



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
April 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

X	Jeff Adkisson	X	Marilyn Kushak
X	Daniel Cadigan		Frank McNeil
X	Jim Cimarossa	X	Mike Murphy
	Josh Collins		Drinda O'Connor
X	Jerry Crabtree	X	Robert Plunk
X	Gary Crompton		Kent Redfield
X	James Donelan	X	J. D. Sudeth
X	Kevin Dorsey	X	Kenley Wade, Sr.
X	Cliff Erwin	X	Joan Walters
	Lee Fields, Jr.	X	Robert Wesley
X	Bob Gray		
X	Karen Hasara		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC
Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC

Amy Uden- SSCRPC

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

Chair Hasara asked for approval of the March minutes. Mr. Gary Crompton made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Joan Walters seconded the motion and the minutes were approved

III. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hasara welcomed new Commissioner Jim Cimarossa to the Committee. He was appointed by the SMEAA Board to replace Mike Aiello. She also thanked Commissioner Walters for the article about the DuPage County Board. Chair Hasara indicated that she may invite Dan Cronin, DuPage County Board Chair to a CEC committee meeting this spring. She also noted that an article from the Federal Government on ways to be efficient had been forwarded to commissioners.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Chair Hasara then invited officers and committee chairs to report on recent activities for their committees:



Report of the Chair:

Chair Hasara commented that there are several meetings that will take place in the coming weeks. Commissioner Wesley helped in setting up these very important meetings with the labor and trade unions as well as the local political parties. The First-Year Progress Report will be presented at the meetings and input will be solicited from the public. Committee Chairs and anyone else interested are encouraged to attend the following meetings:

- Friday, April 19th – Trades Association at the Plumber’s Union Hall, 2880 E. Cook at 9:45 AM.
- Tuesday, April 23rd – Central Illinois Trades & Labor Council at the Firemen’s Postal Club, 940 West Lake Drive at 6:45 PM.
- Wednesday, May 1st – Democratic Party at the Plumber’s Union Hall at 5:00 PM.
- A meeting with the Republican Party has not yet been finalized.
- Friday, May 24th – Citizen’s Club at Hoogland Center at 8:00 am (coffee at 7:30 am).

There are also several trips planned for April and May that are as follows:

- Thursday, April 25th, all day – Public Works trip to Chicago to view NAPA inventory management system.
- Mid-May (TBD) Day trip (by motor coach) to Indianapolis to learn about metro government.
- Mid-May (TBD) Day trip (also by motor coach) to Lexington and Louisville to learn about metro government.

Mr. Norm Sims reported that there will be a meeting of the Mayor’s alliance set up in the near future. Since the recent election, there are several new Mayors/Presidents that need to be introduced to the committee. He also announced that there will be a meeting with the Local Government Consolidation Commission tomorrow at the Stratton Building at 4:00 pm.

Chair Hasara congratulated Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi for his election to the LLCC Board and Mr. Robert Plunk for his reelection to Regional Board of School Trustees.

Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:

Committee Chair Kushak reported that the Leadership Springfield project is almost complete. The final report will be presented to the Commission at the May meeting. She was pleased that The Chamber is helping out by having the Buy Local Directory



on the Chamber's website and also providing meeting space for quarterly procurement meetings that will keep the list up to date.

Ms. Kushak stated that Andy Hamilton and Jeff Torcelli of the Central Illinois Economic Development Authority attended the last meeting of the committee. They gave a presentation on bonding opportunities, and the committee hopes to present a finding on this matter at the next CEC meeting.

Ms. Kushak noted that the committee continues to work with Dr. Kent Redfield on the potential revision of legal requirements for state- mandated annual published reports. The final report will be presented at the May meeting.

Ms. Kushak reported that she and Chair Hasara gave a brief report to the Chamber Board. The board members completed the public sector input survey prior to the meeting for a total of 13 new surveys. Ms. Kushak gave a brief report on the survey results.

Mr. Dan Cadigan gave further comment on the meeting with CIEDA. He clarified that "double tax exempt" status of CIEDA bonds means that they are exempt from both State & Federal taxes. He also reported that bonds can be issued for capital planning. It was suggested that Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Torcelli be invited to a meeting with the mayors to make the same presentation to them.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2013, 11:30 am; SSCRPC Conference Room 212.

Community Development Committee:

Committee Chair Cliff Erwin reported that there were two representatives of the Homebuilder's Association at the last committee meeting. Mr. Dean Graven and Mr. Steve Sturm shared their perspective of the building code and permitting process. They recommended that there be a single point of contact for the permitting process and suggested considering further collaboration between the city and county building permitting departments.

Mr. Erwin noted that Dr. Kevin Dorsey has been working with Mr. Fulgenzi and Ms. Amy Uden on University Collaboration. There was discussion on the benefits of having local colleges and universities working with local government entities. Chair Hasara recommended getting Mr. Kiran Desai involved with the project.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday April 16, 2013, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

Public Safety Committee:

Committee Chair Bob Gray presented two findings from the Public Safety Committee.

The first finding is as follows:



The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, the Springfield Police Department and the 26 other municipalities in Sangamon County annually budget over \$60 million to provide law enforcement services in Sangamon County. Recent local dialogue related to law enforcement suggests that some municipalities are being spurred by budgetary constraints or on-going personnel issues to seek alternative arrangements for law enforcement provision in their jurisdiction. Jurisdictional overlap and unincorporated areas within the urbanized City of Springfield boundaries may also be contributing to structural redundancies and patrol limitations in the rural area of the county. Additionally, disparities exist related to technological capabilities in law enforcement agencies throughout the county, potentially leading to diminished efficiency in communications and back office functions within and between departments. The committee requests full support of the Commission to further to assess the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of local law enforcement in Sangamon County, with the potential for recommendations for administrative, procedural, or structural changes.

Mr. Bob Gray made a motion to approve the finding. Mr. Cliff Irwin seconded and the motion passed.

The Second finding presented by Committee Chair Gray is as follows:

There are 29 Fire Protection Districts in operation in Sangamon, in addition to the Fire Department of the City of Springfield County. The Springfield Fire Department typically budgets over \$30 million to provide fire protection and emergency medical services for the City of Springfield and nine surrounding FPDs, and an additional approximately \$4 million is collected and expended by the twenty Fire Protection Districts not covered by the City of Springfield. Recent trends have indicated that volunteer coverage in some areas of Sangamon County has suffered due to increasingly costly and time-consuming certification requirements. Moreover, increasing personnel costs and comparatively high staffing levels appear to be matters of concern for paid departments in the region. The committee requests the full support of the Commission to further review to the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of fire protection and emergency medical response throughout Sangamon County, with the potential for recommendations related to regional resource allocation.

After explaining this finding Mr. Robert Gray made a motion to approve the finding. Mr. Daniel Cadigan seconded and the motion passed.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau

Public Works Committee:

In the absence of Committee Chair Donelan, Commissioner Joan Walters reported that at the last meeting Mr. Kevin Burke of IDOT made a presentation on technical training opportunities at IDOT. Also in attendance was Mr. Darrell Maxheimer who is the Road Commissioner for Rochester Township. Mr. Maxheimer pointed out some of the pros and cons for training, and specifically discussed avenues for



encouraging more road commissioners to attend training sessions that already exist. It was noted that one hindrance to training was time. Many elected officials have full-time jobs besides their elected position. Going to conferences and training events is not always possible. Online training could possibly help with this matter.

Ms. Walters noted that there will be a special meeting on April 15th with Gregg Humphrey of the SMSD and Mark Mahoney of the Springfield Department of Public Works. . The committee hopes to explore ways that these entities may be able to work more closely together on sanitary sewer.

Commissioner Robert Wesley presented the following finding on Shared administration and grant writing functions:

Throughout its work, the CEC has recognized that local government budgets at all levels are strained. Dwindling resources available to local governments threatens both jobs and services for citizens. In this context, it is vital that, to the extent possible, local governments take advantage of appropriate, non-traditional revenue streams from both public and private sources. Identifying potential funding sources of this type is a separate function from that of making successful application for funding. Though this function may be successfully accomplished on a limited basis within individual agencies or governments, it may be better accomplished within an office created cooperatively by the several local governments within the county. The Committee therefore requests the full support of the CEC to assess the potential benefit in local governments to work together to engage the services of a shared administrator and/or staff to identify potential external funding sources thus ensuring that all reasonable efforts to acquire these revenues are pursued.

After explaining this finding Mr. Robert Wesley made a motion to approve the finding. Ms. Joan Walters seconded. After some discussion the motion passed.

Chair Donelan explained that his committee is scheduled to go to Chicago to find out more about the NAPA parts inventory system that is utilized in their maintenance garages. The committee would like to see if this is a viable option related to local garage consolidation efforts. The date of the trip is April 25th and any Commissioners that would like to go are welcome to attend.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2013, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Hasara asked if there was any new business to come before the commission. There was none.

Commissioner Gray reported that the Public Safety Committee has a final recommendation regarding Foreign Fire Insurance Funds. Mr. Robert Plunk presented and explained the recommendation document. The recommendation document can be summarized with:



In light of its research, the CEC recommends that the Springfield Fire Department and the twenty-nine fire protection districts in Sangamon County review the provisions in the Illinois Municipal Code and the Illinois Fire Protection District Act related to Foreign Fire Insurance and take the necessary steps to ensure that revenues specified in Illinois Compiled Statute are being paid to the appropriate local agencies.

The CEC also suggests that these entities consider locally collecting and distributing foreign fire funding, rather than having it collected by the Illinois Municipal League.

The CEC further recommends that local fire protection agencies consider the use of these funds in relation to a comprehensive and coordinated plan for regional fire protection.

Finally, the CEC recommends the Illinois General Assembly conduct a review of Foreign Fire Insurance fund policy and administrative practices beyond the scope of Sangamon County to ensure that funds are being collected and utilized in a manner that is in keeping with public policy best practice.

After much discussion of the committee's research process, the current provisions for funding and IML administration, and other components of Foreign Fire described in the document, Mr. Robert Gray made a motion to accept the recommendation with an amendment in the supporting documentation to note \$2,024 for Elkhart. Mr. J. D. Sudeth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting date—May 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Hasara invited members of the public to comment. There was no additional public comment but Mr. Cadigan commented on voter apathy in yesterday's election. Only 16% of voters turned out for the consolidated election. This is, however, typical for this type of election. Mr. Sims noted that in preparing the CEC final report the commission can address the question of "What can individuals do to make government more efficient?" As Mr. Cadigan's concern suggests, one answer is to pay attention to the issues and to vote.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Lewis
Acting as Recording Secretary