



**Minutes of Meeting**  
**CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**  
**May 9, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners**

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

Others

Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC  
 Amy Uden- SSCRPC  
 Martin Colloton- SSCRPC  
 Margaret Long- SSCPRC

Carol Kulek- volunteer  
 Drinda O'Connor- volunteer  
 Richard Treat- community

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Karen Hasara called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed Commissioners and guests.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Hasara asked for any additions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. Ms. Joan Walters made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cliff Erwin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chairperson Hasara thanked the Commission for all of its hard work. She informed the Commission that the County Board had asked for a report at its June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the CEC's work to date, and that she will be working to develop this report. She then indicated that the discussion had occurred at the Committee Chairs' Meeting regarding implementation efforts for the Leaders' Peer Network Recommendation. The CEC intends to pursue another meeting with local mayors and village presidents to help them establish their network, and hopes to work with County Board Chair Andy Van Meter to facilitate this meeting.

While on the subject of Leaders' Peer Network Implementation, Chairperson Hasara paused to invite guest Mr. Richard Treat to address the committee. Mr. Treat has



been recently elected as the president of the newly re-established Sangamon County Township Officials Association. SCTOA had its initial organizational meeting in January, and has continued to meet to establish by-laws and elect officers. Mr. Treat then invited all Commissioners to the organization's meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Supreme Buffet/Hibachi Grill. Chairperson Hasara thanked Mr. Treat for the invitation, for the efforts township officials have made to implement the CEC's recommendation, and for his attendance and engagement at CEC meetings.

Chairperson Hasara then indicated that the Committee chairs had discussed having a mechanism for the CEC to recognize positive efforts that already exist within the county. She instructed committees to think about means by which the CEC could do this. Ms. Marilyn Kushak pointed out that when doing publicity for its next recommendation, the CEC could begin to recognize these efforts.

She then informed the CEC that the Committee Chairs had suggested a second round of public hearings in late August or early September. She instructed committees to select some preliminary dates for these public meetings. Commissioners suggested the Williamsville Bank or Gardner Township Hall as potential new locations. The Commission determined that it will try to set dates for these meetings as soon as possible, and will discuss this matter in committees.

She then asked SSCRPC staff to provide comments. Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi reminded the CEC of the need to complete OMA training, and some Commissioners provided feedback on their training experiences.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chairperson Hasara 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 has continued its research on Township Tax Collection services. She informed the Commission that, in response to the news article relate to townships that had been in the State Journal-Register, the Committee had sent out a brief questionnaire to all the township collectors, and had begun receiving responses. She also suggested that the committee had reviewed a draft overview of services provided by SSCRPC staff, which was based upon an interview with Assistant County Treasurer Mark Crawford.

Committee Chair Kushak then informed the Commission of her committee's research progress related to joint purchasing and procurement. She explained that Ms. Drinda O'Connor has continued to make progress on preliminary interviews with representatives from CMS, the County, and the City, to conduct preliminary regarding these entities' current purchasing processes. Ms. O'Connor gave a summary of these initial meetings and provided the CEC with drafts of the background questions she and staff had developed for use in these meetings.



Committee Chair Kushak then noted that her committee would present a finding related to health insurance collaboration later in the meeting. She noted that this subject had come up in a number of meetings. She also mentioned the subject of payment in lieu of taxes from the State to the City of Springfield, but the committee determined that it would not look into this issue at the current time. She finally invited questions from fellow commissioners, and welcomed their input on the Administrative Committee's research progress.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, June 11th, 11:30 am; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212.

#### **Community Development Committee:**

Committee Chair Cliff Erwin indicated that at the Community Development Committee had held two meetings since the last meeting of the CEC. At the first, it heard a presentation from Dr. Robert Gillum, retiring Superintendent from Ball-Chatham CUSD 5. Dr. Gillum discussed educational cooperation efforts, and particularly public-private partnerships. The committee felt that it would continue to look into the question of school bussing and cooperation with SMTD, to see if a potential finding exists in this area. Discussion occurred regarding rural bus routes, and the possibilities for making them more efficient. The Commission also discussed the recent bidding process for privatized busses in District 186.

Committee Chair Erwin informed the Commission that his committee continues to review tourism functions and building codes as potential findings, and is in the process of research on these matters.

He then reported that at its most recent meeting, the committee reviewed a draft recommendation related to General Assistance, and provided suggestions and additions. He thanked Mr. Jerry Crabtree and SSCRPC staff for their work on this document, and suggested that his committee hopes to give the document a final review at its next meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 17th, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Public Safety Committee:**

Committee Chair Bob Gray informed commissioners that the Public Safety Committee continues to meet and discuss emergency response, fire protection, and dispatch. He noted that the committee does not have anything formal to present at this point. As the committee continues its work on pass-through fire protection districts and centralized dispatch, it has invited fire protection district boards to its next meeting. It will also reach out to both Auburn and Chatham to develop a more thorough understanding of their dispatch centers' respective functions.

Committee Chair Gray also presented to the Commissioners an article he had located that dealt with consolidation in the Louisville, Kentucky area, which he felt might be of interest to the Commissioners.



Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 16th, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building.

**Public Works Committee:**

Committee Chair Jim Donelan reported that at his last committee meeting, the Public Works committee had heard a presentation from County Engineer Tim Zahrn and Chatham Township Road Commissioner Shane Workman. The presenters provided basic statistics and information on jurisdiction over roads in the county, budget and taxing mechanisms, and sharing processes in the county. They discussed the relationships presented to the commission including those in areas of equipment sharing and road annexation.

He then discussed the fact that certain members of the Public Works committee will be arranging a meeting between the City and County on the issue of the recycling coordinator position. He also indicated the committee will be working with Ms. Carol Kulek to develop a report on the subject of energy efficiency. The committee will continue to pursue the concept of garage and fleet maintenance consolidation, and attempt to look at other jurisdictions in addition to the City of Springfield's recent study on this matter.

Finally, Committee Chair Donelan informed the CEC that the Public Works committee had reviewed a suggestion received via the CEC Gmail account. The suggestion concerns shared park maintenance functions, and the committee will provide further review and follow-up as it deems necessary in the future.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Chairperson Hasara reminded Commissioners that they had received via email a list of civic organizations that they had signed up for at their last meeting. She welcomed Commissioners to schedule a presentation time before these organizations, and offered assistance from herself or SSCRPC staff in assembling materials for these presentations.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Hasara then welcomed Committee Chair Marilyn Kushak to explain findings from the Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee, which she presented as follows:

- Recognizing the large percentage of governmental budgets dedicated to personnel health care costs, opportunities may exist for reducing/containing governmental employee health insurance and health care costs through collaborative efforts. The Administrative, Management, & Budget Committee requests the full support of the CEC to further research local



entities' insurance provision and potential opportunities for cooperative insurance.

Committee Chair Kushak moved that the CEC would support further research on this matter. Mr. Josh Collins seconded the motion. Ms. Kushak clarified that this finding was related specifically to health insurance, although Mr. Gray suggested that the committee consider other human resource-related research, such as workers compensation. Mr. Dan Cadigan suggested that the finding be amended to read “reducing/containing costs.” He moved that the finding be approved as amended, and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The finding as amended was supported unanimously. Mr. Collins added as follow-up that the committee may want to review the City and county’s new workers compensation management system while it pursues this research. Mr. Robert Plunk also suggested that, since municipal mayors have brought this issue up in a number of their interviews, the AMB committee should relay to the mayors that they are looking into this matter, and work to gauge their levels of interest and existing insurance policy details during this communication.

Committee Chair Donelan then opened a discussion on the Public Works Committee’s two findings. He explained the background for the committee’s work to date on developing the findings. He then presented the committee’s findings as follows:

- Due to the existence of alternative retail electric suppliers in the electricity market, a municipality or another jurisdiction can hold a referendum to aggregate its citizens’ purchasing power for electricity, which has resulting in savings for some communities recently. The Public Works committee requests the full support of the CEC to further research governmental electrical aggregation.
- The creation of an inventory of capital equipment for all of the jurisdictions in the county has been suggested as a mechanism to encourage partnership and sharing of equipment. The Public Works committee has considered investigating this possibility and creating a methodology for it to occur. The Public Works committee requests the full support of the CEC to further research governmental electrical aggregation

Committee Chair Donelan moved that the CEC support the first finding. Ms. Walters seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the commissioners voted and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Chair Donelan, after explaining the second finding in additional detail, moved that the CEC support the committee in its finding. Mr. Cadigan seconded the motion. Mr. Cadigan questioned Mr. Donelan on the format and expectations regarding the inventory. Mr. Donelan suggested that the inventory may not be electronic, but also indicated that an inventory of township equipment already exists through ESDA. Some discussion also occurred regarding the fact that entities may have reservations about sharing equipment due to liabilities, although Mr. Fulgenzi referred the Commission to Mr. Treat’s and Mr. Workman’s comments about



cooperation that already exists on an informal basis. Chairperson Hasara also noted that this cooperation marks another example of existing positive efforts that should be recognized. Additional discussion occurred regarding insurance premiums and the potential effects of equipment sharing. Mr. Donelan provided some insight as to township insurance coverage in these instances. The group then voted unanimously to support this finding regarding a county-wide equipment inventory.

**Next meeting date—June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden  
Acting as Recording Secretary