



**Minutes of Meeting  
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
December 12, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners**

	Jeff Adkisson	X	Marilyn Kushak
	Mike Aiello		Frank McNeil
X	Daniel Cadigan	X	Mike Murphy
X	Josh Collins	X	Drinda O'Connor
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
	Lee Fields, Jr.		
	Bob Gray		
X	Karen Hasara		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC  
Amy Uden- SSCRPC  
Richard Treat- SCTOA

Marilyn Cagnoni- volunteer  
Richard Bennett- volunteer  
Bob Wesley- volunteer

**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 November minutes. Mr. Josh Collins made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Marilyn Kushak seconded the motion and the minutes were approved

**III. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chair Karen Hasara announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will not be on January 2nd. It will be January 9th at 1:00 pm.

Chair Hasara then reminded everyone about the deadline for completing the Open Meetings Act training, which is required for all members of the Commission. Once the training is completed members will be awarded a certificate, a copy of which they should bring to the next meeting.

Mr. Norm Sims gave an update on the Annual Report. Currently photographs are being taken for the report and comments are being collected from the committee chairs on their work plans for the coming year. Mr. Sims also reported that a State Commission on Local Efficiency was established by resolution but has yet to meet. Their deadline has been extended. The group is now asking about the CEC's



research for guidance, and Chair Hasara and others may be asked to provide a report to the State Commission. Mr. Sims noted that some research areas that may prove too extensive for the CEC's scope could possibly become suggestions for the State Commission to examine.

Chair Hasara reported that Mr. Doug Whitley, President and CEO of the State Chamber of Commerce will be at the January meeting. Members are asked to have questions and suggestions for Mr. Whitley.

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

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

##### **Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:**

Committee Chair Marilyn Kushak reported that Ms. Maripat Cline of Troxell had attended her committee's last meeting with an analysis of the health insurance survey. Ms. Cline had indicated that, although the survey laid the groundwork for analysis, additional elaboration on some survey items would be needed for some jurisdictions. Also, with implementation of the Affordable Care Act this year and all the changes and that will come with it, the committee has decided to wait until spring to work further on this issue. The committee suggested that letters be sent to responding jurisdictions, letting them know that the committee will be postponing any action on the issue of health insurance for this reason..

Ms. Kushak noted that members of her committee had met with Leadership Springfield to find out what their goals were related to the "Buy Local" research project the CEC had suggested. The group had indicated that their plan is to prepare an electronic guidebook for local governments with information about vendors and purchasing opportunities available locally. She noted that SSCRPC staff subsequently met with the group again to provide further background information on local governments.

Also in regard to purchasing, Ms. Kushak reported that Ms. Drinda O'Connor and Ms. Marilyn Cagnoni have recently been focusing on school districts. They discovered that schools have what is called the Illinois Schools Purchasing Network through the State Board of Education. This procurement alliance is working well for the larger schools, and Ms. Kushak noted the committee intends to ensure that all school districts in the area are educated on this opportunity.

The next item discussed was the potential revision of legal requirements for state-mandated annual published reports. Ms. Kushak reported that Dr. Redfield had described various types of publications at the last committee meeting, and will be looking at the estimated cost of mandated publications to local governments. The committee also hopes to look at the cost savings that would be associated with electronic publication. Ms. Kushak noted that the committee has also been asked to study state mandates and hopes to address this research area with the assistance of Ms. Joan Walters and Ms. O'Connor.



Finally, with regard to getting more input from the private sector, Ms. Kushak and Chair Hasara, along with Mr. Collins, will address a meeting of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Board on the last Monday in February.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 15th, 11:30 am; SSCRPC Conference Room 212.

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

Committee Chair Cliff Erwin reported that his committee has not met since the last commission meeting, but would be meeting on Thursday, December 13th at 3:00 pm. He indicated that the committee will continue to work toward developing a finding regarding the building permitting process, but that there have been some delays due to turnover in the Sangamon County Building Safety Division of the Public Health Department.

Mr. Erwin's committee will also be working on partnerships between local government and institutions of higher education, as requested in the finding presented by the Executive Committee last month.

Mr. Erwin reported that his committee has been asked to look at two additional areas. The first is the Regional Board of School Trustees and the function of this board. The second is networking of water districts, in keeping with the CEC's Leaders' Peer Networks Recommendation. .

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 13th, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

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

In the absence of Committee Chair Bob Gray, Vice Chair Mike Murphy reported that the Public Safety Committee is looking further into the 911 system after determining that it would like to add additional information to the drafts it presented last month. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Gary Crompton will be undertaking additional research on this topic.

Another item of discussion was the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund. Mr. Murphy noted that Dr. Kent Redfield and Mr. Robert Plunk will be investigating these funds and their use in order to determine whether they represent an efficient use of taxpayers' money.

The committee suggested that its research for future discussion will include fire and emergency services across the county.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday January 2nd, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau



### **Public Works Committee:**

Committee Chair Jim Donelan reported that his committee also had not met since the last commission meeting, but will meet on Monday, December 17th at 3 pm. He noted that the committee continues to look at equipment sharing issues and the issue of solid waste and recycling coordination. He suggested that he will be setting up a meeting with the city and county to follow up on prior discussions and inform them of the committee's intended recommendation.

Mr. Donelan then noted that the committee also continues to research the garage consolidation issue and energy efficiency. Ms. Carol Kulek has provided information on funding opportunities related to energy efficiency and the Illinois Energy Now program, which the committee anticipates sharing in an educational recommendation soon.

Mr. Donelan provided a brief update on electric aggregation. There will be a meeting of the Aggregation Steering Committee and the consultant on Friday, December 14th at 10:30 am in the SSCRPC conference room. This meeting is intended to finalize an intergovernmental agreement, and all communities are welcome to attend. Mr. Donelan noted that electric aggregation failed by 5 votes in the unincorporated County, but that the County is looking at creating an opt-in program or putting the question on the ballot again in April.

Another item the committee will be discussing is infrastructure funding. There are certain state funds such as Motor Fuel Taxes that are devoted to road maintenance. Mr. Donelan reported that the committee will be looking at the purpose for these funds and how they can be distributed, with the assistance of Mr. Plunk.

In response these comments, Mr. Sims also reported that, on the issue of transportation, the SSCRPC has been awarded Comprehensive Regional Planning funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation, which will allow staff to collect contact information for all the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the country in order to survey them on transportation best practices. The SSCRPC, working with the CEC, hopes to inform MPOs about the CEC's work and ask what transportation practices should be considered locally. He noted that, although this work will be done primarily on the topic of transportation, other committees are also welcome to add to the survey.

Mr. Plunk raised the efficiency example of the Rural Transportation initiative. Mr. Sims gave a brief overview of the program and its beginnings with the County Board. He described how federal funding has assisted Sangamon County in joining with Menard County to provide transportation for people in rural areas. The Rural Transit program will be operated by Senior Services of Springfield. The efficiency involved occurs because different social service organizations currently provide transportation for specific needs with no coordination, but the Rural Transit initiative will allow for increased coordination on rides, regardless of the rider's type of need.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, December 17th, 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.

**Next meeting date—January 9, 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. Mr. Bob Wesley added that the SIU Carbondale Center for Rural Health has been working over the last 5 or 6 years to develop a model for transportation in rural areas. They will soon be testing their model again in regions of Western Illinois.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Lewis  
Acting as Recording Secretary