

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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, October 4, 2011.

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. Nowak 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, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Bless and Munaretto. 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

Minutes of County Board Regular Session meeting of September 20th, 2011

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve County Board minutes of September 20th, 2011

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 20th, 2011 has passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler told the board that last Tuesday our County Clerk Katherine Schultz was honored as being the County Clerk of the year by the State Assembly of Clerks. She will now go on to be a candidate for the County Official of the year. The Chairman congratulated Ms. Schultz on this award.

Chairman Koehler spoke in regard to Metra saying that last week he had the opportunity to meet with Alex Clifford who is the Executive Director of Metra and Jack Schaefer, our representative. They went over what has transpired since Mr. Clifford has come on board and what the future might bring given the economy being what it is. There are discussions for rate increases and where they can make strategic cuts without really cutting service. The Chairman said Metra will give a presentation to the board in about a month in regard to most of that. He was impressed with the fact that there is a lot more information that is being put out to everyone. Mr. Clifford has put together a binder which the Chairman will leave out on the table in the Admin office for everyone to look at. The Chairman said he did suggest to them that the County Board should know what is going on and asked that they forward any information and correspondences that Metra is having with the public to the County Board. Ms. Peschke commented that she rode the train on Sunday from Crystal Lake to Chicago and fares were not collected until Park Ridge, so everyone who got on earlier could get off without paying anything. The Chairman said he believes Metra is aware of that issue and he was told that they are going to have someone on the trains spot checking the conductors to see if they're doing their jobs. Ms. Peschke said she didn't believe it's the conductors fault as there is only one of him and six to eight cars and every time the train stops they have to go to the doors, which interrupts the process.

Ms. Jensen commented that she believes Mr. Schaefer has the responsibility to keep the board informed on a timely basis because he represents McHenry County. She would like to see more of a presence about how he is representing us surrounding difficult issues that are confronting Metra, once a year is not enough.

Ms. Miller said that Mr. Schaefer came to a Transportation Committee meeting and at that time he did offer to come out to transportation on a more regular basis. She would be happy to talk to him about coming before the board on a more regular basis.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

8.05 Certificate of Completion as an Emergency Management Agency for the City of Crystal Lake

Mr. Christiansen of EMA came forward and presented a Certificate to David Lender, Police Chief of Crystal Lake and Jim Moore, Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for the City of Crystal Lake. Mr. Moore thanked the county for their support in putting together their plan.

8.10 McHenry Community Health Center – Robert Tanner

Mr. Tanner, President and CEO of the Greater Elgin Family Care Center came forward to talk about the new center. He announced that on October 11th at 8 a.m. the new McHenry Community Health Center will open. He thanked the county for their support in opening this center. This health care center focuses on providing primary care to low income people and people who are uninsured or have Medicare or Medicaid. They are the only general group practice in the entire northwest suburban area that is accredited by the Joint Commission. Mr. Tanner said they will be offering a sliding fee schedule for patients meaning that they will charge them for the services provided based on the number of people in their household and proof of their income. They will be asked to pay for a balance amount of money that may be a remainder after insurance, if they can't pay at that time the patient will be billed for three months, if it doesn't get paid they will write off the balance and the patient will not be sent to a collection agency. Mr. Tanner said several doctors have signed on to work at the Health Center being available 7 days a week and patients will also be able to receive discounted Rx drugs due to a 340(b) Program. Mr. Tanner said most importantly is the collaborations that they have received namely from Centegra Health System who has been very supportive. Mercy Health System has declined participation and collaboration. Centegra will be leasing space in their health center to offer a full service laboratory six days per week for patients. In addition, Mr. Tanner said the Health Department has also been very supportive. They are leasing space as well and will be offering the WIC and Family Case Management Programs in their building. With this collaboration of services patients will be able to receive their primary care, get their labs done, be enrolled in WIC and Family Case Management and receive their coupons all in one visit. Mr. Tanner said they have also established an advisory committee made up of four local executive directors, including Sandy Lewis of the 708 Board, Patrick McNulty of the Health Department and a number of other professionals who have been guiding them in how to reach out to the community and create awareness. Mr. Tanner said the board will all be invited personally to the grand opening which will be on November 15th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. He said if there are any questions regarding the program that the board can contact him at the phone number on the brochures that have been left at their desks.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any questions. Mr. Provenzano asked for clarification on how a person qualifies for these services. Mr. Tanner said that a federally qualified health center by statute can't decline any patient that presents for care. They focus on people who are uninsured or publicly insured but a person can present of any income. As a rule they do not take commercial insurances with the exception being BC/BS PPO's because they are so prevalent in the market. They also don't take any commercial HMO products except for those that relate to the Medicaid population under some pilots that are going on in the state. Mr. Provenzano asked if they would be offering cervical and breast cancer screening. Mr. Tanner said they are working with collaborating with McHenry County's program but it is not set up at this time. In Elgin they extensively do. Ms. Schuster asked how close they are to incorporating the breast and cervical cancer program. Mr. Tanner said it's probably a couple of months off yet. He's hoping that it will be up and running in the month of January. Ms. Schuster asked in their qualifications if there is any stipulation that these people be U.S. citizens. Mr. Tanner said no there is not.

Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Tanner for his efforts in bringing this partnership between Kane County and McHenry County together to get this clinic up and running.

8.15 *Residential Aggregation of Electricity – David Hoover, Northern IL Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC)*

Mr. Austin said there has been a lot of press lately about the prospect of aggregating residential electricity. He had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Hoover from NIMEC and felt it was worth while bringing him to the Legislative Committee. They were interested in exploring this further so on their recommendation Mr. Hoover is now before the board to talk about the process of aggregating electrical bills for McHenry County's unincorporated residents.

Mr. Austin said there are a lot of municipalities looking at this prospect right now. Mr. Hoover is getting together with a number of our municipalities today as organized through MCCOG. There are more firms out there that do this noting NIMEC is the first company to approach the county.

Mr. Hoover said he is Director at NIMEC. He has been in the utility consulting industry since 1992. Starting in 2006 when deregulation of electricity in IL really came to be, NIMEC was formed to help municipalities and other government entities take advantage of the opportunities through deregulation by purchasing power at prices lower than what Com Ed can offer. They currently have 100 municipal clients and they also work with libraries and park districts of which they primarily have been focusing on the water pumping and the street lighting of that load. Today he is talking about bringing lower Com Ed bills for unincorporated residents. In regard to deregulation, prior to deregulation Com Ed handled all aspects of delivering, maintaining and billing for power. Starting in 2007 the State of IL wanted to introduce competition into the purchase and procurement of electricity so they instructed Com Ed to move the nuclear reactors up stream to their parent Excelon and then they built the proverbial brick wall between the two. Excelon is now the generator of power but borders were opened up in IL to bring in additional generators of power to compete with Excelon. Excelon is now one of 33 power companies who compete for the purchase of power. Mr. Hoover said at NIMEC they work with their members to go out into the open market to work with various suppliers to find power at rates lower than what Com Ed is offering. The State of IL sets the rates and Com Ed just passes the power through and bill for that power. When you pay your residential bill roughly seventy cents on the dollar is for power and Com Ed only keeps thirty cents which is what the IL Commerce Commission says they can maintain. In the State of IL since deregulation Mr. Hoover said the commercial entities have figured out that there is opportunity out there for savings and about 80% of that load has left Com Ed and is purchasing their power from other suppliers. Roughly 2% of the residential areas have left Com Ed for the opportunities of a lower rate.

Mr. Hoover said the State of IL said how we as a state can bring the advantages of deregulation to the residents. Last year the state made a couple of changes, one of the main ones being that for any new power company that comes into the State of IL, they will mandate that Com Ed for a fee do the billing for that new power supplier. They also allowed the new supplier that if they had any problems with their receivables to sell those back to Com Ed so they don't have PR issues with curtailing power to low income people. Because of that, starting about six months ago, many companies have been soliciting business to individual residents. At this time there are about 200,000 residential accounts in IL. The State of IL made one final change saying in addition to the changes for Com Ed to continue to do the billing they empowered municipalities and counties to aggregate all of their residents collectively and act as a purchasing agent to go out to bid on behalf of those residents and small businesses in the community and unincorporated areas of the county who have not yet left Com Ed. If a resident or small business chooses to remain the way they are they can opt out. If a resident does nothing, the county will aggregate all the residents if they find a lower rate. Everybody will be included except for those who have opted out. Mr. Hoover said one option the county has is when you receive all of the bids you are not required to act and staying with Com Ed is an option. One of the requirements to get to the place where the board can entertain these bids is that a referendum must be passed by the residents empowering the county to do this. The earliest this can be done is March 2012 as the primary election. Mr. Hoover said the question before the board is would the board want to do this.

Mr. Hoover went on to say what they are seeing when they go out to bid as a group of entities the suppliers are willing to offer roughly double the savings to an aggregated group than they are individually. NIMEC has a partner and they have worked with all fourteen communities in IL that have moved their residents to a lower cost supplier. Harvard is the closest community nearby and they have seen savings of about 20% - 25% on the energy piece of the bill so the average resident will be saving about \$175 per year available through the aggregation effort. Mr. Hoover said some of the suppliers are offering contributions to the county as part of their bid opportunity, so based on population and usage they would consider making available to the county an annual contribution for general budget purposes. Mr. Hoover said at NIMEC they aggregate their members bid so when it goes out to bid they would take the general population and possibly aggregate with other municipalities in the county to work for a lower cost. He said that nineteen villages have put referendums forward and they have passed. He and his partner have worked with fourteen of the nineteen and completed the process with thirteen of the fourteen. Timing wise, he said if McHenry County wants to consider moving forward on the aggregation, they encourage the passage of an Ordinance to put this on the ballot before Thanksgiving, however, technically the county would have until the end of the year. The election would be in March and if passed the bid would be filed in June shortly after Com Ed comes out with their rates and then power would flow towards the end of the summer.

Mr. Hoover asked if the board had any questions. Ms. Schuster asked who gets the information out to people and would the county incur any expense in getting the word out. Mr. Hoover responded that NIMEC will provide an article for newsletters, do presentations if groups of people come together and use direct mail to get information out. As far as cost to the county, NIMEC is considering underwriting all costs. Mr. Hoover said the county can't advocate for a ballot initiative but they can educate. Mr. Hoover said they have some concerns that the next ballot initiative is going to be more competitive with the turn out so they are researching now to underwrite the costs. Ms. Schuster asked as a consultant what percentage NIMEC takes. Mr. Hoover said they are compensated through the suppliers. Roughly for each household account, like in Harvard where the savings are about \$175 per year, he believes their compensation was \$4. Ms. Schuster asked about the component where the county could be making revenue on this and where that would be seen. Mr. Hoover said some suppliers are offering an incentive but there would not be an individual item on the bill, it would be imbedded in the rate and would be part of the bid that the suppliers offer to the county as they put together their various rate packages. He noted that incentives are optional they do not have to be a part of the bid, and the rate is a little more attractive if it is not taken.

Ms. Peschke said since Com Ed would still maintain the transmission of the power, they've requested and been turned down for a surcharge for the smart grid, if they could do a surcharge it would then be passed on to everyone. Mr. Hoover said yes that is correct. Everybody will continue to be a customer of Com Ed regardless of where they get their power from.

Mr. Provenzano asked what the timing of the contract would be with NIMEC, before or after a referendum being placed on the ballot. Mr. Hoover said it would be prior to the referendum so that they can start working on education. Mr. Provenzano said at the Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting he had asked about the opportunity to add to or compliment our class of groups here to include an incorporated residential group suggesting offering a bigger package for more residents. He wondered if any information had been found on that. Mr. Hoover said that the municipality overrides the county. If the municipality said they did not want to get into it Mr. Provenzano asked if residents in the city could become part of the county's aggregation. Mr. Hoover said he did not confirm that and will look into it. Chairman Koehler said MCCOG is getting involved to discuss some of these issues.

Ms. Kurtz said currently Algonquin, Huntley, Crystal Lake, Cary and Fox River Grove have aggregators working on their behalf but notably Woodstock is not part of that group. She asked what kind of patchwork aggregation we are walking into because there are potentially a number of aggregators. She said to Mr. Austin that IL has three aggregators, Rock River, Progressive Energy and NIMEC; she wondered how NIMEC is here today and not the others and how we go through this process. Mr. Austin responded that those municipalities that are participating with NIMEC are only doing their municipal operations, and the only McHenry County communities that have aggregated power for residential are Harvard and Fox River Grove and they are with NIMEC. NIMEC is here today because they were first and have been out in front of this. Mr. Austin said if the board expresses an interest in this process then staff will work with the Purchasing Department and the State's Attorney's office and develop a process for the board to make the best decision on a professional services basis as to who can aggregate for us. Ms. Kurtz asked how it works if there are other aggregators in McHenry County, her concern being the confusion they might create amongst residents. Mr. Austin said there would be no confusion because the bill only comes from one company. Mr. Hoover said everything is very transparent to the resident. If there were neighbors, one living in an unincorporated area and the other whose property is in a municipality, their bill would say power provided by i.e. abc company through McHenry County or through the city/village that they live in.

Ms. Evertsen asked if there was any history information to look at beyond a year where they can see if residents were satisfied. She also asked if November was a drop dead date and if small businesses could opt out. Mr. Hoover responded as stated earlier, small businesses can opt out just like residents can. Is November a drop dead date, no, the next date would be March. Everything hinges upon the ballots and they are shooting for the March election. As a board you would have to pass an Ordinance to place the referendum on the ballot and for the March election it would need to be done by the end of the year. This can be deferred to the November election or any election thereafter if the board chooses to wait. As far as any history, there is none yet as the changes on the aggregation front came through a year ago. None of the areas that have been aggregated have been flowing power for very long yet. Mr. Hoover said if a referendum were to pass and the board heard anything disconcerting between now and June 1st from Harvard or any other communities that are doing this the county can take a pass at this time, the county is not obligated to do anything.

Ms. Yensen said people do want choices and asked if there has been any marketing research about what customers want. Mr. Hoover said choices are what are being offered up by doing this from a pricing perspective. NIMEC came into being because of what the state did in deregulation. Most people said they didn't know how to buy power and that is how NIMEC helps. So far about 5% - 7% of residents have opted out. Chairman Koehler said we as a county would choose the best priced provider for unincorporated residents. We don't know for sure if the consumer wants this or not but if it is offered to them they have the option to opt out and remain exactly as things are.

Ms. McCann said she and her husband have a small business and this summer went through this because they had some billing problems with Com Ed. It turns out for them, because they have a lean operation, it didn't seem to pay. She said there are a number of people in the unincorporated areas that did have similar billing problems and some have switched to a private provider and they are very happy and have realized savings.

Mr. Merkel said the IL Municipal League puts out a monthly magazine called the IL Municipal Review which he got yesterday. There is an article in there that board members may be interested in. Mr. Austin said copies were already given to the Legislative Committee as this came out about two weeks ago.

Mr. Hammerand wondered where the demand is for this as he has not had anyone come to him and ask if the county could get involved with their power supply. His business line has had many calls trying to get this service for him but when he asks for history on the service there is none. Also, he has some relatives who took advantage of it and even though their local power company prices went down there was the possibility then did have to pay more than the neighbors; they did opt out after that. Mr. Hoover said he can assure that the county will have the opportunity to choose the provider and we are dealing in fixed rates and if the best bid we have is more expensive than Com Ed then he would advise the county to stay with Com Ed. Mr. Hammerand said Com Ed has a duty to provide the power he wondered if these other providers have the "duty" to provide power. Right now the amount of power he can use is unlimited. Mr. Hoover said this does not change. Mr. Hammerand said he would feel uncomfortable if the county or any other entity accepted an incentive for brokering power.

Ms. Kurtz said she saw in the ICC report that there is no guarantee of savings with the aggregation.

Mr. Provenzano pointed out and Mr. Sarbaugh confirmed that the county collects a fee from Comcast for the franchise agreement. Mr. Sarbaugh said the county receives about \$400,000 from Comcast. Mr. Austin said this is for right of way access.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Hoover for his presentation today.

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Terry Kappel of Woodstock for funding of Cervical/Breast Cancer program

Noting no others wishing to speak, Chairman Koehler closed Public Comment.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the following Appointment:

Greenwood Drainage District
Keith Weingart term to expire 09/01/2014

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Munaretto. The vote being twenty-three (23) ayes noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the above-named Appointment has passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Ms. Peschke reminded members of the Public Health Committee that Friday's meeting has been canceled in favor of an 8:30 meeting where the budget will be discussed.

Mr. Breeden said before the COW meeting we will be having on Friday he wanted to let the board know that they are still trying to bring the budget deficit in line but it will require input from the board regarding levy requests and how we reduce the deficit based on paying off some debt. On Friday he would like to get a clear view of what the board feels about our levy request as it makes a difference on how we approach closing the budget deficit and bringing forth a balanced budget. He will be e-mailing information this evening and if there are any questions please let him know. Chairman Koehler reiterated there will be a COW meeting Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Austin added that he and Mr. Sarbaugh will be meeting with department heads and elected officials this week offering their take on what the recommended supplemental will be on Friday. Chairman Koehler asked if we have a better idea of costs for the two new judges. Mr. Austin said yes.

Ms. Hill said this Thursday Planning & Development has its regular meeting and Camiros will be there to discuss the second half of the Technical Memo that they issued on how they will be approaching the zoning ordinance. Soon after that they will be starting special P & D meetings in the evening to get consensus on AG Tourism. She encouraged board members to attend.

Mr. Hammerand said many times at the Liquor Committee they've talked about Woodstock having annexed properties on the fairgrounds property. In a conversation with the Mayor he told Mr. Hammerand that there were no properties that were within the current fairgrounds that have been annexed to the City of Woodstock, so all of the fairgrounds are unincorporated. Chairman Koehler said he was told something different. Mr. Hammerand asked P & D to look into this and report to the Liquor Commission what properties on the fairgrounds are, if any, annexed or if it is all unincorporated as he was told by the mayor.

Mr. Provenzano said at yesterday's Law & Justice meeting they voted to move to the full board an Integrated Criminal Justice Case Management System and integration for the State's Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office. The request that a presentation be given to the full board on this project either in a COW or during a morning meeting in order for the board to understand the significance of this project and its expense. Chairman Koehler said he would prefer that it be done in a COW meeting because this requires a lot of discussion. Mr. Austin said the next step for this would be to go to the Finance Committee next week. If a COW is required then we would have to decide if we want to do that on the evening of October 18th. Mr. Provenzano added that because of the complexity he would like to request that we have the COW prior to this going to Finance. He feels if we can get everyone educated on this and discuss it as a group and then send it to Finance it would save a lot of resources and be more efficient. Chairman Koehler said they will have to look at it from a scheduling stand point.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Yensen asked to remove item #14.10 B(05); Mr. Breeden removed #14.10 B(15); and Ms. Evertsen removed #14.10 B(10). Ms. Donner asked to abstain from voting on #14.10 B(05) as her employer will receive some of this funding.

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. McCann to approve the Routine Consent Agenda.

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

14.10 B(05) Resolution authorizing the adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund funding allocations for program year 2012

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Salgado asked to abstain due to the company she works for is a recipient of these funds. Ms. Donner asked to abstain from voting for the same reasons. Ms. Yensen asked if the committee voted in support of funding general operations or programs as she was a little confused about this. Ms. Salgado said the committee decided several years ago for some of the larger allocations not to break it down by line item because we were pulling out little items that we didn't want to fund. They felt the decision would be best made at the agency where they wanted to put the money. Then when they do their quarterly reporting it's reported to the committee on where they are spending the money. Because Senior Services has a little more freedom in how we allocate and what we can fund we are able to do that. Ms. Yensen suggested to the Senior Services Committee that they should be funding programs not agency operations.

Ms. Schuster said she agrees with Ms. Yensen. She has a problem with the make-up of the committee and the individuals who recommend to us. She doesn't feel we're seeing the real impact of the individuals representing their agencies standing before the group voting on these issues and then sending it to us.

Ms. Salgado responded saying some of this will be discussed at Public Health. However, there is some misconception on some of the comments. In order to make comments on how the money is spent you have to understand what the money is for and be a little familiar with the bylaws and what the money can be spent on. This is a unique commission and it has unique opportunities on how they fund. Also, individuals who have even an appearance of conflict don't vote.

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Noting no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Schuster. Abstain: Donner and Salgado. The vote being twenty (20) ayes and one (1) nay noting two (2) abstentions and one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve 14.10 B(05) has passed.

14.10 B(10) *Resolution authorizing acceptance of an IL Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) funding in the amount of \$402,960 and committing county financial support for FY 2012*
Mr. Breeden made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Evertsen said looking at the documentation on this we're looking at a little over a half million dollars for this program which comes out to about \$500 per person based on the numbers served as opposed to \$135 per person with the new health center opening. She is wondering if we should look at this closer and determine if the Health Department should be running this at all. Mr. Provenzano agreed it is a good program but his concern is the process of the budget and the precedence that this sets. He asked what the emergency is and if it can wait until after the budget process has been completed. Mr. McNulty responded that you can't compare what they do in the Breast and Cervical Program with what the Community Health Center Program does, they are two completely separate items. The Health Department contracts out with private providers and they get very specialized medical screening tests, he doesn't believe they will do those at the Community Health Center. The Health Department will be contracting with them to do some of the more simple tests. The process of submitting this resolution, Mr. McNulty said he was directed to submit this by Administration at this time for the 2012 budget. The funding is needed due to increased case load. Mr. Austin added that last year a \$40,000 cut was made in this program and now will be asked to make this program whole. As the resolution reads we are reserving the right to make a reduction on the final amount that goes into the budget. Ms. Kurtz referenced the 2010 Healthy Communities Report that has cancer statistics noting that cancer is the leading cause of death in our county. She voted yes for this in committee because the monies that would be spent if we don't provide a proactive mechanism for identifying cancer in women is going to have a detrimental economic impact on our county. She asked if Mr. McNulty could help the board understand the economic basis for doing this. Mr. McNulty said he doesn't have the actual dollar amounts but obviously the earlier cancer is caught the better the outcomes and cheaper in costs.

Noting no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Schuster and Evertsen. Absent: Munaretto. The vote being twenty-one (21) ayes and two (2) nays noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve 14.10 B(10) has passed.

14.10 B(15) *Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation of \$40,000 from the General Fund Reserves to restore funding to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) for FY 2011***
Mr. Breeden made a motion seconded by Ms. Salgado to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Breeden said last year this was one of many programs that were cut, this one being cut by 8% because we had a grant. He believes that when the board makes a decision based on budgeting and gives a department direction it's important for that department to carry through with that budget. Mr. Breeden said this places him in a position, if it is passed, that we have to come up with an additional \$40,000 for next year's budget. He is against doing this. Ms. Schmidt asked if this money is coming out of available funds from this year's budget. Mr. Sarbaugh said if the Health Department has surplus budget dollars in their budget then it can, otherwise it would come from this year's reserves of the General Fund. He would have to look to see if they have surplus money in their budget to cover this. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that we have not funded anything else that was cut from last year at this point. Mr. McNulty added that the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program has a separate budget and it's not part of the Health Department's unified budget. To spend more money it is his feeling that he needs the County Board's approval to do so but this shouldn't be out of the Health Department budget. It has to have a source since it is a separate budget. Mr. Hammerand said he doesn't believe Mr. McNulty cut his expenses during the year to accommodate the \$40,000 that was cut from the program. Mr. Hammerand is against this. Board members continued to speak for and against this resolution reiterating the need to follow the budget process and the need to cut expenses when a cut has been made to a budget. All believe it is a worthwhile program

However, some feel doing this is setting a precedent that the board does not want to start. It was asked if this is not approved today what will happen. Mr. McNulty said services will be referred out until the new budget starts on December 1st as this \$40,000 is for medical screening. Some board members felt that Mr. McNulty should have looked harder into his budgets to see if the funds could be found from within his department rather than asking to take money from the reserves. By doing this it appears that the \$40,000 was just going to be available when asked for. Ms. Peschke pointed out that the Health Department is different from most departments in the county because they are largely grant funded and there is no ability to use smoking prevention money for breast and cervical cancer so you can't move money around in this department with the same ease that you can in other departments. This is a prevention program which ultimately saves money in the long run.

Mr. Hammerand agreed with these comments and asked about the cost per patient. Someone said that the cost per patient was about \$500 Mr. Hammerand asked if that was accurate. Mr. McNulty said this figure was provided by a board member not him. Some might cost several thousand dollars on testing and some we may spend very little depends on the patient and outcome of screenings, he doesn't have an exact figure. He said if you look at the total budget and divide it by the numbers it is probably close. Mr. Hammerand did the math with the \$40,000 being asked for divided by the remaining six weeks of the budget year. By doing the division it would appear that 72 patients would be served and this many patients does not appear to fit in the six weeks. Mr. McNulty said they are asking for this amount to be sure they wouldn't run short before the end of the budget year.

Mr. Hammerand made a **motion** seconded by Ms. Yensen **to amend the resolution and reduce the requested amount from \$40,000 to \$26,000.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Mr. Provenzano asked that Mr. McNulty work with Mr. Sarbaugh to see if these funds can come out of the general Health Department budget.

Noting no other discussion on the motion to amend, the Chairman asked for a voice vote, the nays having it noting a couple of ayes, the Chairman declared the motion to **amend the resolution and reduce the requested amount from \$40,000 to \$26,000 has failed.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the main motion. Ms. Peschke asked Mr. McNulty if it was true that the more people we serve in a year the more likely it is that the grant next year will be increased by the state. Mr. McNulty said that is one of the factors as well as meeting all of the objectives for the type of service provided and the quality of service.

Mr. Provenzano made a **motion** seconded by Mr. Breeden **to amend the resolution instead of appropriating the funds from the non-departmental utilization of fund balance we have the funds come from the general fund of the Health Department.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Mr. Provenzano asked that Mr. Sarbaugh and Mr. McNulty work together to figure out which line item that this could be under.

Noting no further discussion the Chairman asked for a voice vote, the nays appearing to have it he declared the **motion to amend the resolution instead of appropriating the funds from the non-departmental utilization of fund balance we have the funds come from the general fund of the Health Department has failed.** It was asked that a roll call vote be taken.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote on the motion to amend. The following members responded aye: Schuster, Breeden, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Jung, Merkel, Miller and Provenzano. Nay: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Hill, Kurtz, McCann, Peschke, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Munaretto and Nowak. The vote being nine (9) ayes and thirteen (13) nays, the Chairman declared the motion **to amend the resolution instead of appropriating the funds from the non-departmental utilization of fund balance we have the funds come from the general fund of the Health Department has failed.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any further discussion on the main motion to approve 14.10 B(15). Noting no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Wheeler, Yensen, Bless, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Schuster, Breeden, Evertsen, Hammerand and Jung. Absent: Munaretto and Nowak. The vote being seventeen (17) ayes and five (5) nays noting two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve 14.10 B(15) has passed.

ORDINANCES

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said ahead of the COW meeting we will have on Friday he has compiled a list of frequently asked questions by board members on the budget FY2012. He will be emailing these out to board members hopefully by tomorrow. Initial recommendations will be offered on supplementals on Friday.

Mr. Austin said he put in member's mailboxes this morning a 9-month report from the MCEDC president on their activities. On Thursday of next week the Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee is going to take a first look at a proposed state legislative agenda for 2012. If board members have any ideas they would like taken up at the state legislative program please let him or Adam know.

Mr. Austin said on October 19th at 10: 30 a.m. here we will be having a first kick-off meeting for the Broadband Fiber Extension Group that is being put together as a next step on the study with NIU we co-funded with the MCEDC and MCCOG. Many different entities will be represented here to talk about this and move this project forward. It is being looked at as a two-pronged approach. One is how we could provide this extension of public fiber on our own using dollars that all these local governments are already spending on internet; and looking at developing a robust multi-governmental federal request of some sort.

Mr. Austin said MCCOG is hosting a meeting here at noon today with NIMEC and about ten municipalities will be here as well. Also, the county is hosting the MCCOG dinner on October 19th at Checkers in Union in a heated tent. Lastly, Mr. Austin said there is a group of county employees who will be picking up trash on Charles Road at 4:30 if anyone would like to come out and help.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Miller commented about letters she's received from colleagues on transportation projects that are being undertaken right now. About two years ago the County Board approved a resolution adopting a Contact Sensitive Solution approach to our transportation projects. Part of that is the Citizen's Advisory Group portion of it. On all of the projects that are being referenced, Transportation is right in the middle of the process. Ms. Miller said she appreciates hearing from everyone but they are still working their way through the process. She asked everyone to have confidence in the Transportation Committee members and yourselves that when we work our way through the process ultimately we will come to some conclusion that she hopes will be well received by the residents, by the elected representatives and by the motoring public.

Mr. Provenzano congratulated EMA Director David Christiansen on the creation of McHenry County's first ever Citizen Court Council. The primary initiative of the council is to coordinate the training and assist the EMA in highlighting the volunteer programs that are already in place. Also, last week he and Chairman Koehler had the opportunity to welcome to McHenry County the Council of Generals Office of Indonesia. A program was put on to promote economic development here in the county to work with businesses to help them find new paths to exports. This was done in collaboration with the World Trade Center and the EDC and was held at the Shaw Center.

Mr. Hammerand said he attended the 4-H fund raiser last night at Crandall's. It was well attended and they were very excited about supporting the children in the 4-H program. Mr. Crandall donated half of the ticket price to the 4-H.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 18th day of October, A.D., 2011.

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

ATTEST:

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