

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
MARCH 03, 2009

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

<b>District 1</b> Yvonne M. Barnes Robert Bless Anna May Miller Marc Munaretto	<b>District 2</b> J.S. "Scott" Breeden James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Lyn Orphal	<b>District 3</b> Mary L Donner Ed Dvorak Kathleen Bergan Schmidt Barbara Wheeler
<b>District 4</b> Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	<b>District 5</b> Tina Hill James P Kennedy Virginia Peschke Paula Yensen	<b>District 6</b> Randall Donley Mary T McCann Daniel P Ryan Ersel C Schuster

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Vice Chairman Heisler 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. Ms. Schuster gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve County Board minutes from February 17, 2009. Vice Chairman Heisler asked if there were any corrections. Noting none, Vice Chairman Heisler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion to approve the minutes was approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Vice Chairman Heisler asked for a moment of silence in respect to Bob Goben who recently passed away.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

*Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority Report (UIRVDA) – Blake Hobson*

UIRVDA was created in July 1990 by an act of Illinois Legislation to assist business development and expansion by providing low-interest rate financing. Businesses that apply and are accepted can usually save 1.00% to 3.00% on the cost of borrowing. The bonds are typically purchased by investment banking firms that place them with mutual funds and insurance companies and the borrower makes payment directly to the buyer of the bond. UIRVDA can issue tax-exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds (Manufacturing); Senior Citizen Housing (Multi Family Housing) Bonds; Local Government (public facilities, water, sewer and streets) Bonds; Not for Profit (YMCA, hospital) Bonds; Solid Waste Disposal (Ethanol) Bonds; and Transportation (intermodal) bonds.

Mr. Hobson said UIRVDA is made up of 8 counties including Bureau, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, LaSalle, Marshall, McHenry and Putnam Counties. McHenry County is a fairly new addition having been added in 2000. UIRVDA is made up of representatives from each county and also 10 Governor's appointees, although there are some vacancy's at this time. Mr. Blake said UIRVDA can extend tax-exempt status to certain types of bonds as noted above. UIRVDA has been fairly active in McHenry County issuing \$4.9 million dollars in bonds to a company called Plaspros, Inc. in McHenry; they issued \$9 million in bonds for Olson Electric, a transformer mfg company in Richmond; and \$55 million in bonds were issued for the Centegra Campus, new Healthbridge Facility in Huntley. With the help of UIRVDA these businesses are saving a substantial amount of interest per year. Mr. Hobson said his role with UIRVDA is to review proposals that come forth and make sure they meet the state guidelines and also look at the overall deal and if it makes sense, then it is voted on as a board. He is also promoting this within McHenry County as an opportunity to bring economic development to the county. He said they will be hosting a luncheon on March 16<sup>th</sup> and will be inviting the banking community, village administrators and presidents and such to get the word out. Mr. Hobson said the reason that UIRVDA has been so successful is because of their Executive Director, Andy Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton came forward and said that UIRVDA has come a long way. A year ago they surpassed \$100 million dollars, they now have \$184 million dollars in bonds that they have issued that have created about 1,800 jobs in their 8 county region. He said if anyone knows of a manufacturer spending more than \$1 million to \$1.5 million dollars all the way up to \$20 million dollars, those are the type of projects that would be worthy of investigating UIRVDA to use as a mechanism to help them save interest. It was asked if the recent down turn in the economy has hurt UIRVDA. Mr. Hamilton responded yes but they do have ability as 98% of their deals are backed by banks providing a letter of credit. Mr. Hamilton explained how the financing works and the wording in the legislation. Vice Chairman Heisler thanked Mr. Hobson and Mr. Hamilton for coming in today and giving their presentation.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Vice Chairman Heisler brought the board's attention to Agenda #14.2 I(1) from the Routine Consent Agenda and asked Mr. Iwanicki of the VAC to come up to make a special presentation. Mr. Iwanicki read a letter from the daughter of a veteran who received dental care through the dental program that is offered in McHenry County for veterans and their appreciation thereof. Mr. Iwanicki said they have been doing this program for about a year now and the program has been extremely successful. Mr. Iwanicki was told by one of our representatives that Tammy Duckworth would like this program recreated in every county in the state and many have taken the model that McHenry County created and recreated it in their own county. Mr. Iwanicki asked Mr. Ted Anderson to come forward. Mr. Anderson is on the Executive Board of the Committee and presented Dr. Diane Metrick a plaque on behalf of the Veterans Assistance Commission, in recognition of the McHenry County Dental Society for the services provided by members of this society resulting in the complete dental health and restoration of twenty low income and uninsured veterans in the community over the period ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Dr. Metrick accepted the plaque and said they were honored and humbled to serve our veterans who have so selflessly served our country.

#### PLATS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Marion Lemberger of Woodstock	against	Petition #08-24
Ken Lemberger of Schaumburg	against	Petition #08-24

Noting no other wishing to speak, Vice Chairman Heisler closed this part of the meeting.

#### NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Proclamation declaring May 22, 2009 as "Official Elgin Community College Day"*

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

Noting no discussion, Vice Chairman Heisler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion passed.

#### APPOINTMENTS

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

Historic Preservation Commission	
Laurie Selpien	term to expire 11/26/2013

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

#### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

None

#### ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Heisler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Schmidt removed Agenda #14.2 J(3).

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

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

14.2 J(3) *Resolution supporting the construction of the Illinois Route 53 extension in Lake County, Illinois*  
Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Salgado to approve the above-named resolution.

Vice Chairman Heisler asked for any discussion. Ms. Schmidt said she would be voting against this as it is too vague. Ms. Miller pointed out that this is a resolution just showing support that the project should be done, there is no monetary commitment.

Mr. Kennedy made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Hammerand **to table this resolution until April 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Mr. Kennedy said by waiting we can see what the voters have to say on this extension at the April 7<sup>th</sup> election. Some board members were against the delay as this has been a project that has been discussed for years. Ms. Peschke said she heard the presentation at the Transportation Committee and voted for it. She said she could support postponing this if we could have a presentation for the whole board and a complete description of the project.

Vice Chairman Heisler asked for a voice vote on the motion to postpone, the nays having it, he declared the **motion to postpone has failed**.

Vice Chairman Heisler asked for any other discussion on the main motion. Ms. Schmidt said she read the Lake County minutes and they are not clear on what kind of road this would be, a freeway or a tollway. Mr. Munaretto pointed out that our vote today has no influence on what kind of highway this ends up being. This is just showing support that the road needs to be built.

Vice Chairman Heisler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Heisler, Hill, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schuster, Wheeler, Barnes, Breeden, Donley and Donner. Nay: Hammerand, Kennedy, McCann and Schmidt. Absent: Dvorak, Orphal, Yensen, Bless, Draffkorn and Koehler. The vote being fourteen (14) ayes and four (4) nays, noting six (6) absent, Vice Chairman Heisler declared the motion passed.

#### ORDINANCES

None

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

#### MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Barnes said they had a Law and Justice Committee meeting yesterday with a very informative discussion on the topic of Integrated Justice, but unfortunately four members were not able to attend so they did not have a quorum and could not vote on anything. Because the information was important, they are considering a joint meeting with the Finance Committee in the future. She will talk with Mr. Munaretto about possible times and dates, so please watch your e-mails about an upcoming joint meeting.

Ms. Miller said that letters were sent to all of the residents who spoke at public comment at the last meeting with concerns about unposted roadways and the process of how they would reduce the speed limits.

Ms. Hill thanked the board members who supported the Lincoln Gala that was held last Saturday night. It was a wonderful event and well attended. She still has some souvenir wine left if anyone would like any, just see her.

Mr. Kennedy said Mr. Donley helped to organize a meeting with a number of truck driver owners and operators about a week ago that was attended by about 200 people. The Sheriff's office talked about the over-weight truck issues and about the forming of a Permanent Truck Enforcement Unit. He thanked Mr. Donley for organizing this meeting.

Secondly, he received a copy of a letter that was addressed to the Director of Valley Hi and he read a small portion to the board, noting the positive remarks on the care of a loved one at Valley Hi. Mr. Kennedy said the County strives to give the best care to their residents at Valley Hi, and this letter shows the County's commitment to that effort.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Mr. Ryan to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Vice Chairman Heisler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2009.

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

ATTEST:

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