

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
JUNE 2, 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, June 2, 2009.

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. Donley gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann and Koehler. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein was present. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-four (24) members responding.

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve County Board minutes from May 19, 2009. Chairman Koehler asked if there were any corrections. Typographical errors were noted and will be corrected. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion to approve the minutes as corrected was approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler showed a poster to the board saying some were a part of it, on the Mini Capitol Bill. He said thanks to our State Representatives and Senators there is a Mini Capitol Bill in the making and it looks like McHenry County will come out very well. According to the numbers that he has we should be receiving about \$170 million dollars in road funds which will go a long way for road projects in the County. Chairman Koehler said he believes that Mark Beaubien also got McHenry County some money but we're not sure how much, so we could be getting over \$200 million in the process. He recognized the fact that all of our state legislators are working for us and doing an excellent job. He said without the help of the Road Warriors and the EDC being involved, namely Dan Shea and Bill Dwyer, we might not have gotten what we did.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Orphal made a motion seconded by Ms. Salgado to approve the following Appointments:

Board of Health

Eleanor Jackson	term to 06/30/2012
Gary "Andy" Andreski	term to 06/30/2012

Senior Services Grant Commission

Kevin Sarnwick	term to 10/01/2011
Richard Hattan (not for profit)	term to 10/01/2011

Lake in the Hills Sanitary District

David McPhee	term to 05/01/2012
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Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Mr. Munaretto said that the Finance & Audit Committee met this morning and briefly discussed Recovery Zone Bond Financing. He said under the Stimulus Act the counties are empowered to sell Build America Bonds. The first program has been out in the market place now for about six months and there is a second tier to that program under the Build American Bonding Program, there is a Recovery Zone Financing element. At the June 9th meeting the Finance & Audit Committee will be proposing the adoption of a resolution which declares McHenry County a recovery zone and they will also be conducting a Public Hearing that authorizes us to issue two types of bonds; one is government bonds that are used for government purposes and the other is economic development bonds which would allow us to use our bonding ability to flow through, much like in the case of an Industrial Revenue Bond, to businesses in McHenry County that may have projects that require some financing, either real estate or equipment. Mr. Munaretto went on to say the attractiveness of this program lies in the fact that the interest rate becomes discounted because under the Recovery Zone Financing Program the investors in the bonds are entitled to a 45% refund in the taxable part of the bond. When thinking about equivalent interest rates, private activity would probably experience a 6.5% interest rate in the open market for a financing with a 45% discount that same 6.5% interest is now 3.57%. It lowers the cost of financing and hopefully it will help spur some economic development activity here in McHenry County. Mr. Austin will send an e-mail to all members of the County Board describing these programs in much more detail and provide an example. He encouraged board members to attend their meeting on the 9th. Chairman Koehler commented that it's a great opportunity for not only governmental entities within McHenry County but also private sector people who are looking at new projects and having trouble finding some money. He said we don't know yet by formula how much money we will have to provide, but we should have that information within the next 7 days or so.

Ms. Barnes said at the Law & Justice Committee meeting yesterday they interviewed a candidate for the Marengo Rescue Squad but didn't take any action on it because they anticipated having another candidate, however it turns out there are no other applicants. Ms. Barnes said to her Committee members, prior to the next evening board meeting, she would like to get together right before to take a vote on that appointment. If you can't make it, please let her know.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Munaretto removed 14.2 J(9) and Mr. Hammerand removed 14.2 J(3).

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

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

14.2 J(3) Resolution Urging Passage of a Comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program

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

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Hammerand said he had a problem with wording in the last WHEREAS, "regardless of the funding source", and will be voting against this.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann and Koehler. Nay: Schuster and Hammerand. The vote being twenty-two (22) ayes and two (2) nays, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

14.2 J(9) Resolution approving an agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for the provision of planning services to the McHenry Council of Mayors

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Munaretto questioned the amounts in the Resolution saying they didn't match. Mr. Korpalski responded that the County picks up a 20% match for this program. Mr. Munaretto noted that this is not noted in the Resolution. He asked that the word "allocated" in the third WHEREAS be changed to "identified". Mr. Korpalski said this word change would be fine. The final document will show the word change. It was asked if this would continue to be ongoing. Mr. Korpalski said this is federal dollars that are administered by the State for the planning liaison program for Northeastern IL and has been going on for 30+ years.

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen, Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, McCann and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) ayes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCES

For Action:

15.2 A Ordinance Adopting the Establishment of an altered speed zone on McGuire Road (waiver of 30 day review requested)

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Mr. Dvorak to approve the above-named Ordinance with the waiver of 30 day review.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Ryan said given the development in that area he felt the speed limit should be less than 50 mph and made a motion to do so.

Mr. Ryan made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Dvorak to **change the maximum speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph in the designated area.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Several board members were in agreement with the change considering the development in the area, however there were a few against the change because all issues are taken into account when the speed limit is recommended. Mr. Korpalski said all issues are taken into account when it comes to their analysis about a recommended speed limit and there has only been one accident in that area in the last two years and that was with an animal. The speed limit west of McGuire Road at Marengo Road has a stop sign there and that is why the speed limit between Marengo and Rte. 14 is 45 mph. Mr. Korpalski said that you can only change the speed limit by up to 10 mph of what the study shows and this is by policy. There is no statute set by the state on this.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the **motion to amend the maximum speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph**, the ayes having it, Chairman Koehler declared the **motion to amend passed.**

Noting no other discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended, the ayes having it, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said that on June 16th there will be a Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting from 6-7 p.m. before the board meeting. He and Mr. Sarbaugh would like to give an update on where we are on our revenues and expenses and also talk about the budget process and to make sure everyone understands it. Earlier in that day staff will be working on the strategic plan and further action planning and some performance measurement items.

Mr. Austin introduced a new intern, Rob Jones. Rob is a student from Indiana University and a native of Richmond and is working on his BA Degree in Public Administration. He is volunteering his time this summer in the Administration Office. Ms. McKinney introduced her summer intern Sarah Anderson. She came to the County through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Pollution Prevention Program. She lives in Chicago and is a student at the University of IL at Chicago and will be working on storm water issues. Mr. Austin thanked them both for being here.

Chairman Koehler said tomorrow at 9 a.m. is the kick off to the budget process and there will be a second meeting on Thursday at 2:30. It's intended for department heads and elected officials and their staff that are involved in the budget development. Board Members are invited to attend if they wish.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Miller thanked DOT staff, last Thursday was the Alden Rd improvement public hearing and it was well attended and presented.

Ms. Hill said some members probably received the e-mail she received from Mr. Provenzano on another case of "bad towing". Someone got stuck with a \$4,500 bill to recover their truck. She talked with the Senator yesterday and they still have not addressed the separation of safety towing being tied in to the relocation towing. She is going to ask Senator Althoff to work on that because this is a person being held hostage to recover their vehicle.

Ms. Barnes said due to the COW meeting on the 16th at 6 p.m. the next Law & Justice Committee meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. on the 16th.

Mr. Kennedy said two or three months ago they held a meeting with the Liquor Commission where unfortunately they determined and made a decision to revoke the license of a package store that had sold alcoholic beverages to minors three times within an eight month period. They were over turned by the State Liquor Commission to a 30-day suspension. The Liquor Commission discussed it and decided that they wanted to stand up for the rights of their decision and it is currently in the McHenry County Circuit Court to appeal the decision of the State Liquor Commission.

Ms. Peschke said in Don Peasley's column he talked about the Woodstock High School Environmental Team bringing home a state championship and they will be going to North Carolina in August for the national championship. She only knows because her grandson is on the team. She said there may be other high schools that have state championship teams and we don't hear about them. She believes we need to give kudo's and support to these young people who are doing extraordinary things other than sports. Chairman Koehler said we could do resolutions from the County.

Ms. McCann agreed that the students should be recognized. Also she said that the Environmental Committee is going to meet jointly with Finance next Tuesday and she is still working on the agenda. The Committee will meet for a short time after the joint meeting, she will send an e-mail.

Mr. Labaj commented that the risk manager from Travelers Insurance did a tour of our DOT facility and was amazed by the level of professionalism, safety and the attention to detail at the DOT. By national standards this risk manager said our DOT is among the top tier.

Chairman Koehler said he had a call from the Mayor of Crystal Lake being very complimentary on the fact that the County had gotten the strip of roadway by Veterans Acres Park resurfaced.

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ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 16th day of June, A.D., 2009.

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

ATTEST:

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