



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
April 11, 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	x	Frank McNeil
x	Josh Collins	x	Mike Murphy
	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.		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC
 Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC
 Amy Uden- SSCRPC
 Lyndee Rodamaker- SSCRPC

Martin Colloton- SSCRPC
 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. Mr. Josh Collins made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Joan Walters seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Hasara then invited commissioners to identify civic organizations in which they are involved, using a list of organizations provided with the assistance of Ms. Drinda O'Connor, volunteer, and Mr. Collins. Chairperson Hasara explained that this list can assist the Commission as it identifies opportunities for outreach presentations at these civic organizations.

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairperson Hasara thanked the Commission for all of its hard work and informed commissioners of her recent media appearances. She asked SSCRPC staff to provide a report on its recent activities. Mr. Norm Sims informed the commissioners that he had provided the maps of local jurisdictions they had previously requested. He



indicated that commissioners can also request smaller copies of the maps for personal use. Mr. Sims then reported that SSCRPC staff had developed a new logo for the CEC's future use. Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi then presented the CEC with a document recently developed by the SSCRPC staff, which details the history of joint and shared service agreements in Sangamon County. Mr. Fulgenzi then explained, with the assistance of Ms. Amy Uden, a searchable index of supplemental research documents that SSCRPC staff will also be providing to the CEC for its use. Mr. Sims then explained that the shared service history document also details six key "C's" that the CEC may find conceptually useful in its work. These include conservation, communication, cooperation, coordination, collaboration, and consolidation.

V. 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 the Committee would be sending out a brief questionnaire to all the township collectors, to ensure that all relevant parties have opportunity to voice opinions on these questions. The committee will review a draft questionnaire by its next meeting, and anticipates that it will have compiled all Collectors' responses by its June meeting.

Committee Chair Kushak then informed the Commission of her committee's research progress related to joint purchasing and procurement. She explained that Ms. O'Connor will be working with representatives from CMS, the County, and the City, to conduct preliminary interviews regarding these entities' current purchasing processes. Committee Chair Kushak finally invited questions from fellow commissioners, and welcomed their input on the Administrative Committee's research progress.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, May 7th, 11:30 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212.

Community Development Committee:

Committee Chair Cliff Erwin indicated that his committee has been continued its research on General Assistance services provided by the Townships. Mr. Jerry Crabtree has received survey responses from Township Supervisors at a response rate of approximately 62%, and the committee will continue to use this information as it develops a potential recommendation related to General Assistance. Committee Chair Erwin indicated that his committee continues to explore opportunities for shared GA administration among Capital Township and other townships.

Committee Chair Erwin then discussed his committee's interest in intergovernmental cooperation between school districts and municipalities. He shared a recent



conversation with Auburn CUSD 10 Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kathy Garret, including her comments regarding current service sharing between Auburn School District and the City. He informed the Commission that at its next meeting, his committee will welcome Mr. Robert Gillum, retiring Superintendent from Ball-Chatham CUSD 5, to talk about efficiency opportunities within the school districts.

Committee Chair Erwin then informed the group that his committee plans on delineating some of the current activities with building code adoption and enforcement, as follow-up to the recent presentation they received from Mr. Jim Stone of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

Following this, some discussion arose regarding commissioners' questions for Committee Chair Erwin on his committee's research about Township government. Commissioners asked questions regarding populations in area townships, and Committee Chair Erwin indicated that his committee will be including demographic data in its discussion of townships. Mr. Robert Plunk also asked about the level of formality of the school district agreements in Auburn that the committee had discussed. Committee Chair Erwin explained that these agreements are a mixture of both formal and informal, and that efforts are underway to acquire copies of the existing formal intergovernmental agreements.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 19th, 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 and worked to develop a research focus in the areas of Fire Protection, EMS, and Police Protection in the County. He also informed the CEC that his committee had visited the county E-911 dispatch center.

Committee Chair Gray explained to commissioners that he would go into further detail later in the CEC's agenda, when it discussed the two findings his committee had developed.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 25th, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building.

Public Works Committee:

Committee Chair Jim Donelan reported that his committee recently heard a series of presentations and discussions on the subject of recycling and solid waste management. The most recent presentation was from Ms. Wynne Coplea, former recycling coordinator for the City of Springfield. The discussion provided further information on agreements existing in the county regarding waste management and recycling flow, and the difficulties of developing an improved plan for solid waste management. Committee Chair Donelan indicated that his committee will emphasize joint management best practices in its research for the next meeting. He suggested that



the Public Works committee intends to pursue this issue broadly with SSCRPC staff assistance.

He then informed the Commission that at its most recent meeting, the Public Works committee had heard an informative presentation from Mr. Doc Mueller, Senior Vice President for Government Affairs at Illinois Municipal Electric Agency. He noted that the Committee will be following up with Mr. Mueller on the timely issue of municipal electric aggregation, and will be conducting continued research as to opportunities for efficiency that may arise if municipalities engaged Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Hasara then invited Mr. Fulgenzi to further discuss the research tools that SSCRPC staff has developed, including an electronic bulletin board available to commissioners. Mr. Fulgenzi explained that the CEC can access the bulletin board at any time, and that it can be used as a tool in committee meetings for commissioners to organize their research progress.

Chairperson Hasara then thanked Committee Chair Kushak for all of her efforts to facilitate radio interviews for CEC outreach. Mr. Sims informed commissioners that the CEC has already received public feedback, in the form of an emailed recommendation, since Chairperson Hasara's first interview.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Hasara then opened a discussion on the Public Safety Committee's two findings, as indicated by Committee Chair Gray. The committee's findings were presented as follows:

- A number of fire protection districts in Sangamon County receive service from other fire protection entities, and exist primarily as "pass-through" entities. The Public Safety Committee requests the full support of the CEC to further research these districts' budgets and functions, and to explore efficiency opportunities that may exist in their administrative structures.
- Centralized E-911 Dispatch serves nearly all of Sangamon County's municipalities, and could provide service to others at little to no additional cost. Based on the recent example of Pawnee being incorporated into the centralized system at a cost savings of \$250,000-300,000, the Public Safety Committee requests the full support of the CEC to further research benefits and obstacles to bringing all Sangamon County communities into the centralized dispatch system.

Committee Chair Gray provided further explanation of the first finding, and then moved to allow his committee to continue its research on these subjects. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion. Chairperson Hasara then invited discussion or amendment to



the finding. Hearing none, she proceeded to take a vote for the approval of the finding. The finding was approved as stated.

After further explanation and discussion by Committee Chair Gray, he moved that his committee continue its research on its second finding. Mr. Jeff Adkisson seconded the motion. Chairperson Hasara again invited discussion or amendment to the finding. Hearing none, she proceeded to take a vote for the approval of the finding. The finding was approved as stated.

The CEC then engaged in further discussion regarding the priority of the group's research topics, the continued desire to look into every suggestion presented by a member of the public, and the CEC's future efforts to meet with the county-wide mayors' group. Commissioners determined that, following the initial set-up of the Peer Network of mayors and village presidents, the CEC should continue to meet with this group.

Next meeting date—May 14th, 2012 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sims then provided several comments related to overarching ideas that the CEC should continue to consider. He emphasized the importance of continued discussion regarding what individual taxpayers can do to reduce governmental costs, in addition to CEC recommendations directed toward governmental entities.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gary Crompton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Adkisson seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden
Acting as Recording Secretary