



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
January 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Bomke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Plunk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Collins	<input type="checkbox"/>	J.D. Sudeth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hasara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan Walters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wesley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Newman		

Others:

Dr. Kevin Dorsey
 Mike Lopez – President Village of Jerome
 Nate Davis – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

Norm Sims - SSCRPC
 Jeff Fulgenzi – SSCRPC
 Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joan Walters called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Chair Walters announced that commissioner Mr. J.D. Sudeth was not in attendance for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Walters asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 9, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Robert Wesley moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Robert Plunk seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

IV. NEW COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Chair Walters asks for the nomination of Dr. Kevin Dorsey to replace her, Chair Joan Walters, who is relocating out of state. Mr. Wesley moved to approve the nomination. Hon. Karen Hasara seconded the motion, and the nomination was approved.

V. RETREAT - DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

Chair Walters state for this meeting "Retreat" the commissioner will report on the future of their work plans after review of the last 12 months. Within each of the taskforce the common denominator for the CEC position is to be a leader, to bring public awareness and to support the local governments to aid them in key components for a successful future.

A. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner – Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Mr. Plunk shared a document discussing the group's observation of what needs to happen in order for the Regional Leadership Council to be more successful and independent. Plunk explained the RLC would benefit greatly if the RLC was able to hire a dedicated executive assistant who could work for the council. The executive assistant could learn the operations of the Sangamon County municipalities and inform the individual cities and villages how to



use other resources and tools available to them to improve their functions. The executive assistant could do light clerical duties such as prepare, circulate and process the survey forms. The executive assistant could schedule speakers and organize programs for the quarterly meetings and develop and disburse the Agenda. Inform leaders of opportunities to apply for grant funding and/or write grants applications. Maintaining the website for the RLC will be a critical task for this individual.

After much discussion, the members of the Citizen's Efficiency Commission (CEC) agreed that its role in the establishment of the RLC is one of the most important accomplishments of the CEC. The CEC recognizes the value and importance of the RLC and has concerns about its future. Concerns were presented related to the CEC's ability to effectively pursue the "Shared Administration Functions" recommendation. It was suggested that professional consultant services may be required to effectively implement portions of this recommendation. Funding for consultant services, however, may be difficult to find.

B. Sewer Transfer Study - Chair Walters & Mike Murphy

Chair Walters shared a document that gave an overview of the transfer study of Springfield Sewers to the Springfield Metro Sanitary District (SMSD) that the group had accomplished, the background of the City's sewer system, the plan for the future and the recommendation for the final year of the CEC. Chair Walters reported SMSD does not currently want to consolidate with the City of Springfield, because the City's sewers are in such disrepair. The City does not have resources to repair and maintain its system, which is a problem throughout the City. The City does have additional funding via rate increases however it's not enough revenue to repair the system in the near term. The transfer will most likely not take place within the next fourteen months.

The recommendations for the future were to stay on tasks by scheduling joint meetings between the two parties to guarantee progression is mutually achieved concerning the efforts, the funding and the goal to consolidate. Discover a simple solution for customers who lack knowledge concerning the correct agency to contact for problems with sewers systems.

C. Regional Policing Study – Hon. Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Hon. Karen Hasara stated the people are aware and understand that we need the best policing possible. The CEC needs to follow through with this and be a leader as well as a follower. There is a lot of good that can come from this; the hardest part will be to gain cooperation from the Mayor and the Sherriff. The study is one issue, but even without it there are other ways to encourage better cooperation and better coverage throughout the county. As far as the Police study – the goal was to research “How Sangamon County can be best served by police” and the goal did not include metro policing.

There was discussion of a concern that the two parties who are involved with the issue refused to talk. This is not a political campaign; it is a twenty-five or thirty year effort. It may not be possible to move forward if no one other than the CEC is discussing the issue. It may not be worth the CEC's time to spend on this one. One suggestion was to take a more grass roots approach and reach out to the County Board and City Council which may motivate the parties to pursue the policing study. Another suggestion was to speak at the monthly Chief's Association breakfast at Fritz's from 7:35 A.M to 8:30 A.M., they are always looking for speakers.



The taskforce agreed to refine the course of action and to proceed with the task.

D. Developing Legislative Linkages - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Sen. Larry Bomke noted the taskforce is waiting for Spring Session.

E. Developing Linkages with Townships - J.D. Sudeth & Mike Murphy

Mr. Murphy said it is time to bring full awareness to the situation of the collectors to the public. The group agreed the effort is long overdue.

Mr. Plunk reported at the recent township officials meeting discussion of Mayor Langfelder has proposed a Springfield Annexation of 400 plus acres of unincorporated parcels that are surrounded by the City. Township opposed the annexation, the proposal failed to gain council approval.

F. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley

Mr. Plunk shared two draft letters, a letter to each of the nine pass through Fire Protection Districts and a letter to Sangamon County Board Chairman. The FPD letter is inviting them to meet with the CEC to discuss the level of interest in pursuing consolidation among the districts. A suggestion was made to hold the March meeting in the County Board Chambers.

Mr. Wesley has revised the proposed joint RLC/CEC letter to the county board chairman regarding required FPD trustee training; and he will be presenting it for approval by the RLC at its January 27, 2016 meeting.

G. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins

Chair Walters stated the uncertainty should be shifted to emphasize more on the business community. The taskforce should meet and discover "How can the business community play a role in this activity" and devise something knowing that the commission needs support.

There was discussion about communicating with businesses and the public to coordinate sharing the benefits of their support and engaging the business communities that it to their advantage to be involved. The taskforce needs to decide if there are other ways to link to the business community in furthering or defining the objectives of the group.

Mr. Josh Collins referred to the previous meeting where "Chair Walters stated the uncertainty should be shifted to emphasize more on the business community". The taskforce should meet and discover "How can the business community play a role in this activity" and devise something knowing that the commission needs support.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS



Chair Walters ask if there was any unfinished business. Mr. Norm Sims reported to the commissioners about the recent TrendLines Report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Walters asked if there were any public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walters asked if there were any further comments. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Murphy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Wesley seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary