

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 2010.

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by County Clerk Katherine Schultz with Members of the Board, department heads and visitors participating. Ms. Hill gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein was present. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with eighteen (18) members responding.

MINUTES

Minutes of County Board Regular Session meeting of September 7, 2010

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to approve County Board minutes of September 7, 2010.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes, there were none. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion to approve County Board minutes of September 7, 2010 has passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler said he was encouraged by the turnout at the kick-off meeting of the Underage Drinking Task Force yesterday. There will be an organizational meeting on October 4th at 9 a.m. in the county board offices and he invited board members to attend.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

7.1 Proclamation in recognition of the Wonder Lake Ski Show Team

Mr. Hammerand made a motion seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to approve the above-named proclamation.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion passed. Members of the ski team were present and they were asked to stand and be recognized.

7.2 Recommendation for FY11 Budget Supplementals – Mr. Austin and Mr. Sarbaugh

Mr. Austin came forward and said it has been a challenging financial time as it was last year and the County departments and staff have come together to cut costs and do what is necessary to end this year with a balanced budget and end in the black once again. Our departments are continuing to deliver service very cost effectively. In working on the budget they have taken a close look at all of our levies and where the strengths of the different funds are as well as taking a look at immediate needs vs. things that can be delayed.

As of right now according to the projections that have been used for revenues and expenses they are estimating that we are about \$800,000 short for FY 2011 and this is using very conservative revenues. They also have about \$400,000 of supplemental that is being recommended for approval to the board. These requests are unavoidable

expenses that must be dealt with, which brings the shortfall up to \$1.2 million. We are still on track to finish the fiscal year in the black and a balanced budget will be presented to the board next month.

Mr. Sarbaugh talked to the board about some of the debt that has been financed in the recent past. He said this County Board and our organization has done extremely well in leveraging our finances and our cash reserves, to assist us probably better than most organizations around in the State of IL. Due to that it has left us financially strong; we have not reduced service or laid off staff. We have been able to borrow money very cheaply and that keeps our reserves very sound, but in doing that it adds a cost to the operating budget. He talked about the debt service payments coming due and those payments compete with the operating budgets that are being put together. On a positive note he said starting in 2014 those payments will start rolling off of the books and our debts will start being paid off which will free up additional money to help us through. By 2019 most of the debt will be eliminated. Mr. Austin talked about the supplemental list that the board has received. In order of recommendation they are listed as 1's, 2's or 3's. A copy of this report is in the board file. The supplemental being asked for are essential and unavoidable and being driven by new legislation in governing assessments; anticipated new court room and continuing pressure on the new court system; and the County Board's commitment to transparency and communication with the residents of McHenry County. Mr. Austin said there is about \$420,000 in supplemental being recommended with Assessments getting the largest number because of requirements. One of the things being asked for is to re-classify the Administrative Intern position to an entry level professional position at about a \$16,000 salary cost and a single health care plan. He went on to talk about other items being recommended as well.

Mr. Austin pointed out under the #2's requests, the Auditor is requesting a new position. They are giving this some serious consideration as this is the fourth year it has been requested. An Auditor's task force has been created to look at all that is going on in the Auditor's office and how this office is meshing with County Administration and our financial responsibilities. Collectively they will come to a decision and make a recommendation to the board on what they want to do with this position. Also of note is the permit software that Planning & Development is requesting. They need a new permit software tool but we will hold off and see how the FY10 budget finishes and see then if there are funds available for this, Mr. Sandquist is in agreement with this. As well Mr. Austin talked about the expenses that will be required when the new judges come in and the First Offender Program that the State's Attorney's office kicked off. The State's Attorney feels that this program will generate enough funds to cover the costs but we are going to make sure that will happen over the course of some months and then consider what will be needed to make the program grow. Mr. Austin also noted that this week they have received formal notification that EMA Director Barry Valentine does intend to retire next spring. The requests made by EMA are personnel related and will be held until the new Director is identified/recruited and then see where we're at.

Mr. Austin talked a little about non-General Fund issues listed on the report namely the reclassification of the GIS Director and requests made by MCDOT. Mr. Sarbaugh talked about the request of dollars from Valley Hi to increase the bed tax. He said we currently budget for a bed tax and the State of IL does have one. He said we're being told it could be raised anywhere up to nine dollars. Hopefully it will stay where it's at then no additional money would need to be added. If the bed tax does increase by state law, then we would go ahead and award the supplemental. Mr. Sarbaugh said at the end of the report there are two items they are recommending come from the Capital Plan. One is the demolishing of the old Valley Hi facility and the second would be at the Government Center. They have been informed by the Facilities Director that the coping on the roof is failing and water is starting to come down between the walls and leaking into the windows. We don't want mold to start growing or the drywall to start rotting so that is something going in the Capital Plan. It is something they may be able to start repairing still this fall if the Contingency Fund holds through the next month or two. This is a much more urgent priority for us to try and get done.

Mr. Austin said the budget process isn't done yet and if anyone has any questions or comments let them know after all of this has been digested. Mr. Austin said there is a Finance meeting on September 28th and there are potential other areas that cuts can be made which they will talk about. Also he said there will be a special Human Resource Committee meeting prior to the board meeting on October 5th. At that meeting they will present some options or scenarios for non-union wage increases, the report received today does not have this on it. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on October 12th and at this meeting we will need to know what the budget will be because he would like to be able to forward the final draft of the budget to the board for 30-day review on October 19th. Mr. Austin noted that although these are difficult times we are better off than most local governments and he's proud of our ability to maintain our financial strength.

Ms. Hill asked if they have gotten any push back from any of the department heads on something that they think is more vital than what he gave it emphasis for. Mr. Austin replied that they had an internal County Administrator's office department meeting this morning and he said that no one is saying anything. The group of department heads and elected officials that we have are excellent to work with and they have been patient and understanding.

Ms. Yensen commented that she has a problem with the reclassification of the intern position to a full time position in the Admin office. She thinks this is a position that possibly other staff could take on the responsibility of and right now

it's hard to justify this. In regard to the Recorder's office and their request for reclassifying for professional growth opportunities, she suggests sending them to a conference or continuing education type class which would be more appropriate at this time as well as she questioned the new position for Deputy Director for Facilities Management. The other part she wished to give feedback on was for the Circuit Clerk where there are salary adjustments going on, she doesn't know if that is really necessary at this time. Ms. Yensen asked for clarification on which items IT would be removing from the report that was received. Mr. Sarbaugh said because this IT request is ranked a 2, Mr. Sullivan is aware that none of those will most likely be funded, they will stay on the list as things we will need to look at in the near future. Ms. Wheeler asked about the IT request ranked a 1. Mr. Sarbaugh said after talking with Mr. Sullivan they agreed this request was not a necessity at this time so it has been moved to a 2. Mr. Munaretto said he too is uncomfortable with the reclassification and upgrading of the intern position, it's not characteristic at this point and time for us to be able to justify a Public Information Officer and he believes it sends the wrong message to the other departments.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Austin and Mr. Sarbaugh for their presentation.

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. Donner to approve the following Petitions:

- Exb #09-26; McHenry Twp; Michael Lesperance; reclass R1-B1
- Exb #10-07; Richmond Twp; Bernice Streski; reclass A1-A2
- Exb #10-13; Hebron Twp; Daniel/Dawn Nelson; reclass I2-B3CV
- Exb #10-21; Coral Twp; Citizens Natl Bk Tr 10316/Lynn; reclass A1/A1C-A1C
- Exb #10-25; Hartland Twp; Larry/Lois Larson; reclass A1-I1

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Noting none, he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being eighteen (18) ayes noting six (6) 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 people spoke:

Dr. Sheila Mannix of Barrington	regarding	fiscal business fraud/federal funding fraud
Michelle Mitchell of Crystal Lake	regarding	fiscal business fraud/federal funding fraud
Annette Zender of Woodstock	regarding	family court

Noting no others wishing to speak the Chairman closed public comment.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.1 *Resolution amending Resolution R-201006-18-147 Authorizing a budget line item transfer from General Fund Non-Departmental to County Administration in the fiscal year 2010 budget for a local match to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for water quality analysis of observation wells*

Ms. McCann made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler 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 12.1 as named above has passed.

12.2 *Resolution to accept \$83,160 in additional grant funding from the IL Department of Public Health and to make an appropriation to the Health Department proposed FY11 budget*

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

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

Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Donner. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being seventeen (17) ayes and one (1) nay noting six (6) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 12.2 as named above has passed.

Mr. Hammerand asked that his vote be changed to "No" as this is not just simply accepting the grant, it's for the nurse as well. Ms. Yensen asked for clarification if this was tied to 15.2 B6 moving the part time position into full time and authorizing that money to be moved into a full time position. Mr. Munaretto said they are two separate resolutions. This resolution will approve the position. Fran from the Health Department said this grant money will help fund this position as they have doubled in four years the number of women that they serve in this program, going from 400 to 880 this year. The full time position will give them more continuity and consistency with the program to handle the amount of women they have. Board members spoke for and against increasing the position to full time. Mr. Hammerand said his understanding was that we were receiving more money because of the increased case load, not getting more money because we're getting a full time nurse. Fran agreed. He said he would be in favor of this resolution if we took out the portion of the resolution that talks about increasing the hours of the nurse. He thinks there is room for discussion on whether we should change this position to full time.

Mr. Hammerand made a **motion to amend** seconded by Ms. McCann to **remove the first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph regarding the increase in hours for the existing Case Manager RN position from part-time to full time.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Ms. Donner said she asked Mr. McNulty even though the numbers have doubled what is our success rate. She did not get this information so at this time she is in agreement with the amendment. Ms. Hill said her understanding in committee, Health & Human Resources, was that the discussion was we could save money if we did two part time positions because no benefits would be paid and unemployment is not available to part time employees if they are laid off.

Noting no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a voice vote, however a roll call vote was requested. Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote on the motion to amend. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Yensen, Breeden, Donner, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Kennedy and McCann. Nay: Wheeler, Donley, Draffkorn, Hill, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being nine (9) ayes and nine (9) nays noting six (6) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the **vote to approve the motion to amend to remove the first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph regarding the increase in hours for the existing Case Manager RN position from part-time to full time is tied and therefore failed.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the main motion to approve 12.2. Board members continued to talk about the goodness of the program and the changing of the position to full time noting that if the grant goes away the position goes away.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call re-vote on the motion to approve 12.2. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Donley, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Schuster, Yensen, Breeden, Donner, Hammerand and Kennedy. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being twelve (12) ayes and six (6) nays noting six (6) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 12.2 has passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Schuster made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following appointment:

13.1 Public Building Commission
David J Gillespie term to expire 09/01/2015

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being eighteen (18) ayes noting six (6) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 13.1 has passed.

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

13.2 Greenwood Drainage District
Leonard A Schultz term to expire 09/01/2013

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being eighteen (18) ayes noting six (6) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve 13.2 has passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

None

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Donley removed item #15.2 B(5) and Mr. Hammerand removed #15.2 B(7).

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

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being eighteen (18) ayes noting six (6) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with two items removed has passed.

15.2 B(5) *Authorizing the adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund funding allocations for program year 2011*

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Donley said he had asked that all projects be listed even if they had received zero funding and he doesn't see that on here and that he was surprised that the Grafton Twp transportation program received nothing and he would like to see that changed.

Mr. Donley made a **motion to amend** seconded by Ms. Schuster to **take \$20,000 from the allotted amount for McHenry Co Division of Transportation (MCDOT) and give it to the Grafton Twp Transportation Program project, which would be added as a line under projects.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Mr. Donley said their request is for the Senior Ride program. Ms. Hill said it's hard to pick and choose but would not like to see it taken from MCDOT a better choice might be from Family Alliance. Ms. Orphal said there are 17 members who sit on the Commission to help decide where the funds are allocated to, 10 of them not on the County Board. She said Grafton Twp and Northeast IL Hospice were the two that funding was not granted to. She said there is a lot of transportation funding in this and there was discussion about other situations being dealt with in Grafton Twp which is taking money away from the program they were trying to get funding for. They are concerned about taking tax dollars and putting them into a township that is in litigation, it is an unstable situation right now and it's unclear whether this funding would be applied to the Senior Ride program that it was being requested for. It was noted that the last time Grafton Twp got funding was in 2007. Ms. McCann said it was her understanding that the majority of the commissioners felt that since there was no Grafton Township match for their request that it was not a sustainable program. The idea is that a sustainable program should have a core set of dollars from the township to be augmented by the Senior Services Grant Commission dollars and since there were no township funds as part of the application that was why this was rejected. Ms. Donner said there was very strict criteria to be used in allotting funding and although Grafton Township gave a heartfelt presentation somehow it indicated to most of the people that perhaps there was some lack of information being given.

Ms. Donner asked about how she would recues herself from the vote on a portion of the projects. Ms. Rein said she would need to recues herself on the full vote or each allocation would have to be voted on individually. **Ms. Donner asked to Abstain from voting on this as she is involved in the McHenry County coordinated transportation service but noted that she has no personal gain from this.**

Mr. Labaj pointed out that Grafton Township's application was for paying the salary of the driver of the bus and for fuel and maintenance of the bus. Any portion of funding they would receive would be funds that they would not have

to take out of their General Fund of the township. He also said that they do offer seminars on how to apply for the Senior Services Grant and noted that both representatives from Grafton Township attended both of the meetings. Mr. Donley noted that this is an existing program that Grafton Township has so it is already being funded. Also he felt Ms. Donner brought up a good point about recusing oneself from voting. He understood in a past discussion that you couldn't even speak to the issue if there was an interest in it and he asked for clarification. Ms. Rein said other than the County Board rules state that if you have an economic interest that is distinguishable from that of the general public that is considered a conflict and you shouldn't speak on it or vote on it. So, if you are on a committee or on the board floor and come across an issue that you have an economic interest in you should not be speaking or voting on it. The board was reminded not to speak on an issue if they are going to need to recuse themselves because of a conflict of interest. Ms. Hill asked Mr. Labaj if Grafton Township is already running and funding the program is that not showing a match. Mr. Labaj said if he remembers correctly the chart that they are to show where the match is, they did not put anything on the chart. Mr. Labaj said it is unclear in the written information they gave about a match being there. Ms. McCann said she recalled that Ms. Moore was at the meeting and when someone questioned about their match she said Grafton Township is in deficit spending.

Ms. Schuster said she received many comments on the Grafton Township request. On the budget portion of the application it was indicated in conversation that others were having trouble with this part as well. She talked about some of the comments she heard and many were inappropriate and inaccurate. She is for this amendment. Ms. Draffkorn commented as Chairman of the CDBG it troubles her that this board wants to question the decisions that have been made by the Senior Services Grant Commission that the board has appointed. Members get all of the information and are to be basing their decisions on the information they receive and she takes their decisions as good ones and she sees no reason to change things on the board floor.

Ms. Orphal asked to Abstain from voting on this because she sits on the board for one of the recipients. Board members went on in their discussion about this proposed amendment with some saying the decisions seemed personal or political in nature. It was pointed out that at some point in the future we do revisit this later on in the year and if there are funds that are not expended and we feel that they should be otherwise allocated we can always come back and do that.

Ms. McCann said she takes exception to some things said and that many of the people on the commission that are evaluating the grants overlook most of the political discussion and strictly look at the grant application. They did ask Ms. Moore questions and she was there all day. There was something said about them having a great intergovernmental agreement with Algonquin Township and it turns out that Algonquin Township has never seen the papers. It's those little things, the inconsistencies that she thinks offered questions about the efficacy of the grant as it was written.

Ms. McCann asked that the question be called, seconded by Ms. Schmidt.

Chairman Koehler stopped all discussion and asked for a voice vote on the motion to call the Question, the ayes having it, he declared the motion passed.

Mr. Hammerand stated on the record that several board members spoke multiple times and he had his light on once and was not recognized.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend to **take \$20,000 from the allotted amount for McHenry Co Division of Transportation (MCDOT) and give it to the Grafton Twp Transportation Program project, which would be added as a line under projects**, the nays having it, the Chairman declared the **motion to amend has failed**. It is noted that Ms. Donner and Ms. Orphal requested to abstain from the vote.

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the main motion to approve 15.2 B(5).

Mr. Donley said in the future he would like to see the programs that received no funding added to the list so everyone knows completely what projects were considered. He also commended the Senior Services Grant Commission on how the process was held this year as it was very well done.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote on the motion to approve 15.2 B(5). The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Breeden, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Schuster and Donley. Abstain: Donner and Orphal. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Hammerand, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being thirteen (13) ayes, two (2) nays, two (2) abstentions and seven (7) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve 15.2 B(5) has passed.

15.2 B(7) *Authorize County financial support of a Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and acceptance of an IDPH Grant for FY 2011*

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Hammerand said it's interesting that we continue to have more patients for the breast and cervical cancer program but we don't have a program for the men for a prostate screening program. It was noted that more men are being diagnosed with prostate cancer every day than there are women with breast cancer. Fran of the Health Department said that funding for prostate cancer screening is not plentiful. Ms. Donner said there is a \$158,000 match and this is not doing anything over and above.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Wheeler, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Merkel, Munaretto, Orphal, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Yensen, Hammerand and Kennedy. Absent: Barnes, Bless, Miller, Peschke, Ryan and Salgado. The vote being fifteen (15) ayes and three (3) nays, noting six (6) absent the Chairman declared the motion to approve 15.2 B(7) has passed.

ORDINANCES

For Review: *Ordinance implementing the Wetland Restoration Fund*

For Review: *Ordinance Amending the McHenry County Stormwater Management Ordinance O-200401-10-009 adopted January 20, 2004*

Ms. McCann noted that the above-named ordinances are on 30-day review, if there are any questions or comments please let her know.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said the MCEDC annual dinner is Thursday night, be sure to call if you want to attend.

Tomorrow evening there will be a meeting of the Valley Hi Operating Board; this will be their third meeting.

Mr. Austin asked everyone to leave their computers at their desks tonight because IT will be looking at them tomorrow. Lastly, he thanked Chuck Keeshan of the Daily Herald for the work he has done and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Wheeler talked about abstaining from a vote if there is an economic interest. She said there is a problem with this on CDBG as well as other committees and she asked that Ms. Rein and Mr. Carroll discuss this. When decisions are made in regard to grant funding sometimes there are people from one agency discussing money to be given to another agency and vice versa. It seems obvious that there should be some abstaining in discussion and voting.

Ms. Donner reminded the board that tomorrow evening is MCCOG. There will be representatives talking on the expanded Dial-a-Ride program and a representative from Pace will be talking about the future of public transportation in McHenry County.

Mr. Hammerand said he received an anonymous letter in regard to John Street in Richmond. The people were concerned that somebody was putting a fence across a road. He spoke to the Highway Commissioner in Richmond Township and he told him that the property in question is private property and it was never dedicated. The people that own that property decided they wanted to take control of their property and in doing so are putting up a gate and fence. The owners of the property spoke with the State's Attorney and McHenry County Highway Department and they are all on board with this.

Ms. Yensen said she received the letter as well and thinks the writer was also concerned about emergency vehicle access. Also, she reaffirmed Ms. Wheeler's comments in having agencies involved in discussion about grant making opportunities; it does sometimes cloud some discussions. She hopes that in the future the process can be a little bit cleaner where people will feel like the playing field is level and everyone has a voice.

Ms. Schmidt said they say that September is Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month. She thanked in advance the people in the county who will be donating blood this Friday at the blood drive here. She pointed out that there are other opportunities to help people beat their Leukemia and one of them is cord blood donation. If you know any women who are about to give birth please suggest to them the possibility of doing a cord blood donation because this can be taken at the time of birth and used as a source of stem cell donation for those suffering from this kind of disease.

Ms. McCann apologized to Mr. Hammerand for calling the question on discussion earlier before he had a chance to speak, she didn't notice that his light was on to speak. She also recognized a staff member, Nicole Gattuso of GIS, who wrote an excellent article on managing GIS for a summer edition magazine. She thought this would be a good article for everyone to read. It is mentioned in the article that November 17th is GIS Day and she wondered if the department could have an open house so board members could see the GIS Department.

Ms. Schuster talked about the conflict of interest issues on commissions. She asked that some thought be put into having something put into the County Board rules to reflect this.

Mr. Merkel said tomorrow night the MCCOG meeting will be hosted by the Village of Ringwood with the dinner being held at the Lost Valley Visitor's Center. The Conservation District is working with the Village of Ringwood to host this event.

Mr. Donley asked about leaving the computers tonight. He said the rumor last week was that the FBI had looked at their computers and he wondered if that was true. Chairman Koehler said no the rumor was not true.

Mr. Dvorak asked that the Valley Hi Committee if their meeting could be canceled, all were in agreement so Mr. Dvorak asked that their meeting be canceled for October and removed from the October calendar. Mr. Austin said he will take care of this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

ATTEST:

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