

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009

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

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

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

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. Ms. Wheeler 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, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak and Koehler. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-four (24) members responding.

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Wheeler to approve County Board minutes from March 3rd, 2009. Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes or corrections, there were none. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion to approve the minutes was passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler told the board he just got a report on MaryLou Zierer. She's been hospitalized for about a week to ten days and is in ICU and is improving slightly. He asked for thoughts and prayers for her and her family during this difficult time. Ms. Donner will send flowers on behalf of the County Board and if he finds anything else out that can be released he will let everyone know. Chairman Koehler also noted that he, Mr. Austin and Mr. Korpalski were in D.C. a couple of weeks ago and it was a different feeling this time. They had good conversation with everyone they hoped to talk with except Senator Burris and he felt that the trip was successful.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

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

Ryan Gatza	Crystal Lake	Troop #158
Joe Alberth	Crystal Lake	Troop #158

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

County Finances – Ralph Sarbaugh; Peter Austin; and Donna Mayberry

Mr. Austin said a lot of time has been spent on finances this year given the economic situation and knowing what this year is like we know that 2010 will be a tough year as well. So far they have met with sixteen departments and all are being cautious of their spending. Mr. Sarbaugh said with everyone working together like they are the County will get through this difficult economic time. A power point presentation was shown and explained to board members and the public in attendance. A copy of the presentation is in the board file. Mr. Sarbaugh went over expenditures and revenues noting where the declines are and the increases in some areas. It was pointed out that we were able to

put some money into the General Fund this year, however not near as much as in past years. Mr. Austin and Mr. Sarbaugh wend over future cost savings ideas to be considered as well as the budget concerns for 2010. Ms. Mayberry came up and also did a short slide presentation and explained how the tax cap works.

ZBA CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler noted that Exb #08-24, Sword Trust, is being withdrawn by request of the Petitioner. Now if they wish to go forward they will have to reapply. Chairman Koehler asked if any other petitions needed to be removed, there were none.

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve the following Petitions:

- Exb #08-44; Burton Twp; Robt VonOepen; reclass A1 to A1V
- Exb #08-62; McHenry Twp; June Dwitis; reclass R1 to R1V
- Exb #09-02; McHenry Twp; George/Gloria Smeha; reclass E3C to E3CV
- Exb #09-03; Algonquin Twp; Amy Tartol; reclass A1 to A1V

Mr. Kennedy asked in regard to Exb #09-03 about the street name. The map shows Riverview Dr but the Petition says McKinley Dr. Mr. Sandquist said he was unaware of the difference in names and was looking at the map now. Ms. Miller said that the correct road name is McKinley Dr and that perhaps the map that was used was from an original plat with the original street name. Ms. Miller is familiar with the road and it is McKinley Dr. as stated in the ordinance.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ZBA REGULAR AGENDA

None

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Tom Landers of Woodstock	for	posting speed limits on county roads
David Frederick of Woodstock	for	posting speed limits on county roads
Irene Napier of Crystal Lake	for	posting speed limits on county roads
Cristy Webb of Woodstock	for	posting speed limits on county roads

Noting no others wishing to speak, Chairman Koehler closed this part of the meeting.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.1 *Resolution – Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) and McHenry County to provide mutual aid*

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Ms. Hill thanked P&D staff, MaryAnn, Matt and Dennis, for the meeting they have been having on the 2030 Plan. She hoped that everyone has been able to participate District by District. If there are any questions or comments on how the process worked please let her know. Chairman Koehler said for those who have not been able to attend, there will be a make-up meeting on Monday at 10 a.m. in the P&D office.

Ms. Miller thanked board members that attended the HIP workshops that were held she feels they were very productive. She thanked the MCDOT staff that provided the wall so that a visual could be done to show where all of our money would go in the next 30 years. Also, with all due respect to Dr. Frederick, she appreciates his passion for speed limits being posted and she personally will be going to her state and federal representatives, but there seems to be something we need to do with our young drivers. She feels they are driving too soon and do not have the skills necessary to safely facilitate the driving we are asking them to do. Ms. Miller said there is a process in place for posting speed limits and she did read the opinion which Dr. Frederick referred to. There is a process in place to bring recommended speed limits to the County Board and at that point and time as legislators you can take into consideration everything/anything that you choose but it does require a traffic study. She said if there is no speed limit posted there is still a speed limit and an officer would be able to write a ticket for someone who was exceeding a safe speed for that roadway. Ms. Miller said information has been provided to all of the people that Dr. Frederick has brought forward and have tried to address their concerns and to date she doesn't believe there has been one highway commissioner that has come forward to MCDOT with a request to address any specific roadway. She feels their efforts would be better spent locally addressing the roadways that they have a problem with. Ms. Miller asked board members to take their concerns to their legislators.

Ms. Barnes noted that on April 6th the Law & Justice Committee will have their regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 a.m. will be joined by the Finance Committee members to discuss Integrated Justice. She encouraged any and all board members to attend as it should be informative.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Peschke noted a typo on item #15.2 B(4) and it will be corrected. Ms. McCann removed 15.2 B(4) for discussion.

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

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

15.2 B(4) Resolution authorizing expenditures from the General Fund Contingency FY 09 budget for the updating of the office building located on the Klehm property

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. McCann asked why we were renovating this building for the County Clerk's use when we are renovating the bank building for the Treasurer to move into. Since the Treasurer's space will be available when they move to the bank building, couldn't the Clerk use the Treasurer's former office? Chairman Koehler said it was discussed and the Klehm building best fits the needs of the County Clerk. Mr. Austin added that there are different options for using the Treasurer's space once it is vacated. It won't be vacated for several months and he said they want to be thoughtful about what they will use it for. Ms. McCann said she agrees that we need the lunchroom space back but she is thinking long term of the operating costs of this out building. Mr. Austin said this building will be fairly lightly used and occupied, there won't be internet connections and the phone system will not be tied into our system. Chairman Koehler commented that with early voting going on one of the conference rooms are in use and county meetings had to be moved around because we lose that space during election time.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCES

For Review: Ordinance to amend the Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing Ordinance for McHenry County, IL

Mr. Hammerand said Section II, A,B,C and D, page 6 and top of 7 were amended. They have been working on this for some time because there have been so many young people being served alcohol in the sting operations. This part of the ordinance will require the establishments to send their servers to training to make sure they understand

how to check ages and how to turn people away with respect. The next Liquor Commission meeting is the 2nd Wednesday if anyone has any questions.

For Action: *Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. O-200708-12-062 – Agricultural Conservation Easement and Farmland Protection Commission*

Ms. McCann made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the above-named ordinance.

Ms. McCann noted that there were some grammatical changes made. It was asked if in the future the changes could be highlighted so the board knows what changes are being made.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said he presented a written report to board members this evening. The second part of the strategic planning will take place Friday morning at Glacial Park at 8 a.m. There will be some small group break outs and working a little more hand in hand with our elected officials and department heads. Also, a meeting has been put together for March 31st. He has invited fourteen other people from around our organization who he believes has involvement in looking for federal stimulus dollars. They will share ideas about who knows what about where stimulus money is and how to access some of the funds that will become available. They will have a representative from the Ferguson Group on the phone to help guide them about what they are hearing in Washington.

Mr. Austin said he is going to try to develop an inventory for everyone's benefit about what dollars the county is going after and how the stimulus money is impacting our county government. On a different subject, Mr. Austin said that the Assessor's office has turned over the file to the Clerk's office so that work can be completed so that the tax bills can be created. There were concerns about the possibility of the bills going out late, however Ms. Mayberry's staff worked diligently sometimes six and a half days a week to get to where we are. Mr. Austin noted that he will be in Florida next week but he will check his e-mail and voice mail. When he gets back he said we will kick off our quarterly review of work plans with the appointed department heads. If there are any questions, comments or suggestions on any of the departments, please sent him an e-mail or leave a voice mail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Koehler said it was necessary to go into executive session to review executive session minutes for release as recommended by the State's Attorney's office.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Ms. Salgado to go into executive session .

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Orphal to go into regular session.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

Executive session ran from 8:27 p.m. to 8:37 p.m.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMENTS

Ms. Hill said in regard to the stimulus conversation, the website recovery.illinois.gov, under weatherization and environmental, the IEPA's deadline for those grant proposals is March 31st. These would be stimulus money for environment. Secondly, she was at a conference with other board members and learned a lot about entrepreneurial development in the county. She also went to the National Assoc of Counties in DC and they had a lot of information on how to ride the economic downturn, much of which the county is already doing.

Ms. McCann asked the difference between an ordinance and a resolution. It seemed like the Resolution for a Vehicle Use Policy should be an ordinance. Mr. Austin said if we were changing county code it would be an ordinance and in this policy we are not doing that. Secondly, on March 28th from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Earth Hour will take place. Turn your lights out to recognize the earth as a valuable resource and how much we depend on material things.

Ms. Donner said she was just informed on Friday that Ms. Yensen had surgery. Since she did not know, no flowers were sent at the time but flowers have been given to her now. She asked that if board members know of a surgery or illness of someone that she should be sending a card or flowers to on behalf of the board, please let her know.

Ms. Yensen thanked everyone for the flowers. She's recovering nicely and is glad to be back.

Ms. Barnes talked about how the rules have changed for teenage drivers as she is going through it and will be for some time! Teenagers must have completed 100 hours behind the wheel and have their permit for nine full months. There are stringent training requirements for licensing today.

Ms. Salgado said she appreciated the presentation tonight on the finances of the county. She noted that these are grim times and there is still a war going on and people are still getting deployed, so please keep everyone in your prayers.

Mr. Kennedy agreed with some of the people who spoke this evening about the speed limits. The IL Vehicle Code delineates speed limits for roads that are posted throughout the entire State of Illinois and he's sure they teach that in driver's education. He is hopeful that the message will get out to the youth of the community that you need to use common sense when driving.

Chairman Koehler said about a month ago a forum was held on foreclosure and somewhat discussed about affordable and attainable housing and that group has met again. Chairman Koehler said he has been asked to look into putting together an Affordable or Attainable Housing Commission. He met with Mr. Sandquist and MaryAnn from Planning and Development and got some ideas. If anyone has ideas or knows of other areas that have done this, please let him know.

Ms. Wheeler thanked the Chairman for meeting with Mr. Sandquist and staff about this. The second step is to speak to the townships. She noted that Nunda Twp has already reached out and asked for a mini forum for constituents, and she would like to do it after the election is over. If any of the townships are interested in having any of the speakers that were at the forum, they would like to get the forum on the road. The third thing is reaching out to the Latino community and there is a representative doing that. Ms. Wheeler said we haven't heard back and she thinks they would rather meet on their own grounds but said we are anxious to meet with them as they are one of the community's hit hardest with the down turn in the economy. Ms. Wheeler said if there are any suggestions contact Chairman Koehler, Ms. Peschke or herself.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy 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 9th day of April, A.D., 2009.

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

ATTEST:

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