

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MAY 17, 2011

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

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

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 17th, 2011.

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by County Clerk Katherine Schultz with Members of the Board, department heads and visitors participating. Mr. Hammerand gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Ms. Schuster made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve County Board minutes from May 3rd, 2011.

Chairman Koehler asked for any changes or corrections. There were four typographical errors noted that will be corrected. Noting no other changes, the Chairman asked for a voice vote the ayes having it he declared the motion passed to approve minutes of May 3rd as corrected.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler said he has been in contact with Ms. Hill several times and she seems to be doing a little better. Ms. Hill does appreciate the cards and e-mails she has received and the concern that has been shown. She hopes to be back by the first part of June.

The Chairman said in regard to his meeting in Rockford that he mentioned at the last meeting, he talked with Congressman Mica and Congressman Manzullo and listened to an excellent presentation by Mr. Korpalski. This was all accomplished in less than 15 minutes. The Chairman feels they did make an impression and it was noted that we are willing to participate in the funding. Chairman Koehler said with Ms. Cumpata's help in putting some materials together, they went to a meeting the Congressman was having with the Tri-State Regional group that's involved in tri-state transportation. The Chairman said it was fun to hear him make three comments about McHenry County after visiting with them. The Chairman thanked Mr. Korpalski for a job well done.

Chairman Koehler told the board that we have a unique situation where we have a retiring Superintendent of Schools leaving a month early and we have an elected Regional Superintendent of Schools that has decided that he doesn't want to take the oath of office in order to pursue another career. According to the State's Attorney's office we have until about the end of August to actually make an appointment. They plan on putting together a committee and advertise for the position. The committee would consist of five members, one person from each of the following: Public Health & Human Resources, a Superintendent from one of the county school districts, a member of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Sandy Lewis from Mental Health (as an individual who is involved with a lot of issues that have to do with youth), and himself. Once they have a field of candidates they will review and pick one and bring the information and qualifications to the County Board for approval.

Chairman Koehler said the individual must be a Republican as the outgoing elected person was; they must be of good character; must have a Master's degree; must have earned at least 20 semester hours of credit in Professional Education at the graduate level; they must hold a valid all grade supervisory certificate or a valid state limited supervisory certificate or a valid state life supervisory certificate or a valid administrative certificate; they must have at

least four years experience in teaching; they must have been teaching for at least two years of the last four in a full time capacity or supervising in the common public schools or serving as a County of Regional Superintendent of Schools for Educational Services in a region in the State of IL. The Chairman said we won't know until early June if there is going to be any funding for this position as the Governor has stated that he is unwilling to fund this position and the Associate Superintendent position.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORT

7.1, and 7.2 Eagle Scout Recognition

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Mr. Breeden to approve the following Eagle Scout recognitions:

Nicholas Elston of Crystal Lake	Troop #158
Zakariah Eichmann of Crystal Lake	Troop #158

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

7.3 Eagle Scout Recognition

Ms. Schuster made a motion seconded by Mr. Donley to approve the following Eagle Scout recognition:

Matthew Heiden of Huntley	Troop #167
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Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having he, he declared the motion passed.

The Chairman noted this Eagle Scout was here this evening and asked him to come forward. Chairman Koehler presented Matthew with a Certificate and miniature county flag in recognition of his accomplishment. Matthew thanked the board for this recognition and talked about his project that earned him his Eagle Scout badge.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

8.1 McHenry County Green Awards – Kristi Hecke, Solid Waste Manager for McHenry Co Department of Health

Ms. Hecke came forward saying the latest data from 2009 shows that the county's overall recycling rate was 40% which exceeds the solid waste plan target goal of 25%. Also she noted that we have partnered with others in our community on several initiatives i.e. pharmaceutical take back events and an electronics collection event in 2010. At the electronic event we collected nearly 200,000 pounds of residentially generated electronics which is a huge success. A second electronics collection event will take place on Saturday, June 11th at MCC from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for all McHenry County residents. Ms. Hecke said the Green Awards were established in 1994 intending to recognize the daily efforts of recycling in McHenry County. There were eight nominations and it was difficult to choose. The recipients were chosen based upon initiative or creative programs and or filling a niche in solid waste recycling that would not otherwise be available.

The following are the recipients of this year's Green Awards:

Lowe Enterprises – They have provided a local option for recycling general construction and demolition debris. They have been the single largest recycler of waste in McHenry County for several years.

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County – They have provided the opportunity for recycling some of the more difficult types of wastes such as batteries, fluorescent lamps, packing peanuts and block Styrofoam.

Woodstock School District #200 – They have created a comprehensive program of waste reduction, beneficial reuse and recycling by students and staff throughout the district and promoting the culture of solid waste stewardship in their schools.

Chairman Koehler presented a plaque and paper weight to each of the Green Award recipients and thanked them for what they do in their recycling efforts. He also thanked those who have done the recycling but who didn't receive an award this evening.

ZBA CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove a petition. Ms. Evertsen removed #10-41 and #10-51 and Ms. Schuster removed #11-09.

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the following Petitions:

Exb #10-23; Miller/Reynolds; Nunda Twp; reclass of A1C-A1C
Exb #11-03; Krause Trust/Borhart; Riley Twp; reclass A1-A2
Exb #11-12; Michael & Lea Arnold; Algonquin Twp; reclass R1V-R1V
Exb #11-16; Jeff Hyde; Nunda Twp; reclass R1-R1V

Chairman Koehler noted that Petition #11-03 must have thirteen yes votes to pass all others need a simple majority. Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion, noting none he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve has passed.

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Mr. Breeden to approve the following Petition:
Exb #10-41; Luke & Jamie Amelse; Hartland Twp; reclass A1-A1C

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Evertsen said in looking at the 2030 Plan where people worked hard to ensure that we would have AG use on AG land; this property was a former apple orchard which will now be used for parking construction equipment which is not in keeping with the area.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Heisler and Koehler. Nay: Schuster, Donley, Evertsen, Hammerand, Jung and Kurtz. Absent: Hill. The vote being seventeen (17) ayes and six (6) nays noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve #10-41 has passed.

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the following Petition:
Exb #10-51; Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple; Greenwood Twp; reclass A1-A1C

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Evertsen told the board that people in the area are concerned that this is not in keeping with the area and they would anticipate expansions down the road. Mr. Hammerand asked about Conditional Use #6 where it says 'one free standing illuminated sign not to exceed 32 sq ft square single faced or 64 sq ft double faced and all additional signs shall be in compliance with the McHenry County Sign Ordinance'. He asked if the 32 sq ft/64 sq ft condition is in accordance with our Sign Ordinance. Mr. Sandquist responded that this is actually more restrictive than would be otherwise allowed. The word 'additional' would not be the main sign but for directional signage and parking signage, things of that nature. Mr. Hammerand asked about the time limit of this CUP because of where this is located. Can we put a CU on this for say a 10 year time limit so that we can come back and look at their traffic flow. Mr. Kelley of the ZBA said the CU is tied to the specific site plan so if there are any amendments to increase the size of the use they would have to come in and amend the entire CU itself and traffic could be taken into account at that time. He said they've tried to keep it in line with the other churches.

Mr. Hammerand made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Breeden in **Condition #6 to remove the word "additional" and any other place it appears in the ordinance.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Mr. Bless said it's his understanding they have been more restrictive with their main signage and any other signs will be in keeping to the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Sandquist commented that the main signage will be limited and the other signs will be constructed in accordance to the Sign Ordinance regulations. By taking out the word "additional" one could make an argument that we are now saying all signage has to be in accordance with the ordinance and that they could have a larger main sign.

Being satisfied with the explanation of the condition, motioner Mr. Hammerand and seconder Mr. Breeden **withdrew their motion to amend.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any additional discussion on the main motion.

Ms. McCann said she thought we had no illuminated signs. Mr. Moore of P & D said the latest version of the Sign Ordinance no longer restricts illumination of signs the way the previous version did. Ms. McCann said this is in a rural area and she feels illuminated signs should be discussed further in looking at how much lighting we're putting out in the rural areas.

Ms. McCann made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Nowak in **Condition #6 to strike the word "illuminated"**.

Chairman Koehler asked for any other discussion on the motion to amend.

Mr. Sandquist said this would be better worded as non-illuminated rather than eliminating the word illuminated, making it clear that it cannot be illuminated so there are no questions in the future. Also, he observed that if an illuminated sign is installed incorrectly it can cause light pollution in a rural area, but the counter to that is an illuminated sign allows people passing by to clearly see the sign.

Mr. Provenzano commented that it's important to have illuminated signs for people who are looking for a business in the dark as it could be quite dangerous for someone slowing down to 20 mph in a 55 mph speed zone trying to find an entrance. He suggested that an amendment could be made that says it is to be dark sky compliant or that the amount of ambient light that would shine from that light cannot be directed into a neighbor's residence.

Ms. Schuster said this makes the point of this being a problem as far as having facilities like this in the rural areas.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the **motion to amend to remove the word "illuminated" in Condition #6**, the nays having it, he declared the motion to amend has **failed**.

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the main motion.

Ms. Peschke asked why there was no time limit on this. Mr. Kelley said they did consider the time limit, but based this time limit on what has been done with other churches in the past.

Ms. Wheeler asked if the parking being requested is adequate as there was a problem with a church in Crystal Lake and they had to put in additional parking and it looks atrocious. Mr. Sandquist said he is aware of the Crystal Lake church problem, but P & D has increased their effort to coordinate between the plans reviewers on the building permit side and the planners to make sure things like that are getting caught early.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung and Koehler. Nay: Schuster, Donley, Evertsen and Kurtz. Absent: Hill. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes and four (4) nays noting one (1) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the **motion to approve Petition #10-51 has passed**.

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Mr. Provenzano to approve the following Petition:
Exb #11-09; Wm Vacala; Hartland Twp; reclass A1-A1CV

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion.

Ms. Schuster said in the background report it states that there is a request for service currently open for work without a permit and for multiple family residences on an A1 AG zoned lot. At one point it looked as though the single family residence had been constructed prior to 1960 or so. She wondered if the second residence was the two-family home put up recently without permits. Mr. Kelley of the ZBA said both structures are actually older. The home they are asking for two residences in was actually a business use on the first floor with a second floor apartment and at this point it's now a first floor apartment and they're asking for a second floor apartment to be allowed. Interior work has been done on the property.

Ms. Schuster asked if the septic issue has been settled. Mr. Kelley said it has adequate space for the two bedrooms but it had to be reviewed as to whether or not that meets the code for being an apartment type situation as opposed to a single family residence. The petitioner cannot continue with work until this CU gets approved or denied.

Mr. Kelley said a condition was placed based on them having the required building permit or removing that second apartment if it doesn't meet the health department requirements

Ms. Schuster asked if there was a reason why this came as a CU instead of being rezoned. Mr. Kelley said it couldn't be rezoned unless they split the lot and then came in with an R1 and R2 that would both need a lot of variations because the second building is on two streets that were never actually donated so the two streets that show up on the survey are just driveways that go to the industrial use that surrounds this property.

Ms. Schuster said this being a nonconforming structure, if this were to burn down then it's gone, done? Mr. Kelley said not if they have the CUP, they would be allowed to rebuild.

Mr. Donley asked why the petitioner couldn't apply for a permit to improve their septic. Mr. Kelley said right now it is approved for the size that is out there at this point but they can't get an occupancy permit for the other apartment unless it's approved. It's approved for the amount of bedrooms for the overall building but not for two separate apartments. As he understands it the septic must be reviewed at the time they are allowed to do the change.

Mr. Sandquist said in order to close out the violation issue, any changes needed to the septic field will need to be completed.

Mr. McNulty said it is his understanding that the Health Department has not gotten all of the information that has been requested at this point, so they can't say if the system is adequate for the use at this time.

Mr. Kelley pointed out at this point their septic meets the requirement for the single family residence with the bedrooms that are out there, they don't need any upgrades unless they are granted the CU for the building. They had a permit for the septic for the bedroom space for that unit overall.

Ms. Schuster pointed out that the request is for the board to approve the two apartments and the single apartment. She feels this should not have been brought forward until it was determined whether the septic was going to be sufficient.

Ms. Schuster asked Mr. Sandquist about the work without a permit and what will happen when/if this is approved.

Mr. Sandquist responded that if this is approved the Petitioner would be allowed to get the building permit, and show that everything has been done correctly and they would have to go to the Health Department and come back with approval from the Health Department that the septic system is adequate or that they got a permit to make it adequate. The inspections would be done and once passed the Certificate of Occupancy would be issued so that they could use the second dwelling unit that they have renovated without a permit. There is a penalty because this is after the fact; on the CU application there was a 25% surcharge and they will pay a 100% surcharge on the building permits.

Mr. Hammerand asked if there is a proposed plan for the septic and fields. Mr. Sandquist was unsure as he has not seen it.

Ms. Donner observed that if the septic system works for a two bedroom house, which in effect they have now, the specifications for two units in one building for a septic field may or may not be exactly what they are now but until they get the CU that separates those two units out, there is no reason for the Petitioner to improve or proceed on what they have until they hear from the Health Department what needs to be done.

Ms. Schuster said their plan is to put in a two apartment building and we don't know at this point whether or not that can be handled on that property.

Mr. Provenzano asked if the septic field is not approved by the Health Department, there is no building permit?

Mr. Kelley said that is correct. So, whether they have a CUP or not the county will have shut them down at that point because the septic field is not approved by the Health Department. Mr. Kelley said they would actually have to remove the construction that they have done.

Mr. Hammerand asked if the water has been tested and how many wells are there. Mr. Moore responded that looking at a previous septic plan used for an old permit from 1997 it shows one well identified between the two residences.

Mr. Hammerand asked if in the past a petitioners request failed, did they have to remove the violation construction immediately or remove it when they sell the property. Mr. Sandquist said if the CUP is not approved they will continue with the building code violation to get them to remove the unauthorized work.

Ms. McCann pointed out that the building used to be a store on the lower level and an apartment on the upper level, so it did most likely have two bathrooms. They are trying to look at a reuse of an older building in a mixed use neighborhood which is a good thing.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty- three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the **motion to approve Petition #11-09 has passed.**

ZBA REGULAR AGENDA

None

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Jim Schlader of McHenry	for/regarding	redistricting maps on display
Brent Smith of Prairie Grove	for/regarding	redistricting maps on display
Don Kopsell of Prairie Grove	for/regarding	redistricting maps on display
Patty Boyd of McHenry	regarding	encouraging employees to attend meetings

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

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.1 *Resolution authorizing the unfreezing of and a salary adjustment to Position #045-0003-99 (First Assistant) and the freezing of Position #45-0040-99 (Assistant Attorney) in the State's Attorney's departmental roster*

Mr. Provenzano made a motion seconded by Mr. Jung to table this resolution until the board meeting of August 16, 2011.

Mr. Provenzano said this is being postponed by request of the State's Attorney because of the court cases but noting that the case load in his office is being handled at this time. The State's Attorney has been working closely with the Law & Justice Committee to ensure that they are operating that department as efficiently as possible.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the **motion to table Authorizing the unfreezing of and a salary adjustment to Position #045-0003-99 (First Assistant) and the freezing of Position #45-0040-99 (Assistant Attorney) in the State's Attorney's departmental roster to August 16th, 2011 has passed.**

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Peschke made a motion seconded by Mr. Jung to approve the following Appointment:

13.1 McHenry County Senior Services Grant Commission
Don Kopsell (Highway Association) term to 10/01/2012

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion, noting none he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named appointment has passed.

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

13.2 McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board
Linda Luehring Cary Police Department term to 11/30/2013

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion, noting none he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named appointment has passed.

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

13.3 McHenry County Conservation District
Kent R Krautstrunk term to 06/30/2016

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion, noting none he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named appointment has passed.

Ms. Donner made a motion when Mr. Provenzano asked for a Point of Order to vote on the ZBA Appointments individually.

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

McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles Eldredge Voting Member term to 09/01/2013

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Donner pointed out that Mr. Rosene would be taking Mr. Eldredge's place as an Alternate Member should Mr. Eldredge be voted in as a Voting Member. Ms. Kurtz said in separating the appointments she feels it destroys the integrity of what she thought was a sound group. The committee put together three diverse backgrounds giving a balanced view but by separating them it causes her to change her vote.

Noting no further discussion the Chairman asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Heisler, Jung and Koehler. Nay: Wheeler, Hammerand and Kurtz. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty (20) ayes and three (3) nays noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named appointment has passed

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

McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals
Patricia J Kennedy Alternate Member term to 12/15/2011

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Some board members pointed out their concerns with this appointment because of her participation in an organization that has a very clear agenda. When someone is put on a board they are supposed to listen to appeals in an objective manor but Ms. Kennedy is president of an organization whose sole purpose is to not allow any future development. It was also pointed out that the organization mentioned was not properly registered with the state or with the IRS as a not-for-profit as they claimed to be.

Several board members were in disagreement and felt that Ms. Kennedy would make a good member of the ZBA as she is a person of high integrity and expertise in this area. She is someone who cares very much about McHenry County and attends many county meetings to keep informed. It could be said that most people have some kind of agenda and overall it was felt that Ms. Kennedy was a good candidate for this position.

Ms. Donner pointed out that the term for Ms. Kennedy is short because she is replacing someone whose term expires in December 2011. She said there were several people who applied and the committee felt these three were best for the position at this time. They felt this group would be able to put their personal agendas aside and listen to each petition individually and base their decisions on the county ordinances.

Mr. Provenzano noted that with Ms. Kennedy's representation of that association she had an agenda, not that it was right or wrong for the ZBA but he questioned if it is appropriate.

Ms. Schuster said at Management Services there was a long letter delivered when the group was questioned and there was a response. She feels disappointed that committee members did not read the response and understand that the bases had been covered. The association, if you look at it, is the preservation of agriculture and our groundwater resources and this is very much in keeping with the 2030 Plan. She agrees that every person who comes onto a board or commission probably has some kind of personal bias or agenda but she believes Ms. Kennedy knows how to do research and is qualified to be a member of the ZBA.

Noting no further discussion the Chairman asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Nay: Merkel, Munaretto and Provenzano. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty (20) ayes and three (3) nays noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named appointment of Patricia Kennedy has passed

Chairman Koehler asked Ms. Kennedy to see Ms. Rein after the meeting regarding questions of a possible conflict.

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

McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals
John T Rosene Alternate Member term to 12/15/2012

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Munaretto said he is glad to see for the first time someone from the Village of Barrington Hills being on the ZBA.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion, noting none he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named appointment has passed

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Ms. Schuster said everyone should have received an e-mail from Mr. Austin regarding the administrator evaluation. She asked that everyone look at it and answer the survey so that they can finish the process. Also, in regard to webcasting she asked Adam if he would e-mail board members a list of websites for public entities that are using the software that we are looking at seriously so board members can see how it works.

Ms. Donner said there will be a Planning & Development meeting on Thursday where they will be doing interviews for a Housing Commission appointment and will be talking about a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Ms. Donner said the City of Crystal Lake is requesting that the county adopt a moratorium and amend the county Telecommunications Tower Ordinance so there will be discussion on that as well. Ms. Donner encouraged board members to attend.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Peschke removed Item #15.2 G1.

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with one item removed.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion, noting none he asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with one item removed has passed.

15.2 G1 Resolution authorizing adoption of amendments to the McHenry County Board Rules

Ms. Schuster made a motion seconded by Ms. Kurtz to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Peschke asked why a municipality can't force a super majority on variances. Ms. Rein said it is state law. Ms. Peschke then asked about #23 with respect to remote attendance and the need to have a quorum first before you can allow remote attendance. Ms. Rein said that is not one of the changes being made here today, #23 was previously approved but Ms. Peschke is right on this. Today the changes are being made to the Zoning Petition area of the County Board Rules.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Kurtz and Koehler. Absent: Hill. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the above-named Resolution has passed

ORDINANCES

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said he did send an e-mail to board members yesterday but only to the county e-mail address because an e-mail survey was attached to solicit a little more input from the county board on the administrator's performance. He encouraged board members to participate and all comments will be anonymous.

Mr. Austin said the Personnel Manual has been updated and presented to the Human Resources Committee. Modifications are largely related to law and suggestions that the State's Attorney's office has made. The updated manual will be presented to department heads on Friday and they are looking to bring it to the board at the evening meeting in June.

He said with the passing of the Consent Agenda modifications have been approved for changes to our employee health insurance program. Open enrollment period will begin on May 23rd and go through June 23rd so any changes should be made during this time.

In regard to Valley Hi, there is an opening on the Valley Hi Operating Board. The Operating Board will be meeting next week and offering their suggestions on some of the candidates who are up for consideration, then interviews will be with the Public Health and Human Services Committee on June 3rd.

Mr. Austin said they are following what is happening in Springfield, not only the budget but remap issues and pensions as well. When talking about pensions in Springfield, it is focused on the state pensions, excluded from the discussions is the IMRF program, which is fairly stable and well funded right now. Also being discussed are the workman's compensation issues.

Mr. Austin said beginning next week we will see construction on Ware Road and Rt. 47. The City of Woodstock is expanding Ware Road and Rt. 47 adding turn lanes and expanding visibility by lowering the road a little bit so it will be safer.

In regard to the webcasting, there will be a presentation on that at Management Services on Monday.

Also, there will be a tour of the courthouse after they talk about administrator goals. They will be looking at space needs, modifications that have been made over the last four years and what space is available.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Wheeler commented/complained about her tax bill as have many people, the bill went up and the assessed value went down. She said people need to get out and vote; they can make a difference when our school districts and municipalities are up for re-election.

Ms. Schmidt told the board that today is Norwegian National Days.

Ms. McCann thanked Management Services for updating the board rules.

Mr. Provenzano thanked GIS and Mr. Austin for the maps being made for redistricting. The process continues and there will be another Legislative Committee meeting for more input.

Mr. Hammerand asked if we could add to a future agenda a Certificate of Recognition for Jack Schmidt, a man in Spring Grove who served on the fire department for 50 years and will be retiring this year.

Ms. Donner asked everyone to support and participate in Memorial Day festivities. She has an opportunity to go out of town to Fountain Hills and there is nothing going on there for Memorial Day. She is proud to say that McHenry County celebrates this important day and our veterans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 7th day of June, A.D., 2011.

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

ATTEST:

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