

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
AUGUST 01, 2006

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

<b>District 1</b> Donald R. Brewer Marc Munaretto Anna May Miller Dan Shea	<b>District 2</b> Marie M. Chmiel James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Lyn Orphal	<b>District 3</b> Ed Dvorak Blake Hobson Nick Provenzano Barbara Wheeler
<b>District 4</b> Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	<b>District 5</b> John Jung Jr. Perry Moy Virginia Peschke Tina Hill	<b>District 6</b> Ann Gilman Richard Klasen Don Larson Mary Lou Zierer

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 01, 2006.

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 C. 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 C. Schultz. The following members responded: Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Hobson, Jung, Klasen, Larson, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal and Koehler. 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 Regular Session minutes from July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Chairman Koehler asked for any changes or corrections; a spelling error was noted and will be corrected.

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Koehler told the board that he attended a meeting last week in Chicago as a kick off for the RTA in a movement called Moving Beyond Congestion. It's an attempt to bring together the different entities i.e. CTA, Metra and Pace and get them on board working together and it's also about funding. Chairman Koehler said he has asked Ms. Peschke and Ms. Miller to be co-chairman in bringing forth the information in regards to this movement. In the next several months we will be having some meetings, one which will be addressing specifically the county board in regard to the issues and then it will be brought to the public.

Lastly, he mentioned several board members will be meeting this weekend at the NACO conference in Chicago. If there are any questions or anyone wishes to attend one or more of the meetings let Peter Austin know.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Ms. Zierer made a motion seconded by Mr. Klasen to approve the following Eagle Scout recognition:

Kyle Mobley of Troop 167 in Huntley

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

***Mental Health Board – Family Care Project update***

Chairman Koehler introduced Sandy Lewis, Executive Director of the Mental Health Board. Ms. Lewis came forward. In regard to the Family Care Project she said the Mental Health Board has attempted to secure a SAMHSA grant initiative for about five years. Todd Troll was introduced; he is the Project Director of Family Care. He was hired by the State of IL Department of Human resources to direct this project. Mr. Troll went over a handout that was given to the board. He presented the handout by power point presentation. It covers philosophies of the program, planning year accomplishments and the shared vision of the grant, among other things. A copy of the handout is in the board file.

Chairman Koehler asked for any questions. Questions were asked about who is the first point of contact if a family has a problem. Mr. Troll responded that a call can be placed to anyone involved with family care and the process will begin immediately to help or get the help required for the situation. It was asked when the Government Council will be established. Mr. Troll said this is being worked on right now and it should be identified within the next two months.

***Art donations to McHenry County – Susan Stelford***

Ms. Stelford showed the board recent donations to the county's art collection from local artists and explained their content.

PLATS

***Final Plat – Brookstone Subdivision, Algonquin Twp.***

Ms. Gilman made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the above-named Final Plat. The plat is in the room for review.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Frank Cools of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Linda Cools of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Pamela Cools of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Lynda Schewe of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Kathy Soeder of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Alex Gilberts of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Ed Krenek of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Barbara Kemp of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Beth Mallen of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Elaine Ramesh of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
T.J. Mauger of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Lou Anne Majewski of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development

Chairman Koehler noted that the 30 minute time allotted was up and asked for a motion to extend the public participation time.

Mr. Moy made a motion seconded by Ms. Wheeler to extend public participation for 30 minutes.

Ms. Gilman made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Brewer **to continue public participation to the end of the meeting.**

Ms. Gilman said some board members have appointments later this morning and would like to get the Consent Agenda work done before anyone had to leave. After a few brief comments from board members, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, the nays having it, the **motion to amend is denied.**

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the **main motion to extend public participation 30 minutes**, the ayes having it, the **motion to extend is passed.**

The following people spoke:

Patricia Sherwin of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Cliff Sherwin of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Tom Soeder of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Karen Soeder of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Jonathan Knight of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Robert Stephenson of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
John Rosene of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Karen Rosene of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Dan Cantalupo of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Bill Miller of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Helen Hoffman of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Wayne Schneider of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Frank Cole of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Harold Hoffman of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Quentin J Ford of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Kim Keper of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Susan Hanson of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development

Chairman Koehler noted that the 30 minute extension was up and asked for a motion to extend the public participation time.

Mr. Moy made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to extend public participation for 30 minutes. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion to extend has passed.

The following people spoke:

Theodore L. Horde of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
David Ryckman of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Martin Vazzano of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Paul Loeber of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Nancy Laterza of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Robert Abboud of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Tom Magner of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Dan Mjolsness of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
Gene Hansen of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development
James Wright of Barrington Hills	against Barrington Farms development

Noting no other persons wishing to speak, Chairman Koehler closed public participation. Chairman Koehler did announce to the public that the county is looking for members for the Planning Commission that is being put together. If there are interested citizens here today from District 1, they should feel free to apply.

At this time board members requested to take a five minute break.  
Mr. Brewer made the motion seconded by Mr. Klasen to break for five minutes. Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, the motion is passed. Break went from 10:57 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

***Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the fiscal year 2006 budget for the purchase and remodel of a new Animal Control facility.***

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Mr. Jung to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. It was agreed by board members that something needs to be done in regard to the Animal Control facility. There was extensive discussion about the pros and cons of relocating the facility to Crystal Lake versus having the facility on county owned property. It was felt by some board members that there should have been more strategic planning to this project rather than trying to rush into anything. It was pointed out that much additional work to this building will need to be considered i.e. from bigger sewer lines to roofing and more which will add to the amount of work that will need to be done. Also of concern was the funding for the remodel and purchase of this project, with some board members opposed to using funds from the General Fund. It was noted that the Finance Committee rejected this 5-1 because they do not feel this is a responsible way to spend tax payer money.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote, noting that because this is an “emergency appropriation” county board rules call for a 2/3 majority vote (16 yes votes) to pass. The following members responded aye: Provenzano, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Heisler, Hill, Hobson, Jung, Larson, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Orphal and Koehler. Nay: Peschke, Salgado, Brewer, Chmiel, Gilman, Hammerand, Klasen and Munaretto. The vote being sixteen (16) aye votes and eight (8) nay votes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Gilman made a motion seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the following Appointments:

Crystal Lake Union Cemetery Association	
Rick Stoddard (replaces (Dale Anderson)	term to 05/31/2011
Mike Czosnyka	term to 05/31/2012
Wayne Norbrock	term to 05/31/2012
Howard Polnow	term to 05/31/2012
Robert Lutherus	term to 05/31/2012
Building Code Board of Appeals	
Mark Elmore	term to 08/01/2011

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Hobson, Jung, Klasen, Larson, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) aye votes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any one wished to remove an item from the agenda.

Ms. Gilman asked to pull #13.2 G(3) to be brought back at a future meeting.

Mr. Larson asked to remove #13.2 C(1) for discussion.

Mr. Shea made a motion seconded by Ms. Chmiel to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with two items removed.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Hobson, Jung, Klasen, Larson, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal and Koehler. The vote being twenty-four (24) aye votes, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed

**14.2 C(1) Resolution authorizing adoption of a Revised Personnel Policy Manual**

Ms. Orphal made a motion seconded by Ms. Hill to approve the above-named resolution.

Mr. Larson said after discussing the policies with the Mental Health Board personnel committee they were in general agreement but with two amendments to fit their needs.

Mr. Larson made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Heisler to add the following language that is bolded:

Article 2, Section 2.1 "Employment Status Categories" it now says  
Employees may be classified as regular full-time, regular part-time, temporary full-time, temporary part-time and/or seasonal: **they would like to add the following sentence: "Employees may be designated as grant based which indicates that continued employment is contingent upon appropriate funding for the position."**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. It was noted that there is language in the policy that infers to this. Mr. Austin added that he has never seen language like this in a personnel manual, it is more often included in the resolution that approves the position. It was suggested that this personnel manual be approved today and then any amendments be suggested be reviewed and be brought back as amendments to the policy.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, the nays having it, the **motion to amend is denied.**

Mr. Larson made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Heisler to change language as noted below:

Article 2, Section 2.2 "Employee Training Period" (ETP)  
**Change wording in paragraph #2 from ninety (90) day period to ninety (90) business days.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Larson said ninety (90) calendar days does not give enough time to evaluate the employee and they would like to extend the time to business days. It was noted that this can present a dilemma in a financial way. Ms. Orphal stated that this has been through the State's Attorneys office, Ms. Connor, the appointed department heads as well as the elected department heads and have the opinion that this is a sound policy. It was noted that there is language on page 4 that states that the EPT can be extended if the county feels it is necessary.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, the nays having it, the **motion to amend is denied.**

Mr. Munaretto said he has asked Mr. Austin and this is probably a good rule to govern the county board that when we adopt policies that are broad that we take the time to study the financial impacts of the same as there are some changes in this policy that will have impact on the

county's finances. Mr. Austin said in general terms they are making some good impacts on the finances of the county because they are getting ahold of some of the leave time excesses and are now capping vacation time. Also, as far as additional costs is the addition of a Tuition Reimbursement program which has been going on informally, with language added so that the program is re-accessed each year.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Peschke, Shea, Wheeler, Zierer, Brewer, Chmiel, Draffkorn, Dvorak, Gilman, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Hobson, Jung, Klasen, Larson, Merkel, Miller, Moy, Munaretto, Orphal, and Koehler. Absent: Provenzano and Salgado. The vote being twenty-two (22) aye votes noting two (2) absent, Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed.

#### ORDINANCES

None

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin reminded the board that we are in budget season now and meetings will be kicking into high gear. Also, the NACO conference will begin this weekend and on Sunday afternoon and evening there will be an awards ceremony where McHenry County will be accepting awards from our Mental Health Board for the McHenry Health Engagement Healthcare Network Program and also for our blending and de-icing and chemical system program that the MCDOT uses.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

#### MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Larson asked if anyone wished to golf in the Sheriff's golf outing to let him know.

Mr. Brewer said he attended the memorial service for Al Johnson several weeks ago and he received tremendous praises from the highest officials in the IRS. He has Cindy's address as she is moving to the Detroit area, if anyone is interested in sending a note.

Mr. Hammerand said he was a judge for the 4-H participants at the county fair and he said we have a lot of very talented young people in McHenry County. The fair is open Wednesday through Sunday.

Mr. Klasen thanked everyone on the board for their contributions to the IL Special Olympics, \$710 was collected for this cause.

Mr. Moy thanked the board for their thoughts and prayers with the passing of his mother last week.

Mr. Munaretto said it was our pleasure at the Founder's breakfast on Saturday in Algonquin to have the service learning project that Jacob's High School presents their Project Ignition. He would like Mr. Austin to contact Mr. Harry Dawson, who is the teen leader for Jacob's High School, to have that same presentation made to the County Board and an appropriate resolution to follow it. The project has to do with teenage driving and it was very well done. Mr. Munaretto said he understands that this project is in the top 25 of the projects that have been presented nationally and they are on their way to making the cut for the top 10. In allowing them to make a presentation and following it with a resolution, strengthens their bid to continue in this competition. Mr. Brewer added that they are available in September to make the presentation to the board, which will take about 20 minutes. It is a phenomenal program, kid initiated. If they get

to the end there is a \$10,000 award for the furtherance of the project on into other school years. Letters on letterhead from elected officials and others are welcome because that is considered in the overall voting of this.

Ms. Zierer said she sent a check on behalf of Al Johnson from the County Board to the Madonna University. A thank you was received from the University speaking very highly of Mr. Johnson. Also, she reminded the board that the foundation at Valley Hi is going to be putting on a rodeo on September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and all of the money made will go towards a sunroom for Valley Hi. She hoped that everyone would participate in this worthy cause.

Chairman Koehler thanked everyone for the time and effort spent on the Animal Control issue. He will do his best to steward the money that is involved in this project and hopefully with good guidance that we can bring this in much under the anticipated budget. He also read the thank you note received from Madonna University.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Chmiel made a motion seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn at 12.22 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2006.

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

ATTEST:

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