

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

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

<b>District 1</b> Yvonne M. Barnes Robert Bless Anna May Miller Marc Munaretto	<b>District 2</b> J.S. "Scott" Breeden James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Lyn Orphal	<b>District 3</b> Mary L Donner Ed Dvorak Kathleen Bergan Schmidt Barbara Wheeler
<b>District 4</b> Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	<b>District 5</b> Tina Hill James P Kennedy Virginia Peschke Paula Yensen	<b>District 6</b> 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, September 7, 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. Merkel gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes or corrections, one typo was noted and will be corrected. Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve County Board minutes of August 17, 2010.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion to approve minutes with one correction has passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler talked about the Underage Drinking Task Force. He emphasized that this is a large issue in McHenry County and the kick off for this is September 20<sup>th</sup> here in the board room at 9 a.m. and should last until about 11 a.m. He encouraged everyone to attend as you will see quite a group of people that will come together throughout the entire county to bring this to the forefront.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

*7.1 Proclamation proclaiming Monday, September 27, 2010 as Family Day*

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named proclamation.

Mr. Munaretto asked that the wording "proclaimed by the Chairman of the County Board" be changed to "proclaimed by the McHenry County Board". Chairman Koehler said the change is noted and will be corrected.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion to approve has passed.

*7.2 Proclamation designating September 17-23, 2010 as Constitution Week*

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named proclamation.

Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion to approve has passed.

### 7.3 Update on FY11 budget preparation

Mr. Austin came forward and talked about where we're at in the budget process. He said they have been looking over very carefully the anticipated revenues and expenses and how we will finish this year. At this time they aren't seeing much new and it is difficult because estimates are put in for some very large and important numbers. It's tempting to be more optimistic than we should be but we have to be realistic. We have to continue to look for areas where we can cut costs and continue to delay some of our larger expenses and look at limiting our new expenses. Mr. Austin said they've had to make some difficult decisions on their levy. In 2008 and 2009 they were able to put more levy money than ever before in our transportation levies recognizing that transportation is a real priority for McHenry County. As this year's current budget was built we had to pull back on some of the transportation levies to make everything balanced out and we have not yet been able to return to where we were. Mr. Austin said some positive news is on the jail bed rental income. There was concern that the Sheriff's office wouldn't be able to meet their estimated amount of \$10.5 million dollars but they have been working very hard at keeping the beds full and it now appears that the jail bed rental program will hit the estimated income.

Mr. Austin asked if there were any questions at this point. Ms. Schuster asked in regard to the bed rental process, that we did not factor in that the federal government is now releasing a lot of detainees, is this figured into the equation now. Mr. Austin said they did talk about this but felt that immigration is not changing fast and they feel they should be able to anticipate when changes are coming. Ms. Schuster asked if there are any alternatives being considered. Mr. Austin responded that we will have to cut costs to match those losses if necessary. Mr. Donley asked what percentage of the bed rental program is with ICE. Mr. Zinke of the Sheriff's office said about 70% is ICE with the U.S. Marshalls being the balance. Ms. Hill asked/suggested if the County Board could have a look at the budget in each department so that they can see where the money is going so if it comes to the point where they have to make decisions to cut costs they would have all of the information for each office.

Mr. Sarbaugh said the plan right now would be after we have our finance meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, it appears we do not need a Truth and Taxation hearing this year as we are not going to increase our tax revenues more than 5%, he will then certify with the County Clerk that we are not going to be doing a Truth and Taxation hearing. He said originally on his budget calendar there was scheduled a CALF meeting for September 14<sup>th</sup> to start presenting supplementals. Right now money is so tight it doesn't appear there will be very many, if any at all, so at the board meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> he and Mr. Austin will present to the board what supplements there could be for recommendation instead of doing a CALF. Mr. Austin said there is a HUD meeting that evening at 6 p.m. for Committee of the Whole so this works out best. Mr. Sarbaugh said from there, depending on how the board feels, the supplementals would go to Finance Committee on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Once they give their o.k. they would be built into the Draft Budget and then go before Finance on October 12<sup>th</sup> then on to the County Board on October 19<sup>th</sup> and it then would be on public display until taking action on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sarbaugh said to keep in mind during this whole time frame until November 16<sup>th</sup> when the budget is approved, changes can be taking place. He said they will be meeting with all of the department heads starting next week and any who asked for supplementals will have to explain the importance of what they are asking for. Mr. Austin added that from a timing perspective we are in good shape.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any questions. Ms. Jensen said she also would appreciate seeing budgets from each department so that if cuts are necessary it can be analyzed department by department. Ms. Salgado said the Human Resource Committee requested information on over-time. Their meeting is next Monday and she wondered if they will get that information by then. Mr. Austin said they are going to try and get that information to the HR Committee before next Monday. Ms. Salgado asked what time on Monday there would be talks about the merit increases for staff or will it be brought up on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Austin said there could be some discussion on Monday as it fits in with what new elements could be recommended. A wage increase of non-union staff or portions thereof have to be considered as a new piece in the budget and they're trying to limit the new expenditures. He would like to have that on the table so it will be talked about on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Salgado said to other board members that she feels there is some waste in over-time and she would like to hear feedback on increases and where members stand. Ms. Barnes asked if each board member will receive a list of recommendations prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting as members might be familiar with supplemental requests coming to the committees that they sit on but not to those they are not a part of. Mr. Austin said the information will be given to board members before the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Austin and Mr. Sarbaugh for their presentation.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

8.1 County Artwork – Ms. Hill stated that this is canceled as it didn't work out.

### PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Erin Smith of Lakewood	for	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Bob Saiz of Huntley	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Charles Russell of Huntley	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Jim Vaccaro of Huntley	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Sharon Bills of Woodstock	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Al Stenstrom of Woodstock	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Len Tripoli of Woodstock	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Steve Lynn of Huntley	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Joe Villarreal of Huntley	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Lindy Sander of Woodstock	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Kathy Francis of Huntley	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex

Chairman Koehler noted that the allotted 30 minutes for public comment had passed and asked for a motion to extend.

Ms. Salgado made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to extend public comment for 30 minutes more.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion passed and public comment continued.

The following people spoke:

Keith Kampert of Huntley	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Julie Richardson of Lakewood	for	extension of bonds for Sportsplex
Carrie Deckard of Woodstock	against	extension of bonds for Sportsplex

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

Chairman Koehler noted that there were 96 people who signed in as attending with 93 against the Sportsplex and 3 for the Sportsplex. The Public Comment sheets are in the County Board file located in the County Clerk's office.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*11.1 Resolution in support of the McHenry County Underage Drinking Task Force*

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Salgado asked if there were any people from the schools on the task force. Chairman Koehler said yes, Dr. Joe Williams is the temporary chairman of the project.

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

*11.2 Resolution authorizing the acquisition of Right-of-Way for highway purposes (James R Rakow Road) pursuant to eminent domain*

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

Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion to approve has passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Munaretto made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Appointment:

Board of Review	
Mark A Ruda	term to expire 05/31/2012

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Donner said she worked with Mr. Ruda on the Housing Authority Board and she was impressed with his diligence and expertise that he brought to that board.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schmidt, Schuster, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breedon, Donley, Donner, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado and Koehler. Absent: Wheeler, Draffkorn, Hill and Orphal. The vote being twenty (20) ayes noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve has passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

None

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Schmidt removed item 14.2 B(3) and 14.2 B(5). Mr. Hammerand removed 14.2 B(4) and 14.2 B(6).

Mr. Ryan made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with four items removed.

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

14.2 B(3) *Resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution #R-201004-12-094 for the Allocation of Recovery Zone Volume Cap for the Equity One Development Corporation project*

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Schmidt said she is against this because the quality and amount of jobs to be created by this isn't what it seems. Most of the jobs will be part-time at best and in the long run will not help people in our county. Board members discussed the potential of job creation and the lack thereof, as well as what the date in the original agreement meant. Some board members believed that the dates that were listed in all of these agreements was the expiration date, the last day to complete this transaction; at which time if it was not complete the money would become available to the public again. Mr. Munaretto responded that the Finance & Audit Committee imposed a deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup> on all three of these projects not so much as to take away the grant that was being awarded to them but to create a fail-safe opportunity for the County Board to withdraw if it needed to assuming one or any of these projects may not have been able to proceed to preserve its right to re-allocate that money to other projects. He said it was never the intent of the Finance & Audit Committee that September 30<sup>th</sup> was a date certain. He pointed out that the County Board has made some representations to each of these three companies who have received allocations of Recovery Zone bond financing that they have relied on. Ms. Schuster asked if any of these three companies has brought forward any information for the committee that the board has not seen as far as what their progress is. Mr. Munaretto responded that the Finance & Audit Committee has conducted a fairly extensive conversation about the progress each of these developments is in prior to making any recommendation to the County Board to extend the Volume Cap allocations. He said we've been able to get \$11.5 million in additional Recovery Zone Volume Cap allocation for Equity One Sports making their \$15 million dollar requirement now complete. The Master Property Owners Association (MPOA) was in a situation where they were conflicted with a piece of litigation which has now been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. There have been lengthy conversations about the McHenry County Sportsplex and the committee is satisfied and have agreed that they have a plan to get the bonds sold prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> at which time this opportunity is no longer available to them. Ms. Schuster asked if anything was given to committee in writing as to where they were in the process. Mr. Munaretto said yes there were written responses to issues relating to where they were in the process which are a part of the record of that Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Hammerand noted that some of the information that was brought to us was confidential information and there is information that cannot be talked about openly as well as there is a difference of opinion as to what the drop dead end date was.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Ryan, Salgado and Koehler. Nay: Schmidt, Schuster, Donley, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler and Peschke. Absent: Orphal. The vote being sixteen (16) ayes and seven (7) nays noting one (1) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 14.2 B(3) Authorizing an amendment to Resolution #R-201004-12-094 for the Allocation of Recovery Zone Volume Cap for the Equity One Development Corporation project has passed.

14.2 B(4) *Resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution #R-201002-12-048 for the Allocation of Recovery Zone Volume Cap for the Master Property Owners Association Inc for the Wonder Lake, IL area project*

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Hammerand noted that since this project was voted on the largest subdivision in Wonder Lake has changed its Board Director and this Director is against this project. If this subdivision were to re-vote on this project it would now be voted down.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breedon, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Ryan, Salgado and Koehler. Nay: Schuster, Donley, Hammerand and Peschke. Absent: Orphal. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes and four (4) nays noting one (1) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 14.2 B(4) Authorizing an amendment to Resolution #R-201002-12-048 for the Allocation of Recovery Zone Volume Cap for the Master Property Owners Association Inc for the Wonder Lake, IL area project has passed.

*14.2 B(5) Resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution #R-201004-12-093 for the Allocation of Recovery Zone Volume Cap for the McHenry County Sportsplex LLC project*

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. McCann pointed out that looking at the map of the traffic study the board should understand that Hamilton Road is a township road that is not striped, is narrow and is the major egress and ingress for the neighbors of Colleen's Cove, Andover Acres and other areas. Board members discussed at length the major traffic issues that could occur with this development. The only major change you can see on the map is right where you would go into the complex they'll fix up the intersection. The IDOT website shows that within the next five years the only thing scheduled for that area is to resurface the road. Mr. Munaretto pointed out as did many of the speakers here today that this is a land use issue between the Village of Lakewood, who has the jurisdiction to decide what's going to be developed on that property, and their relationship non-jurisdictionally as members of McHenry County. He believes that the Village of Lakewood is working as best as it is able to accommodate many of the resident's concerns. He also noted that McHenry County has already approved Recovery Zone bond financing for this developer who is able to rely on that extension of volume cap allocation made back in May. The September 30<sup>th</sup> date was a fail-safe date that would allow the County Board, in the event that any of the projects that we allocated volume cap to was unable to proceed to sell their bonds, to re-allocate that money to other projects that hopefully might have been in existence. Mr. Munaretto said failure to approve an extension today, in his opinion, could cause the loss of use of Recovery Zone bonds to stimulate the McHenry County economy as it is unlikely that we could push that money off on to some other project. He also mentioned that with respect to the Sportsplex project, the EB5 equity funding program appears to be fully subscribed which means that there are investors who have committed to the full amount of the program that the Chicago land foreign investment group has extended on behalf of this project. If the County Board does not extend the Recovery Zone bonds that are on the agenda today, it doesn't mean this project is going away, it likely means that this project starts a year or two later when the EB5 funding is fulfilled under the subscription agreements. Mr. Hammerand reiterated the discussion in Finance how he understood it, if the bonds had not been issued by this date that they were not showing good faith and that we would take away their bonding power. He believed the date on the agreement to be the end date for issuing the bonds. Ms. Hill stated her recollection is that of Mr. Munaretto's description. She asked if we had anything in writing that says we will withdraw on a date certain. Mr. Munaretto responded that in the original Resolution that the County Board adopted the language is not specific that on September 30<sup>th</sup> the county withdraws the allocation made. Ms. Hill said there is just a difference between what we actually have in writing and what was recollected of the conversation in committee.

Ms. Schuster said she was at the Finance meetings and a date was put in the agreements and she felt it was a date certain and she opposes any extension as she doesn't believe the petitioner's have made their case. She agrees that there will be major traffic issues and has concerns about water as she feels there are feasibility issues.

Ms. Schuster made a **motion** seconded by Mr. Hammerand **to postpone voting on this until September 21<sup>st</sup>** in order to get more information to verify these facts that we are supposed to be dealing with.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to postpone to a date certain. Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the nays having it noting a few ayes, the Chairman declared the **motion to postpone has failed**.

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the original motion. Ms. Schuster asked that in the future we get better information. Discussion continued on the potential traffic issues that could occur with this project as well as the viability of the amount of jobs that are being projected with this project. Some board members felt this was a good project for the community. Ms. Schuster said she doesn't believe this project is for the public, it's for the petitioners. Mr. Munaretto said if someone wants to spend \$40 million dollars for a piece of property and gamble that they are going to win or lose, they have the right to do that. Ms. Schuster said this project is being sold as something for the community and it is not, it's for the private individual's project. Ms. Hill pointed out that if they don't bring in teams the project dies and the property goes back to its underlying zoning which is AG zoning,

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado and Koehler. Nay: Schmidt, Schuster, Yensen, Barnes, Donley, Hammerand, Heisler and McCann. Absent: Orphal. The vote being fifteen (15) ayes and eight (8) nays noting one (1) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 14.2 B(5) Authorizing an amendment to Resolution #R-201004-12-093 for the Allocation of Recovery Zone Volume Cap for the McHenry County Sportsplex LLC project has passed.

14.2 B(6) *Resolution awarding a contract for annual outside audit services*  
Mr., Munaretto made a motion seconded by Mr. Breeden to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Some board members felt that a new company should be used so that there are fresh eyes looking at the numbers. A change at least every five years if not sooner was suggested as well. Ms. Palmer said we have used this firm for six years; we had a four year contract and then went for an extension of two years. She went on to say that there was a committee that got together, Mr. Sarbaugh, herself, her Chief Deputy Jim Bernier, and her Internal Auditor, Shannon Teresi, and they worked on this project in order to determine what the best avenue for the county was to pursue. In regard to the rotation, the GFOA does talk about every five years going out for bid. With this firm, we did have a new Audit Manager come on in the fourth year so we have had a fresh set of eyes looking at it. Also, initially when we started out with them they had a partner that was in charge who now has been replaced by another partner, so the fresh set of eyes is coming through that rotation policy which is recommended by the GFOA. Ms. Palmer also pointed out that our RFP has saved money for the county which was one of the objectives of going out for the RFP. We were paying \$149,900 in our final year for Baker Tilly and from the six different bidders that came in we were able to reduce it to \$121,000.

She said there were several factors they looked at for audit firms and one of those was the number of professionals that they had on staff and this firm clearly has a lot more professionals on staff to help us through some upcoming important auditing and accounting changes that are coming into effect for the county. Also, Baker Tilly seems to have a lot more experience from the number of different counties that they serve, especially in the Wisconsin area. Another thing Ms. Palmer pointed out was that triple Aaa rated counties, the bond agencies will look at who the audit firm is that the county engages in. Mr. Munaretto added that industry wide the number of firms competing for this type of business among units of government is shrinking every year because it's so costly to do this.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schmidt, Wheeler, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado and Koehler. Nay: Schuster, Yensen, Donley and Hammerand. Absent: Orphal. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes and four (4) nays noting one (1) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 14.2 B(6) Resolution awarding a contract for annual outside audit services has passed.

#### ORDINANCES

None

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said if anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions on the budget process please give him or Mr. Sarbaugh a call.

#### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Kennedy said the Valley Hi Operating Board has had a couple of meetings already with a Chairman and Vice Chairman being selected. Their next meeting will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at Valley Hi. He read a letter that was received through the Northwest Herald praising the care of a loved one at Valley Hi.

Ms. Peschke reminded everyone that there is a benefit for United Way on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Marian Central. The Jersey Boys cast will be appearing.

Ms. Barnes asked Mr. Austin about his Administrator's Report for clarification, are board members all receiving a list of the recommendations prior to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Austin said the list will go out ahead of the 21<sup>st</sup>

Mr. Hammerand said he met with the Chairman and Underage Drinking Task Force and it was very informative. He contacted the Elks Club as they have an alcohol awareness group that has a pre-printed bulletin that they would be happy to hand out at the next Task Force meeting. Chairman Koehler said the Task Force will have their meeting on

September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Woodstock North High School around 7 p.m. and it would be fine to have those handouts available.

Mr. Dvorak said he appreciates the Valley Hi Operating Board taking over but he would like them to come in and meet the County Board as a whole. Chairman Koehler said he will ask for that to be done.

Ms. Salgado said thank you to board members from Public Health & Human Services who spent all day on August 20<sup>th</sup> doing the Senior Services Grant Commission recommendations and also to John for making that as pleasant as it possibly could be.

Ms. Draffkorn said that there have been many e-mails from people regarding the two bridges that are or are being shut down in Spring Grove. There appears to be a communication issue and she would like to see more talking with village leaders. There needs to be some lane openings in Spring Grove as there are fire and safety issues.

Ms. Hill clarified to Mr. Austin that the board will receive a list of what is being requested and what is being recommended for approval. Mr. Austin said at recent CALF meetings all of the supplemental requests have been presented and the written list will show what is requested and what is being recommended for approval.

Ms. Miller said in regard to the Bliven Street Bridge, the closing is the result of an inspection that indicated it's no longer safe for transportation on it. They have been working with Spring Grove and she feels the e-mails are the result of the fact they have not been able to accommodate keeping that bridge open. Ms. Miller said she, Ms. Salgado, MCDOT staff and others are meeting after the County Board meeting this morning to see what options are available to us.

Ms. McCann said it would be helpful if mayors or managers of the village(s) were notified ahead of time when a bridge is going to close so that they are prepared when they get questions they have the background information. Mr. Korpalski responded that they are all notified as soon as MCDOT finds out from IDOT that they have to close a roadway/bridge and a press release is sent out. Mr. Korpalski said they do try posting the bridges but those postings are sometimes not respected and the heavier vehicles are traveling on the bridges and they continue to deteriorate faster than anticipated. It is inevitable that they will have to be closed at some point. Fortunately the Bliven Street Bridge was already under a study and we get 80/20 percent funding for those. Because of the structural integrity of the bridge it had to be closed.

Ms. Wheeler reminded everyone that Walk Up is being worked on and she appreciates DOT's attention to the neighborhoods to accommodate as best as possible.

Mr. Hammerand said regarding the Bliven Street Bridge one of his concerns is ambulance response time. With the bridge closed there will be an area that will have slower response and the fire department is very concerned about this as well. If there is any way to accommodate at least one lane of traffic there so that an emergency vehicle can get through that would be appreciated. Also, he said that he attended an ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) meeting. Years ago when we first were going to approve catalytic convertors for cars in this country there was a big symposium he went to where there were many professionals telling us what would happen if we didn't put these on cars. They said that the nitric oxides would continue to irritate us but several scientists asked if they realized what this would do to the highway system in this country. The answer was it makes sulfuric acid when changing from nitric oxide and when it hits the roadways and bridges there will be a crisis, and now here we are.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Koehler said there was a need to go into executive session to review previous executive session minutes. Ms. Barnes made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to go into executive session to review minutes.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Peschke, Ryan and Koehler. Nay: Donley and Hill. Absent: Donner, Miller, Orphal and Salgado. The vote being eighteen (18) ayes and two (2) nays noting four (4) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Ms. Peschke made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to return to open session.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel,

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Munaretto, Peschke, Ryan and Koehler. Absent: Donner, Hill, Miller, Orphal and Salgado. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes noting five (5) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to return to open session passed.

Chairman Koehler asked for a motion to approve releasing reviewed Executive Session minutes as recommended by the State's Attorney's office.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve the release of Executive Session minutes as recommended by the State's Attorney's office.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the Chairman declared the motion to release Executive Session minutes as recommended by the State's Attorney's office has passed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donley made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, A.D., 2010.

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

ATTEST:

s/ Katherine C Schultz  
Katherine C Schultz, County Clerk