



McHenry County
County Board - Special Meeting
MINUTES

January 12, 2023, 10:00 AM
County Board Conference Room
Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

Members Present: Pamela Althoff (D6), Carolyn Campbell (D3), Joseph Gottemoller (D4), Eric Hendricks (D3), Carl Kamienski (D6), Jim Kearns (D9), Matt Kunkle (D1), Theresa Meshes (D1), Louisett Ness (D7), John Reinert (D2), Brian Sager (D7), Mike Shorten (D4), Michael Skala (D9), Larry Smith (D8), Gloria Van Hof (D2), Kelli Wegener (D5)

Members Absent: Terri Greeno (D5), Tracie Von Bergen (D8)

Full comments on all agenda items are included in the video recording of this meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION

Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator; Alicia Schuller, Communications and Project Manager along with various McHenry County Department Heads.

Workshop facilitators included: Adam Letendre, Director of Purchasing; Kathie Bough, Administrative Manager; Thomas Annarealla, Valley Hi Administrator; Jeff Poynter, Director of Workforce Network; Scott Hennings, Assistant Director of Transportation; Jake Rohn, Director of Workforce Network Board; Darrell Kuntz, Assistant County Engineer; Cheryl Chukwu, Director of Human Resources; Anne Marrin, Director of Planning and Operations; Chalen Diagle, County Coordinator; David Christensen, Director of EMA; Melissa Adamson, Health Administrator; Hans Mach, Community Development Administrator; Suzanne Ziebart, Assistant HR Director; and Joe Korpalski, County Engineer.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator, explained McHenry County has a rich history with the Strategic Plan which has been a staple in its management and leadership and is critically important for good responsible governance, unified vision, effective leadership, and most importantly transparency of the County Boards vision. Mr. Hartman added it is because of this tool and thoughtful leadership and forethought in planning and visioning that the County is in a really good place and is looked upon by other fellow Counties as a model. Adding Strategic Planning is a process that never ends but simply evolves.

Mr. Hartman along with Alicia Schueller, Communications and Project Manager provided the members of the County Board with an overview of the McHenry County Strategic Plan. Highlights included success and key accomplishments that the plan has seen since it was put in place in October 2021. Mr. Hartman explained they would also like to give the board some insight as to what is on the horizon in the next few months and year that the members will see come before them as initiatives of the Strategic Plan.

Following the presentation, the members of the Board broke for lunch allowing them the opportunity to meet and connect with various Department Heads.

Following lunch, members broke off into workgroups, paired off with one returning member of the board and one new member from different districts along with County staff facilitators. The purpose of the workshop was to have the Board members talk about the Strategic Plan and contemplate updates or proposals they would like to see. This was not intended to be a rewrite or overhaul of the plan but rather for the members to come up with ideas within the County's control on how a goal could be tweaked, a new goal they would like to see added, and additional tasks or action items they would like to add to existing goals. Board members were asked to collectively determine three proposed changes per group.

2.a McHenry County Board Strategic Planning Session

Following the workshop, the members came together to present their recommendations to the full board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mover: Shorten

Second: Gottemoller

To adjourn the meeting at 2:03 P.M.

Aye (13): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Kamienski, Kearns, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, and Wegener

Absent (5): Greeno, Hendricks, Kunkle, Ness, and Von Bergen

Approved (13 to 0)