

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 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, November 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. Mr. Munaretto gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen and Koehler. Absent: Donley, Heisler and McCann. Parliamentarian Cynthia Schaupp was present. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-one (21) members responding. Mr. Heisler arrived near the end of the meeting.

MINUTES

None

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler said on Friday Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood was in our county to observe first-hand the traffic issues on Randall Road. He said that Mr. LaHood saw for himself the need, and heard from the presentation, of the projects what we would like to do in the reconfiguration and widening of Randall Road within McHenry County borders. Chairman Koehler said he believes we will see something come from this visit after the reauthorization of highway funds is done. Mr. LaHood said that we were the 61st visit that he has made across the country in relation to looking at projects such as ours. Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Korpalski for putting on such a good presentation as well as Congressman Manzullo who put everything together. Chairman Koehler said also that this morning he had an opportunity to be down in DuPage County with the DuPage County Water Authority. They had a guest speaker who has written a couple of books on the Great Lakes. Although McHenry County can't get water from the Great Lakes, the speaker was very appreciative of all the work that the Regional Water Study Group has done and said there is a lot of credit to be given to the Chicago region because we are one of the few areas in the country that is talking about water conservation. Chairman Koehler said he was pleased to hear the comments and know that we are on the cutting edge of what is going to be needed and expected in the future.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/REPORTS

Mr. Ryan made a motion seconded by Ms. Hill to approve the following Eagle Scout recognition:
Wesley Fait of Huntley Troop #167

Ms. Hill commented that she knows this young man and he worked with another Eagle Scout recipient, Drew Meyer, and what they have accomplished along with their leadership within their troop is to be commended.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Federally Qualified Health Clinic- Bob Martens of McHenry County and Robert Tanner of Greater Elgin Family Care Center

Chairman Koehler said about 18-24 months ago he came back from Cook County advising everyone that we were going to be cut off as far as any of our residents receiving medications that were being provided through Stroger Hospital. As a result of that there was a lot of discussion about the federally qualified health centers and we were working through several federal legislators to find out if there was anything we could do to have one of these in McHenry County and now we have an opportunity before us.

Mr. Martens came forward and said he and Mr. Tanner are going to talk about a partnership that has emerged over the last two years bringing enhanced behavioral health and medical services to McHenry County residents. In collaboration with the McHenry County Mental Health Board and McHenry County Public Health Department, Family Service has partnered with a local federally qualified health center (FQHC), which is the Greater Elgin Family Care Center which furthers our efforts to integrate behavioral health that we provide with primary healthcare. Integrating the healthcare together brings the care to where the patient is, treating the whole person. He said their first open clinic was this past Tuesday.

Mr. Tanner came forward and presented a power point. He said their group practice is the only group practice in the entire Metro Elgin area that is accredited by the Joint Commission and United Way. They are a healthcare provider and a young organization. They first saw patients in 2001 and are a federally qualified Not for Profit 501C3 Community Health Center that provides a wide array of ambulatory health care services to people who are poor, uninsured, publicly insured and/or underinsured. They put together the variety of services they provide with case management, public benefits enrollment and transportation services. However, they are a primary care provider so specialty care that is needed is referred out, i.e. oncology, cardiology or something of that sort, They provide their health care services at 25 care centers with only 4 of them being full time service delivery sites, with the McHenry County site as a part time site. The McHenry Community Health Center is located at 4100 Veterans Parkway in Crystal Lake. Mr. Tanner said they are a federally qualified health center and they receive funding from the federal government because they are in a medically underserved area and a health professional shortage area. Unfortunately, McHenry County does not have these federal designations, i.e. medically underserved with a health professional shortage, which is why McHenry County doesn't have a federally qualified health center. He said because they receive federal monies they have to report back to the federal government on a number of items. Mr. Tanner pointed out that last year they saw people from 194 different zip codes and this year they are projecting it to be from about 210 different zip codes. He said a lot of that is because they are open 7 days a week, all of their physicians are fully licensed, privileged and credentialed by their board of directors and most are on staff at the local hospitals. They are all paid, noting they do have 5 volunteer dentists that work with them. Mr. Tanner said being a federally qualified health center, they are able to apply for many grants that others can't. They have submitted a grant application for \$2.5 million dollars to build a building on the grounds of 4100 Veterans Parkway, which they anticipate hearing about this month. They estimate their chances of receiving that grant at about 3% but they are ambitious and there is a need.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any questions. It was asked how this is different from the Family Health Partnership Clinic. Mr. Tanner said it is different in several ways. The Greater Elgin Family Care Center is a federally qualified health center where the Partnership Clinic is not and his facility specializes in providing primary health care the Partnership Clinic specializes in specialty care and use a lot of volunteer physicians. They would refer patients who need specialty care to their clinic and vice versa. It was asked how the Well Child Center fits in with his services. He said they work collaboratively as the Well Child Center is a sub-lesser of theirs where they and their staff provide WIC services and family case management services to their patients in the building. It was asked if the space at Family Services was adequate should they not get the grant to build. Mr. Martens responded they have 2,000 sq feet of unfinished space that can be used to expand for this service. It was asked if clients were provided assistance with obtaining low cost medications. Mr. Tanner said yes it is offered through five different mechanisms. Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Tanner and Mr. Martens for this presentation and said he is very excited about this program.

8.2 Highway Presentation – Mark DeVries

Mr. DeVries came forward and said we are right on target for the season. All of their materials are in place and everything they need has been secured for this coming year. They have some new equipment they will be using and he talked about other ways they use for snow and ice removal. The new piece of equipment is called a salt slurry generator which they helped develop. They run the salt through two mills and crush it before it goes on the road and wetting it at that point so that there is no scatter. They will be using it on Randall Road this season to see

how it works out. They are one of the first agencies in the country to have that piece of equipment. Mr. DeVries said that MCDOT spent about 5 days of training with staff on methods that they will be using and the policies that are in place and on different practices, especially looking at the environmental issues. He feels they will have a good and safe season.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were questions. Ms. Hill asked what happened in Argentina. Mr. DeVries said he had an opportunity as one of six people selected as a professional to go to Argentina to help them evaluate their winter operations. It was funded through the World Bank and through the College of Mountain Engineering in Argentina. He was brought in for his expertise in liquid use organics as they are using some organics in that area. He said winter is very prevalent there and they are going through a complete re-evaluation of all of their winter operations. To that end they try to put in the best practices that are in place and also got people in to help them evaluate whether what they were doing was the right thing to do. Ms. Salgado commented that McHenry County is lucky to have Mr. DeVries on staff. Chairman Koehler emphasized that through Mr. DeVries leadership, our DOT is doing the everything they know they know today to not contaminate our water. He said both Mr. DeVries and Ms. McKinney have been giving a lot of programs to many other entities coming up with best practices for the least amount of contamination. Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. DeVries for his presentation.

8.3 Creating an Operational Board for Valley Hi – Peter Austin

Chairman Koehler said with the changes that have taken place at Valley Hi they realized that they needed to re-evaluate how Valley Hi has been managed and look into ways that we could save money on costs of operations. He said the county knew that many things would have to be changed and the Valley Hi Committee has taken on an initiative to look at a better way of governing the Valley Hi operation. Chairman Koehler said sometime in January there will be a COW meeting where the board will dissect this and talk more about the direction that the county wants to go.

Mr. Austin said a little over a couple of years ago the county made the decision to hire Revere to come in to help make changes at Valley Hi. He said we have reduced our expenses in some areas and increased our revenues in a number of areas and have stabilized personnel and staffing issues. The policies and operations across the board have been professionalized and we have eliminated the use of agency nursing. Mr. Austin said with the Revere contract winding down, the Valley Hi Committee wants to give the board an idea on how to move forward with Valley HI. He referred the board to the Draft Operating Board Bylaws that everyone received and asked the board to look them over. He said the idea is to create an operating board that is a distinct governing entity. He said there are three things going on; 1) they are putting forth the Operating Board Bylaws asking the board to take a look at them and at a point soon they will be discussed to see if it is something the board wants to move ahead with; 2) talk about the business analysis that has been prepared by Revere Healthcare. It's a nice piece of work that has just been given to the Valley Hi Committee and they would like to make a couple of revisions. It lays out options for Valley Hi in the future and how it will fit into the changing market place of long term healthcare and offers some good suggestions for the board to consider; 3) recruitment of the new Valley Hi administrator, which is currently underway. Mr. Austin said advertisements are out and a search firm has been hired and he has received a few calls from interested parties. He hopes that someone will be identified by the end of January.

Mr. Austin said that when 2009 started he thought that as the Revere contract wound down we would be hiring an administrator, but the Valley Hi Committee asked to look at other options on how to run the facility. They looked at returning to self management, continuing with the current management or seek a new one, lease the facility outright to a third party, create an operating board/authority or we could sell the facility. As they talked through the options they settled on the county hiring an administrator who will be a county employee that would report to the county administration and also create an operating board to put a new focus on the operations of Valley Hi. They have explored other counties to see how they do things, especially DeKalb County, learning about how their operating board works. Mr. Austin said if we created an operating board it would probably be a seven member board with five people being residents of the county with some expertise in finance or long term care and maybe a couple of board members serving as liaison's to them so that there is a connection with the County Board. If this operating board were created, the County Board would not be getting bogged down in day to day management issues of Valley Hi; the board would not be managing the facility in the same way that it has always been managed; the board would not be putting in place a structure that couldn't be changed. If this was put into place and after a period of time the board felt that it was not working, it can be undone as the County Board would be retaining all of the ultimate responsibilities for Valley Hi. The County Board would maintain the mission of Valley Hi, the membership of the operating board and the bylaws of that board.

Mr. Austin mentioned some of the possible perceptions and the board can talk about the positives and negatives that would go along with having an operating board for Valley Hi. Mr. Austin said the Valley Hi Committee will be meeting on December 10th or 11th so if anyone has any questions, let him or members of the committee know.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any questions. Ms. Yensen suggested that one of the members of the board should be a person who had/had a person at Valley Hi and also she didn't agree with past directors being re-appointed after one year. Ms. Yensen said she will give her comments to Mr. Dvorak. Chairman Koehler thanked the committee for all of their work on this and to Revere for their excellent analysis report.

ZBA CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any petitions needed to be removed, there were none. Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Petition:
Exb #09-50; Nunda Twp; Scott Reich; reclass A1-R1

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen and Koehler. Absent: Donley, Heisler and McCann. The vote being twenty-one (21) ayes noting four (4) absent, 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:

Richard Draper of Wonder Lake	against	Mental Health Board expansion
Victor Meuch of Wonder Lake	regarding/for	McHenry County Burning Ordinance
Mark LeFevre of Crystal Lake	against	Mental Health Board expansion
Diane Rodgers of Wonder Lake	regarding/for	Waste hauler for unincorporated McHenry Co

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

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Ms. Hill said the Planning & Development Committee has received the 2030 Plan and have started working on it with having a great deal of discussion. She encouraged board members to attend meetings as the plan progresses. Ms. Hill said in January they will be going on the road with this and if anyone has any special groups in their community that they would want to add input on this, they would be happy to address them. Chairman Koehler also emphasized the importance of board members to sit in on discussions whenever possible.

Mr. Merkel said the Building Projects Committee is watching the completion of the remodel of the Treasurer's building and it should be done in early December and completed under budget. There will be a walk through on December 15th at 4 p.m. for any members who want to take a look at the completed project. The move is anticipated for early January.

Mr. Kennedy asked if the 2030 Plan district meeting dates be on the monthly calendar. Ms. Hill noted the locations for the district meetings.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, there were none. Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve the Routine Consent Agenda as presented.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado,

Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen and Koehler. Absent: Donley, Heisler and McCann. The vote being twenty-one (21) ayes noting three (3) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCES

For Review:

16.2 A Ordinance to designate the exclusive collector of solid waste, recyclables and yard waste in certain areas of unincorporated McHenry County (info, bids, maps)

Ms. Orphal put this ordinance up for review. Several board members commented on this proposed ordinance and its need throughout unincorporated McHenry County. If there are any comments, please let a committee member know so they can be discussed at committee.

For Action: Mr. Munaretto made a motion seconded by Ms. Hill to approve an **Ordinance authorizing the Annual appropriations for fiscal year 2009-2010 budget with the following amendments:**

GENERAL FUND:

Increase the Court Services State Government – Salary Reimbursement Revenue line item by \$232,025 and decrease the following revenue budget line item:

Non-Departmental – Utilization of Fund Balance	\$232,025
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Increase the Health Department’s Public Health Emergency Response (PHERIII) Grant Revenue line item by \$470,930 and increase the following expenditure budget line items:

Health – PHERIII – Personnel	\$ 98,758
Health – PHERIII – Contractual	\$201,202
Health – PHERIII – Commodity	\$170,970

MENTAL HEALTH:

Decrease the Mental Health 708 Board Operating Transfer Out Expenditure line item by \$180,000 and increase the following expenditure budget line item:

Mental Health 708 Board – Contractual	\$180,000
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Decrease the Mental Health Capital Development Revenue line item by \$90,000 and decrease the Mental Health Capital Development expenditure budget line item:

Mental Health Capital Development – Operating Transfer Out	\$ 90,000
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Increase the Mental Health Teen Reach State Government Grant Revenue line item by \$90,540 and increase the following expenditure budget line item:

Mental Health Teen Reach Grant – Contractual	\$ 90,540
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Decrease the Mental Health Capital Development Revenue line items by \$230,000 and decrease the Mental Health Capital Development expenditure budget line items:

Mental Health Capital Development – Contractual	\$ 25,000
Mental Health Capital Development – Capital	\$205,000

LAW LIBRARY:

Increase the Law Library Personnel expenditure budget line item by \$11,305 and decrease the following expenditure budget line item:

Law Library – Fund Balance Enhancement	\$ 11,305
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COURT AUTOMATION:

Decrease the Court Automation Personnel expenditure budget line item by \$11,305 and increase the following expenditure budget line item:

Court Automation – Contractual	\$ 11,305
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DENTAL CARE CLINIC:

Increase the Dental Care Clinic State Government Grant Revenue line item by \$5,000 and increase the following expenditure budget line item:

Dental Care Clinic – Contractual	\$ 5,000
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GIS:

Decrease GIS Contractual expenditure budget line item by \$60,000 and decrease/increase the following revenue and expenditure budget line items:

GIS – Utilization of Fund Balance (decrease)	\$ 1,182
GIS – Fund Balance Enhancement (increase)	\$ 58,818

Decrease GIS Personnel expenditure budget line item by \$72,614 (Freezing Vacant developer position) and increasing the following expenditure budget line item:

GIS – Fund Balance Enhancement (increase)	\$ 72,614
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Increase GIS Contractual expenditure budget line item by \$15,000 and decrease the following expenditure budget line item:

GIS – Fund Balance Enhancement	\$ 15,000
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Noting no discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler, Yensen and Koehler. Absent: Donley and McCann. The vote being twenty-two (22) ayes noting two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

For Action: Mr. Munaretto made a motion seconded by Ms. Hill to approve an **Ordinance providing for the Levy of Taxes for McHenry County for fiscal year December 1, 2009 through November 30, 2010**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Hammerand said he could not support this when people's properties have decreased in value from 30% - 50% and their tax reduction on their tax bills is minimal.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Barnes, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Munaretto, Orphal, Peschke, Ryan, Salgado, Schmidt, Wheeler, Yensen and Koehler. Nay: Hammerand and Schuster. Absent: Donley and McCann. The vote being twenty (20) ayes and two (2) nays noting two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin thanked Mr. Sarbaugh and everyone who helped work on the budget process. He also thanked Patty Nomm in the Health Department and her staff for their work on the solid waste issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Hill said she received an e-mail from a Sergeant in the Sheriff's department on relocation towing. If there are any questions you can speak with Ms. Barnes, Mr. Austin or Chairman Koehler. She received a letter from someone about an experience with Relocation Towing that was extremely unpleasant but ended up o.k. Senator Althoff put the new legislation forward for the spring session to separate this and she spoke with this towing company today and they will be lowering their prices, as they realized they weren't within ICC regulations. Chairman Koehler asked if the predatory towing company is going to refund any money to the people they overcharged. Ms. Hill wasn't sure she will talk with Senator Althoff. Also, Ms. Hill commented on the sports successes that have been occurring in the county this past week. She asked if the teams could be recognized in some way by the County Board.

Mr. Merkel talked about the sports success in the county as well. Chairman Koehler said it can get a little difficult trying to recognize all of the teams as they might not be notified of all successes. Also, he talked about the budget packets they received and noted the balanced budget for this year. He thanked everyone who worked on the process and said it is a testament to the county and the board to be able to watch over the funds so that we are in the financial shape that we are in.

Ms. Barnes said it would be nice if the county sent Cary Grove a letter on their sports success this season. In regard to the luncheon with the Secretary of Transportation, she said it was an excellent presentation with excellent planning.

Mr. Kennedy thanked Ms. Donner and the VAC for the ribbon cutting for the new mini bus they received. It will help get veterans to doctor appointments and other things.

Ms. Yensen thanked staff for the excellent transportation presentation on Friday. Also Ms. Yensen noted that she and Mr. Ryan participated in the Rt. 47 Interchange meeting that was on the 10th which dealt with the transportation study and the update of material. Also, she and Mr. Kennedy attended the Village of Lake in the Hills meeting to update them on the Rakow Road project. And lastly Ms. Yensen said she will be traveling to Washington D.C. on Thursday with a select group of women who are part of the Leadership Institute. They will be spending three days there taking part in some leadership development training as well as having a private tour of the White House.

Ms. Donner said the Mental Health Board is going to have a public hearing at MCC on November 30th, she encouraged board members to attend. She talked about the new VAC bus and the ribbon cutting ceremony and how happy the drivers are with the new bus. Lastly, she asked that the women of the County Board stay after the meeting for a few minutes to talk about the Christmas dinner.

Mr. Munaretto thanked Mr. Austin for noting small items attached to the 2010 budget. He said based on the County's financial disciplines over the last eight years, we are very close to getting a perfect credit rating. He thanked staff and department heads for their collaboration in coming together to make cuts in their budgets during this difficult economic time.

Ms. Peschke said she would like to see academic achievements of our young people celebrated and recognized. Ms. Hill thanked Ms. Peschke for bringing this up. She suggested that in the spring of each year the Northwest Herald identifies all of the Valedictorians and Salutatorians and maybe we could recognize those young people at that time. Ms. Yensen suggested merit finalists could also be recognized.

Mr. Merkel congratulated Elizabeth Kessler, Executive Director of the MCCD. In late October at the National Recreation Parks Association Conference in Utah she was sworn in as President of the Board of Trustees for our national association.

Mr. Ryan talked about the meeting he attended with Ms. Yensen saying this is their first actual formal application of contact sensitive solutions on a roadway in IL. This roadway encompasses Rt. 47 improvements from Interstate 80 all the way to the WI border.

Ms. Orphal said there will be a Mental Health Board public hearing meeting on November 30th at 6 p.m. at MCC. She also encouraged board members to attend as well as the public and other agencies.

Mr. Hammerand thanked staff for their hard work and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving, Chairman Koehler agreed.

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COMMUNICATIONS
None

ADJOURNMENT
Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler 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 15th day of December, A.D., 2009.

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

ATTEST:

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