

**Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
March 14, 2012**

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
 Amy Uden- SSCRPC
 Lyndee Rodamaker- SSCRPC
 Richard Treat- community
 Sheila Stocks-Smith- community
 Carol Kulek- volunteer
 Jeff Vose- Regional Superintendent of
 Schools for Sangamon County
 Larry Pfeiffer- Regional Superintendent for
 Calhoun, Green, Macoupin & Jersey
 Counties

Kathy Garret- Auburn Superintendent
 Darren Root- Auburn School District
 Tom Bertrand- Rochester
 Superintendent
 Jim Berberet- Regional Office of
 Education
 Lyle Klind- Regional Office of
 Education
 Maureen Talbert- Pleasant Plains
 Superintendent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Mike Murphy called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed Commissioners and guests.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairperson Murphy asked for any additions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. Mr. Gary Crompton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kenley Wade seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Norm Sims introduced Ms. Lyndee Rodamaker, a new SSCRPC intern from Benedictine University at Springfield, who will be assisting the CEC in its work. He also informed the Commissioners of the existence of a new web-based tool to track

research agendas, programs, and tasks for the committees of the CEC. Finally, Mr. Sims noted that the County Board had approved contracts for additional research staff assistance, including hours provided by Mr. Martin Colloton and Ms. Amy Uden. He noted that the research team will attempt to undertake strategies such as benchmarking, best practice identification, and literature reviews as it pursues research for the committees' finding.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ON JURISDICTIONS

Mr. Mike Chamness introduced Mr. Jeff Vose and Mr. Larry Pfeiffer, Regional Superintendents for Sangamon and Calhoun, Green, Macoupin & Jersey Counties. Mr. Vose, after introducing guests from the school districts and the Regional Office of Education, discussed a short historical perspective on school districts in Sangamon County, current efficiencies of the districts, education funding, and student performance. He also provided a brief overview of what the Regional Office of Education does and what educational services it provides for the district. Following his presentation, discussion arose regarding the Sangamon Area Purchasing Cooperative (SAPCO) and private school participation, the definitions and formulas for relevant statistics such as dropout and graduation rates and parental involvement, and currently-occurring examples of shared services with townships and cities.

Mr. Pfeiffer then provided a presentation on the Classrooms First Commission, championed by Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon. He displayed a video interview from a representative in the Lt. Governor's office, who spoke regarding the Commission's current standing and shared educational service goals, such as technological improvements. Mr. Pfeiffer described the Commission's efforts to research school consolidation to date. Discussion occurred surrounding these efforts, delayed state payments, and the potential difficulties of creating financial efficiencies in school district consolidation, as exemplified in the Divernon School District.

The Commission welcomed the Regional Superintendents to submit further information and suggestions on shared services ideas that are transferable from education to other functional areas in local government. Vice-Chairperson Murphy thanked the presenters for their time and information.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chairperson Murphy then invited committee chairs to report on recent activities for their committees:

Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:

Committee Chair Marilyn Kushak reported that her committee had developed a Media Strategy Draft, so that the CEC would be better equipped to publicize its upcoming recommendations. This strategy involves personal contact to members of the media, developing talking points for CEC recommendations, and directing media questions to Chairperson Hasara and Vice-Chairperson Murphy. She indicated that Commissioners should also attempt to reach out to community organizations in which they are involved, and that CEC research volunteer Ms. Drinda O'Connor will be assisting commissioners in this effort.

Committee Chair Kushak then explained that the Administrative Committee is working to address a finding of potential efficiencies in the area of Township tax collection, and will continue to pursue research in this area and others.

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

Community Development Committee:

Committee Chair Erwin indicated that his committee has pursued the two findings it retained after presenting four at the last full CEC meeting, including peer meetings of local leaders and township general assistance provisions. The Community Development Committee had finalized language for a recommendation on Peer Leaders' Networks, which had been distributed to the Commissioners for review.

Committee Chair Erwin discussed the role the CEC's philosophy on recommendations has played in helping his committee to validate its work, and thanked Mr. Jerry Crabtree for his efforts in compiling General Assistance budgetary data through a survey of Township Supervisors. He indicated that his committee also intends to discuss suggestions for various peer leaders' networks, and to further pursue the relationship between the SCVB and PCCC. Finally, he noted that his committee had welcomed Mr. Jim Stone of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health for an informative presentation on building codes in the County.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 15th, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Public Safety Committee:

Committee Chair Bob Gray informed commissioners that the Public Safety Committee had continued its discussion, developing a research focus in areas of Fire Protection, EMS, and Police Protection in the County.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 21st, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building.

Public Works Committee:

Committee Chair Jim Donelan reported that his committee recently heard a presentation and discussion on the subject of recycling and solid waste management from Mr. Mark Mahoney of the City of Springfield Public Works Department, Mr. Greg Stumpf of the Sangamon County Board, Mr. Jim Stone of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, and Mr. Dale Laningham of the Village of Rochester. The discussion informed commissioners as to the agreements existing in the county regarding waste management and recycling flow, the current standing of revenues and dumping fees for the City and County, and the City of Springfield's desire to fill its recycling coordinator position as soon as possible. He noted that those officials present had requested the CEC's help in developing potential new practices and streamlined processes for solid waste management in the county. He

suggested that the Public Works committee intends to pursue this research with SSCRPC staff assistance, and will invite Ms. Wynne Coplea, who until recently was recycling coordinator for the City of Springfield, to attend its next meeting.

He noted that the Committee will also welcome members of the Illinois Municipal Electric Association to its next regular meeting as follow-up on the suggestions voiced at the January Mayors' Meeting.

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

VI. APPROVAL OF CEC RECOMMENDATION

Vice-Chairperson Murphy then suggested that he would entertain a motion to approve the draft recommendation on Leaders' Peer Networks that had been distributed to Commissioners for review in keeping with CEC By-laws. Mr. Josh Collins made the motion, and Mr. Chamness seconded the motion. Vice-Chairperson Murphy invited discussion or amendment to the recommendation. Hearing none, he proceeded to take a vote for the approval of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as stated, as the CEC's first formal recommendation by unanimous vote.

The Commissioners then discussed the best mechanisms for informing the public of the nature of the Leaders' Peer Networks recommendation and assisting in implementing the recommendation. The CEC determined that the Chair would provide a letter notifying the chief executives of relevant jurisdictions who are being called to create peer leaders' work groups. A general press release and other publicity efforts by individual commissioners will follow.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Chairperson Murphy then opened a discussion on the Commission's by-laws pertaining to meeting and committee attendance. He clarified the provisions of the by-laws, and informed Commissioners that the Chair is proceeding to provide notification for those Commissioners in violation of the attendance by-laws. Mr. Sims also indicated that the CEC should receive formal notification if Commissioners are resigning from the Commission for any reason. Ms. Walters suggested that it may be of benefit for the CEC to review draft language for a change in the by-laws requiring such formal notification.

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sheila Stock-Smith asked for further clarification on the recommendation that the CEC had just approved. The Commissioners provided copy of the Leaders' Peer Networks recommendation and relayed that the recommendation includes a summary of how it was developed, what is being recommended, and potential steps for implementation.



Mr. Richard Treat then commented on the existing system for teachers' pensions in the State of Illinois, and the mismanagement of finances related to pension payments and funding. He voiced grave concerns regarding this matter, and suggested that the CEC should not ignore this issue in its work.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donelan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kushak seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden
Acting as Recording Secretary