



McHenry County
Law & Government/Liquor - Public Meeting
MINUTES

May 28, 2024, 8:30 AM
County Board Conference Room
Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

Members Present: Pamela Althoff, Mike Shorten, Matt Kunkle, Carolyn Campbell, Eric Hendricks, Kelli Wegener, Brian Sager

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at: 8:30 A.M.

Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator; Keri Wisz, Chief Financial Officer; Sandra Salgado, Sheriff's Office Business Manager; Sheriff Tadelman; Dan Wallis, Trial Court Administrator.

Mover: Campbell

Secunder: Kunkle

To allow the remote attendance of Mr. Shorten and Mr. Hendricks.

Aye (5): Althoff, Kunkle, Campbell, Wegener, and Sager

Abstain (2): Shorten, and Hendricks

Recommended (5 to 0)

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

2.1 Law & Government/Liquor - Public Meeting - Apr 30, 2024 8:30 A.M.

Mover: Wegener

Secunder: Kunkle

To approve the minutes of the April 30, 2024 meeting.

Aye (7): Althoff, Shorten, Kunkle, Campbell, Hendricks, Wegener, and Sager

Recommended (7 to 0)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chair Pamela Althoff wanted to note that most of the communities had a well-attended Memorial Day ceremony and thought it was wonderful that they still observed and had people interested in acknowledging commitment and dedication. She mentioned that Board Member Louissett Ness was the keynote speaker in Woodstock and as a Veteran, she thinks that is amazing.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5.1 New Liquor License, Manager and/or Amusement License Requests

5.2 Other

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Sheriff Robb Tadelman and Sandra Salgado, Sheriff's Office Business Manager, joined the committee to discuss the report.

DEADLINES AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS

The Illinois House and Senate are scheduled for adjournment on May 24, however, there are tentative scheduled session days through May 31 should budget negotiations continue to be delayed.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky selected McHenry County's Community Project Funding request for \$3 million to rehabilitate the McHenry County Police Social Work Headquarters, the portion of the former Cary Village Hall that was not renovated in making the McHenry County Regional Training Center. Twenty community stakeholders submitted letters of support for the Police Social Work Program Headquarters.

The tentative timeline for congressional approval is as follows:

- Appropriations Committee approval: June to August 2024
- Passage from the House of Representatives: end of 2024
- Passage from the Senate: end of 2024
- Access to funding: August to September of 2025

This timeline is subject to delay as was the case with the last federal budget.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

HB 5444: Co-Responder Unit McHenry County

Sheriff Tadelman traveled to Springfield in person to testify in support of HB 5444, the bill that would include the McHenry County Sheriff's Office in State's Co-Responder Pilot Program and qualify it for access to additional funding. Members of the Appropriations- Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee received the Sheriff's testimony and gave supportive comments on the McHenry County Police Social Work Program. Rep. Ness also gave testimony in support of the program at the subject matter hearing. Chairman Buehler and Member Althoff have submitted witness slips on behalf of McHenry County in support of this initiative.

SB 0951: CIVIL LAW-TECH

This bill grants the City of Marengo property for the purpose of extending water and sanitary sewer services to the Interstate 90 and Illinois Route 23 corridor. The bill is currently on the calendar for its second reading.

Earlier this month, Chairman Buehler wrote a letter to Governor Pritzker, Representative Jehan GordonBooth (House budgeteer) and Senator Elgie Sims (Senate budgeteer) requesting additional funds for the City of Marengo to extend utilities to the Interstate 90 and Illinois Route 23 corridor as costs have increased since the State's initial award.

HB 5190: HWY CD-Lapsed Funds. This bill has passed both chambers subject to a Senate amendment that makes the bill immediate. The bill needs concurrence from the House.

HB 5190 provides that the allocation to road districts shall be made in the same manner and be subject to same conditions and qualifications as are provided by Section 8 of the Motor Vehicle Tax Law with respect to the allocation to road districts of the amount allotted from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts, but no allocation shall be made to any road district that has not levied taxes for road and bridge purposes in such a manner that is eligible for allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funding pursuant to the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that any funds allocated to a county that are not obligated within 48 months shall be considered lapsed funds and reappropriated in the same fund. Provides that the lapsed funds shall be used to provide additional monetary assistance to townships and road districts that have insufficient funding for the construction of bridges that are 20 feet or more in length under the Code. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules to implement the provisions.

7. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

After the approval of the Routine Consent Agenda, Ms. Campbell wanted to thank Ms. Salgado for the spreadsheet on the fleet. She stated she asked previously that if they approve the new vehicles she wanted to know how much money is left over, so she appreciates the visual.

Ms. Salgado stated next year after the budget goes through and they make a new purchase they will aim to include a visual document so that the Board remains updated on the funds left over.

Chair Althoff inquired if they are still having problems getting the vehicles in a timely fashion. Sheriff Tadelman stated Dodge has not announced what they are going to do with the Chargers in 2025, trucks just went through a revamping, and Durangos are going to get continued another year. He stated it is very fluid and Robb the Fleet Manager does a great job of staying in front of everything.

Mover: Campbell

Secunder: Sager

To approve the items of the routine consent agenda.

Aye (7): Althoff, Shorten, Kunkle, Campbell, Hendricks, Wegener, and Sager

Recommended (7 to 0)

7.1 Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreements for Dispatching Services Between the McHenry County Sheriff's Office and Local Police Departments and Fire Departments from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2027 (32)

Mover: Campbell

Secunder: Sager

Enter into intergovernmental agreement with fourteen (14) agencies for dispatch services provided by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office.

Recommended

- 7.2 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of one (1) 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab from Sunnyside Company of McHenry, Illinois Per Bid 24-7153 for the McHenry County Sheriff's Office (32)

Mover: Campbell

Secunder: Sager

To approve the purchase of one (1) 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab as part of the McHenry County Annual replacement program.

Recommended

- 7.3 Resolution Authorizing Upgrade of Jury Systems Incorporated Software to Web-Based Platform (42)

Mover: Campbell

Secunder: Sager

To approve upgrade of Jury Systems Incorporated Software in the amount of \$30,400 for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Jury Commission to a web-based platform.

Recommended

8. REPORTS

- 8.1 McHenry Township Fire District

Presented by Fire Chief Rudy Horist and Allen Miller, President of the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.

Chair Althoff stated if the committee recalls when they did interviews in the past and appointed to the Fox River Grove, Crystal Lake Rural, Harvard, Marengo Rescue, and McHenry Township that they appoint to their Boards and during the interviews they heard some challenging and frightening concerns with regard to providing costs and services. After talking with County Administrator Peter Austin they decided that it would be nice to invite the McHenry Township, as they cover the largest section of McHenry County, to talk about how their evolution and some of the challenges that they experience. She stated they joined the committee to provide an idea of what the County Board Members should expect and that could also stimulate conversation amongst themselves about how they are going to oversee their appointments and what is going on within those departments and being available to them for resources or assistance. She mentioned more specifically Harvard, as they are having difficulty with finances and could not get their referendum passed, but she does not know if anyone on the committee is aware of their efforts. So she hopes that they could have better coordination if they are more aware of what is going on.

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After the presentation, Chair Althoff stated the idea would be to invite the other four organizations that they make the appointments to and present their strategic plans so they are informed of what their leadership bodies are doing and there would be no blowback.

9. PRESENTATION

- 9.1 Committee Introduction to Budget Software for FY25 Budget Presentations

Kerri Wisz, Chief Financial Officer, and Peter Austin, County Administrator, joined the committee for the presentation.

Mr. Austin stated as soon as next month they will begin bringing budgets before the committees but they are going to do it differently than what was done in the past. He stated Ms. Wisz was going to provide an overview of the tool and how members can view them on their own.

Ms. Wisz stated before they got into the budget they wanted to talk to all of the committees so they could reach every Board Member. The direction was to move quickly through the budget presentations, which is sufficient but there could be some detriment to the new Board Members. She stated they would still like to be efficient and fast but in a different format, and the hope is for the format to be easier and provide answers to questions and the ability to locate information if needed. Once the software is up it will be found on the Finance page under the budget section there will be a link that says "2025 Draft Budget", which will be the easier way to view it but there will also be a link in the members' packets that are going to go out. She then went through the draft version of her anticipated software demonstrating how the members would navigate through it to locate information.

After going through the draft, Ms. Wisz mentioned that once she makes the software public for the Board Members to see it will be available for the public as well, but she did want to note that as they are going through the budget process the documents will constantly be changing.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Police Social Worker Contract Update

Mr. Shorten left the meeting at 9:55 A.M.

Sheriff Tadelman, and Sandra Salgado, the Sheriff's Business Manager, joined the committee for the update on the Police Social Worker Contract.

- Ms. Salgado mentioned that they do everything they can to make it to the County Board Committees, especially the Law & Government/Liquor Committee as that is their liaison committee, but there are periods where the timing does not line up.
- She stated one of the items under the Routine Consent Agenda was for the dispatching contracts and for that she does not have all of the signed contracts but they know they are going to get them once the municipalities get them approved by their Boards.
- The Police Social Worker program contracts were received right away after they started on May 1. This year was the second round of contracts for the program and the first contract was getting them into the program they were working with County Coordinator Chalen Daigle and County Administrator Peter Austin as far as how they were going to price out the fees, but when they initially started the program it was intended to be 1/3 County, 1/3 Mental Health Board, and 1/3 participating municipalities, but in the beginning it did not start that way. They noted how excited they were for everything to be up and running.
- Sheriff Tadelman noted next week he is going to Washington D.C. to meet with Congresswoman Schakowsky to talk about the funding for the training facility that will be the future home of the Police Social Worker Program. He mentioned that is a \$3.5 million funding request, so they will hopefully discuss that and bring more light to the program to get that funding back to McHenry County.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (AS NECESSARY)

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mover: Kunkle

Second: Wegener

To adjourn the meeting at 10:05 A.M. -TCCazares

Aye (7): Althoff, Shorten, Kunkle, Campbell, Hendricks, Wegener, and Sager

