone else but this does not negate the hard work that these elected officials do. Board members spoke for and against this some agreeing that we need to lead by example and other believing this might be a premature thing to be doing. Ms. Hill asked Mr. Sarbaugh how and when we went to two different sets of constitutional officers make two different amounts of money. Mr. Sarbaugh said it was done at the time, he believes, we were setting the County Board salary in 2001. Prior to that, the other group of elected officials were always ahead of this group of elected officials. It was voted on at that time to try to bring this group ahead for a while. So what they did was to bump them up and set their increase by the CPI only, the other group has been given a 4% each year guaranteed increase. With doing that it was thought over the ten year period before we set a new board the two amounts would become very close again and they would be on par with each other. It is slowly happening but the CPI has been low the last couple of years where the 4% is staying constant. There still is a separation. Ms. Hill said by freezing this group will bring it closer faster? Mr. Sarbaugh said yes. Ms. Hill said she voted to freeze the salaries. She said Mr. Munaretto made a very good case that we should go into this with a better plan if we need to look at all salaries and not as Moody's says a "knee jerk reaction" when it comes to our financial status.

Ms. Hill said she is going to vote for this because of economic times and the indicators, it is a savings of \$24,000, 1/1000th of a percent of our budget, small but a savings. She thanked Mr. Breeden for bringing this forward as she felt it was forward thinking as far as some of the tough decisions we might have to be making next year in union negotiations and setting by example.

Mr. Munaretto said they separated this into two distinct classes of the decision making process. One being the emotional side and leading by example, pointing out that we have stripped \$10 million dollars out of the budget in the last two years in McHenry County, during which time the county has continued to grow and it has received the highest acknowledgement for being fiscally responsible. One of the observations Moody's made for us is that as they survey the landscape of counties like us, they discovered that people with Aaa credit behaviors don't do knee jerk kinds of things, they plan, organize and execute and it's a quality they have come to appreciate in McHenry County. Mr. Munaretto went on saying that we have basically stripped all the non-essentials out of our budget; that if revenues continue to decline in 2010 there is only one place for us to go to make a cut. His observation at the Finance Committee was rather than doing piece meal things that look like a knee jerk, we really should give ourselves a little bit of time to create a plan around how this might universally impact the entire organization and not just one or two classes of employee in McHenry County.

Ms. Salgado talked about the resolution before us. She said it has changed a little bit from the one that was voted on. The one that was voted on had the county board reviewing the elected officials increase on an annual basis. The one before us today goes to just returning to the CPI for years 2012, 2013 and 2014. She also said this has been discussed a lot, back in November when we originally had this and it came to the forefront in April. Ms. Salgado said she is not in favor of making all elected officials equal in pay and noted she is only speaking for herself on this. She has heard from a lot of constituents, more than on any other issue that we've voted on, on this. Ms. Schuster agreed with Ms. Salgado. The comments about how the board has cut for this last fiscal year, that was very easy compared to what we are going to see in the future. Mr. Hammerand said he would like to see this reviewed each year. Chairman Koehler said you have to set them for a time certain. Mr. Hammerand asked if you freeze the pay can you give a cost of living raise afterwards. Chairman Koehler said the CPI would be the increase. Mr. Hammerand thanked them for the information.

Ms. Donner asked Mr. Sarbaugh about the increase being 4% and why the resolution shows a 5% increase.

Mr. Sarbaugh explained that the other group of elected officials are getting 4% each year; this group was tied to the CPI or 5% whichever was less, so if the CPI became 6% the maximum this group could get was 5%. Ms. Donner clarified that she voted no at the finance meeting and will vote no again.

Ms. Miller said she agrees with Mr. Munaretto about setting out a plan, organizing it and executing it. She has also heard from constituents, however symbolic it is going to be seen by the constituents as leading by example. She is in support of this as well. Ms. Salgado said there is a plan, they will be revisiting all of this around this time next year and she will be sure to let everyone know because she values the input on how we should either continue with the structure that we have currently, for both resolutions we're seeing today, or if there are suggestions for other ways of moving forth. Ms. Donner asked Mr. Sarbaugh what the CPI is now. Mr. Sarbaugh said the current CPI that we are projecting property tax base off of for the next tax year is 2.7%, last year it was 1/10th of a percent. The 2.7% could vary a little bit because we do it midyear August to August instead of December to December. Ms. Donner said as a point of reference basically there was no raise last year for these people, this year it looks like they'll get 2.7%. Our salaried employees received 2.2% last year.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Miller, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Donley, Draffkorn, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel and Koehler. Nay: Munaretto, Breeden, Donner and Dvorak. The vote being twenty (20) ayes and four (4) nays, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve change in compensation for the County Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff has passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. McCann made a motion seconded by Ms. Wheeler to approve the following Appointment:

McHenry County Conservation District
David Brandt term to 6/30/2014

Chairman Koehler pointed out that normally there are different years where we have one person sometimes two people. We just had a resignation from the Conservation District Board so there previous applicants will be reconsidered as well as there will be more applicants. Ms. Wheeler commented that Mr. Brandt has done a great deal for the county in his work position and to now have him as a volunteer, she thinks he should be recognized.

Mr. Brandt is retired now and he is replacing David LaGue our farmer who has done a remarkable job as well. Mr. LaGue will also be coming off of the ACE Commission as well, so Mr. Brandt will be able to fill this position.

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

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Appointments:

McHenry County Housing Commission

Voting Member

Rose Toole, Tenant of Affordable Housing term to 4/30/2013

Ex-officio Member

Non-Voting Member

Julie Biel Clausen, Housing Authority term to 4/30/2013

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Noting none, he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve Housing Commission members has passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

None

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda noting he was pulling item #14.2 G1 Designating McHenry County Farm Day, to be brought back on July 20th; Ms. Salgado removed item #14.2 B7.

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with two items removed.

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

14.2 B7 Resolution authorizing a change in the compensation for the County Board Chairman and County Board members

Mr. Munaretto made a motion seconded by Mr. Breeden to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Salgado said there were a couple of changes to this resolution after speaking with Administration and the State's Attorney's Office. The original resolution was for all sitting board members and it came back that this change brought forward today will only affect those positions that would be elected in this upcoming election and seated in December. This creates the two-tiered system and they have included what the base salary will be for those positions in November. Ms. Salgado had information placed on everyone's desk about what some other county's had done so that members had the knowledge needed before making a decision. She said Lake and DuPage County had the same system that we had set up. Ms. Salgado said we are proposing to move forward with this and next year when the H.R. Committee looks at the overall compensation plan for the County Board members we will address moving forward after the census and when the whole board is seated at one time and how we'll handle that. She's also hoping that between herself, Administration and the State's Attorney's office that we can look for an avenue for those who are not involved in the freeze, if they want to voluntarily give up their increase how we would go about doing that. The true intent was not to split the board. Ms. Hill asked statutorily if the County Board members had to make the same amount of money, except for the Chairman. Mr. Munaretto said in 2001 when salaries were set for the entire County Board we paid everyone the same for the first time. Ms. Yensen said she appreciated the State's Attorney opinion on this and went on record to say she is willing to give up her pay raise in support of this resolution. Ms. Wheeler said she is also in support of this and added that when salaries are reviewed she encouraged everyone to look and revisit the compensation for insurance and pension. If we really want to save money and be fair, she feels we need to look at the board's compensation and consider totally removing any kind of health and pension benefits which save a substantial amount of money, or maybe perhaps increase the contribution amount members make, noting it does need to be part of a comprehensive plan.

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

ORDINANCES

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said after a forum tomorrow where Congressman Manzullo will be he has agreed to meet with Chairman Koehler, Ms. McKinney and himself to get an update on all of our water projects. He would like to put together a presentation for the media on all that we are doing with water and the money that the Congressman has helped up secure. He also reminded the board that he e-mailed a copy of his self-evaluation to everyone and put hard copies in member's mailboxes and he went over this with Management Services last week. If there are any comments, questions or suggestions, please let him or Ms. Schuster know. Lastly, Mr. Austin said Administration wanted to recognize Barbara Todd as she is retiring after 15 years of dedicated service. Mr. Austin said he's been with the County for 5 years and any success he's had here is due to Barb, she has been an anchor in this department. Ms. Todd came forward and thanked everyone. Mr. Austin asked everyone to join Barbara for cake after the meeting.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. McCann commented that fence viewers were used back in the 1800's and are being used today. Fence Viewer's are coming back to the townships, they look at the Plat map and then go out and look at the land and determine exactly the fence row for the property.

Ms. Donner congratulated Ms. Todd on her retirement and gave high praises for her work done here in Administration. She noted that she knows Mary Haines, Ms. Todd's replacement, and feels that Ms. Haines will do a good job in Administration. Also, her nephew who is a 22 year retired Marine Gunny Sgt was asked to give the key note speech yesterday in Palatine for the Memorial Day Parade. During that time a Navy officer, 91 years old who had been at Pearl Harbor, was deservedly acknowledged. Ms. Donner is now involved with the Honor Flight program so that perhaps we can get more of these older retirees out to Washington.

Ms. Hill said she did a lot of reading while up in the UP and commented about a specific article she read about women. She said the Jury Commission is looking for magazines, so if you have recent issues please bring them in.

Ms. Wheeler talked about the brochure for the ACE Program, she will put a copy in everyone's box. We will be designating July 20th as McHenry County Farm Day and hope to have special speakers at the meeting that day.

Mr. Hammerand said that today his nephew is departing for Afghanistan and this week we lost another WWII veteran, his father passed away. He asked for prayers for both families.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 6th day of July, A.D., 2010.

ATTEST:

Kenneth D Koehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

Katherine C. Schultz, County Clerk