

Regional Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2018. 5:30 pm

County Board Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rader called the April 25th, 2018 Regional Leadership Council to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Rader asked for approval of the January 25th, 2018 minutes. President Yokley made the motion and President Cuffle seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

III. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Rader welcomed and thanked all the mayors for attending the meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss in Old Business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Public Assistance after Disaster-David Butt, Director for Office of Emergency Management of Sangamon County

Chair Rader introduced David Butt to the group. David defined a 'disaster' as when a municipal entity seeks external assistance; and contrasted it by defining 'emergency', which is when an entity can solve the issue internally or locally. David mentioned that to receive federal funding for a disaster in Illinois, the damage must reach approximately \$18.3 million. This number is based on the state's population on a per-capita basis. He exemplified that by stating Illinois has 12 million people and Indiana has 6 million. Indiana only needs half the estimated cost of damage from a disaster as Illinois does to be funded. Sangamon County needs approximately \$727,000 worth of damage to be funded. David expounded that this philosophy should change. David recommended that villages and the county establish procurement rights in accordance to local regulations regards to combat disasters via funding. He suggested the County could adopt a procurement program as an example.

David finalized his presentation by speaking of his retirement from Office of Emergency Management. David introduced his replacements at Emergency Management Services: Chris Mueller, Executive Director of e911 and Emergency Response, and Bill Lee, Coordinator for Emergency Management. David's last day is June 30th.

**What LISC Can Do for You-Karen Davis, Director of Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC)
Peoria**

Director Davis explained that LISC is a national organization with local offices and acts as a financial intermediary for communities. LISC can search for grants, loans, and other financial services for residential and economic purposes of communities. Karen mentioned that LISC has worked to put millions of dollars into residential, commercial, and community spaces. Davis stated to apply for funding or aid, LISC requires that communities explain what they would like to develop and why it could be beneficial to the community.

E-Ticket System for Police Department-Brian Cuffle, Village President of Spaulding

President Cuffle inquired about the advantages and disadvantages of e-ticket systems for village police departments. Mayor Kimsey replied that there is a cost to incorporating a digital system, but you save money by not printing the paper ticket. Cuffle asked if the e-ticket system will be required in the county. Brian McFadden stated that it most likely will be at some point. President Yokley mentioned that it saves Williamsville's police officers a trip to the County Building and seems to be a quicker, simpler process in comparison to using paper tickets. President Kimsey stated that he has yet to hear about a complaint with the e-ticketing system from Chatham's police department.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Regional Planning Commission Update

Historic Preservation-Molly Berns, Acting Executive Director of SSCRPC

Ms. Berns mentioned the rural grant applications being sent out to the villages in weeks to come. She recommended villages learn more about the opportunities and that RPC staff will be willing to help. Berns continued her update by mentioning the startup of the Sangamon County Comprehensive Plan. Information in regards to the progress of the plan will be given at future RLC meetings. Berns mentioned the Historic Sites Preservation Committee is working on a historic barn book of Sangamon County. The committee is capturing the history of barns throughout the county. Finally, Berns proposed that if a village wants to have the County Historic Preservation Committee serve as the official entity for historic preservation within a village, then a boilerplate agreement is in the works for a village to sign.

RLC Website-Jordan Leaf, Associate Planner

Mr. Leaf mentioned a submission form is still in the works for website users to fill out. This would allow website user to notify Leaf or Sangamon County Information Systems about adding information to the RLC website.

Other Business By RLC Members

President Cuffle inquired if any town had been approached by developers for a solar farm. It was agreed that Cuffle will present on Community Solar in July's Meeting.

INDIVIDUAL TOWN REPORTS

Riverton- Chair Rader mentioned Riverton is in the middle of a \$1.5 million subdivision project that will add new roads, sidewalks, and sewers. A Prairie Farms dairy facility is locating to the village as well.

Jerome- President Lopez discussed developments occurring along Wabash Avenue. Jerome recently passed its fiscal budget for the year.

Spaulding- President Cuffle spoke about a road project that will upgrade a street and keep drivers safer and traveling at slower speeds. The Annual Traffic Safety Fair was cancelled for this year.

Chatham- President Kimsey stated that Chatham will going through a resurfacing project for a major road in town. He mentioned that one of Chatham's water towers was restored.

Buffalo- President Mulcahy mentioned the village is stable and seems to be running as planned.

Williamsville- President Yokley spoke about a railroad overpass in town that will be up for bid soon. The town is getting closer to opening Williamsville-Sherman Bicycle Trail.

Southern View- Trustee James Foster discussed multiple businesses opening within strip malls and other commercial entities that are asking for TIF money in the village.

Mechanicsburg- President VanPelt mentioned a few road projects for the summer, and upgrading the playground equipment at the park.

Dawson- President Smith stated that Dawson does not have a lot going on.

Leland Grove- Treasurer Brian Miller spoke of standard road upkeep occurring within the village and combatting some flooding issues as well. He also mentioned that the village needed to address the Chatham Road Project soon.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Rader asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by President Yokley of Williamsville and seconded by President Lopez of Jerome. The meeting was adjourned.