

**Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
December 28, 2011**

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

×	Jeff Adkisson		Jim Fulgenzi, Jr.
	Mike Aiello	×	Bob Gray
	Daniel Cadigan	×	Karen Hasara
	Mike Chamness		Marilyn Kushak
	Patrick Coburn		Frank McNeil
×	Josh Collins	×	Mike Murphy
×	Jerry Crabtree	×	Robert Plunk
	Gary Crompton	×	Kent Redfield
×	James Donelan	×	J. D. Sudeth
	Kevin Dorsey	×	Kenley Wade, Sr.
×	Cliff Erwin	×	Joan Walters
	Lee Fields, Jr.		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC
 Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC
 Sheila Stocks-Smith- community
 Richard Treat- community
 Bill McCarty- City of Springfield

Dallas Whitford- City of Springfield
 Julie Zolghadr- City of Springfield
 Keith Spencer- volunteer
 Patrick Barry- volunteer
 Bob Wesley- volunteer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hasara called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed Commissioners and guests. She requested that guests, volunteers, and observers introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Hasara asked for any additions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. Mr. Jerry Crabtree made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Josh Collins seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. REPORTS ON VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS

Mr. Collins introduced guest presenter Mr. Bill McCarty, budget director for the City of Springfield. Mr. McCarty, as well as Mr. Dallas Whitford and Ms. Julie Zolghadr, provided an overview of the budget for the City of Springfield, including both revenues and expenditures. He discussed the various sources of revenue, particularly in the corporate fund, and the impact of the local economy on the City's budget due to the various types of state and local sales tax collected in the City. He explained various issues such as the impact of state delays in payments, the City's upcoming efforts to audit franchise fees for utilities, and the police-fire pension reform's impact on use trends for property tax revenue. Some questions and discussion occurred

regarding federal grants for fire protection salaries and new hires' pensions, and requirements that the City must uphold under union contract, such as overtime costs due to minimum manning.

During his presentation of City expenditures, Mr. McCarty explained the expenditures for each special revenue fund, and the layout of expenditures by agency, cost center, and other categorizations in the corporate fund. He displayed the number of personnel by agency city-wide, and noted that personal services, which is a function currently undergoing a city-wide audit, makes up nearly eighty percent of the City's budget. He indicated that the City is currently attempting to strengthen its contractual services budgeting by putting more contracts out for bid. Finally, he discussed the debt limit for the City as compared to its actual debt.

Commissioners questioned Mr. McCarty on the City's policy on bidding contractual services, potential upcoming sewer overflow expenses, CWLP's impact on the City's budget, and opportunities and obstacles for City cooperation with other county-wide entities. Some discussion occurred regarding the sewer overflow issues and potential solutions to costs that will be incurred in resolving these problems. Mr. McCarty discussed practices of instating run-off fees that are currently being implemented in other counties in the region. He also discussed concerns regarding EPA regulations, the power industry, and costs of maintaining CWLP services. Ms. Zolghadr commented on the interrelated nature of fund health for all agencies and funds for the city. Mr. McCarty also discussed the recent joint RFP successes for the City and County, and the benefits that could come from joint procurement efforts by entities in the County for items including street signs, reflectivity testing devices, and rock salt. Discussion also occurred regarding LED lighting, the sharing of IT personnel, potentially beneficial changes in state law, relief of state mandates that no longer receive funding, pension reform, and possibilities for extending the practice of examining fee revenues as the City has done with franchise fees.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Hasara reiterated the procedure for the approval of CEC committee minutes in accordance with CEC by-laws. She also asked commissioners to look for opportunities in the near future to reach out to their appointing jurisdictions with updates on the work of the CEC.

Chairperson Hasara then noted that Sangamon County will be presenting at the upcoming meeting on January 11th. She requested that the regional superintendent of schools be contacted to present on the school districts in the near future. Mr. Mike Murphy and Mr. Robert Plunk indicated that there will be an upcoming presentation from the villages as well. Mr. Sims noted that Bruce Cowans of MAXIMUS Consulting will be in attendance at an upcoming meeting to present to the CEC on his observations on local efficiency and coordination.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Hasara invited Committee Chairs to provide reports on their activities. None of the committees had met since the last commission meeting.

Public Safety Committee:

Mr. Bob Gray reported that the Public Safety Committee will hear a presentation from County Sheriff Neil Williamson at its next meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 4th, 3:00pm; Illinois Association of School Administrators Building.

Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 11:30 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212.

Public Works Committee:

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212.

Community Development Committee:

Mr. Cliff Erwin indicated that the Community Development Committee recommends contacting Lt. Governor Sheila Simon for a presentation to the whole Commission as it begins to look into functions of local education.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 5th, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Hasara raised the question of an evening meeting for the mayors and village presidents in the area. Mr. Gray indicated that his committee has discussed the importance of holding such a meeting, and that Mr. Plunk and Mr. Murphy have composed a letter to the village presidents to begin fostering relationships between these officials and the CEC. Mr. Gray also discussed potential meeting dates in late January and his intent to continue contact with Lincoln Land Community College regarding a meeting space.

Ms. Joan Walters approached the idea of commissioners each "adopting" a village, and noted that it could be reconsidered at a future meeting. Mr. Gray again indicated that the village appointees are currently pursuing contact with municipal officials and will be ready to send a letter in the coming week.

Chairperson Hasara noted several meetings in the coming year that conflict with state holidays, including July 4th, October 8th, November 12th, and November 22nd. She advised that committees review these dates and adjust schedules accordingly at their next meetings.

Mr. Sims expressed SSCRPC staff's willingness to develop a list of recommendation ideas that have surfaced on multiple occasions. Commissioners indicated that they

would like to begin developing early recommendations. He encouraged Commissioners to send ideas for these recommendations to SSCRPC staff.

Next meeting date—January 11, 2012 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Hasara extended the opportunity for the Commission to hear public comments. There were none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Erwin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden
Acting as Recording Secretary