

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission**  
**September 17, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Kenneth Springs called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL.**

Mary Jane Niemann called the roll.

JULY 2014	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2015	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b>
X	X	X										
X	X	X										Bruce Strom, Vice-Chairman
X		X										Eric Hansen, Secretary
	X											Mayor Mike Houston – M. Farmer
X	X											Andy Van Meter – B. McFadden
	X	X										Alderman Sam Cahnman
												Alderman Cory Jobe
												Greg Stumpf
X	X	X										Andy Goleman – <u>C. Stratton</u>
X	X	X										Leslie Sgro – <u>E. McKinley</u>
X	X	X										Frank Vala – <u>R. Blickensderfer</u>
X	X	X										Brian Brewer – <u>F. Squires</u>
X	X	X										Dick Ciotti – <u>R. Leinweber</u>
X	X	X										Jeff Vose – <u>L. Wind</u>
X		X										Larry Hamlin
												Bill Moss
X	X	X										Brad Mills

**Others**

Cherril Graff  
 Bob Dalton

**Staff**

Molly Berns  
 Steve Keenan  
 Mary Jane Niemann  
 Norm Sims

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING.**

Chairman Springs asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 20, 2014 Regional Planning Commission meeting. There were none. The minutes were accepted as mailed.

4. **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD.**

There was no meeting of the Executive Policy Board.

5. **REPORT OF OFFICERS.**

There was no report of officers.

6. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

A. **National Planning Month** – Norm Sims stated that October is National Planning Month. Staff is currently putting together an activity book for elementary school students to get young people involved and interested in the planning process. An open house to be held at the Regional Planning Commission office in October is currently being planned. Staff is hoping to secure a staff member of the Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago to speak at the open house regarding issues with urban flooding. Commission members will be notified of the date of the open house once the date is finalized.

B. **Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning** – Sims noted that the Sangamon County Board recently passed a resolution to be involved and participate in the update of the Sangamon County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Sam Cahnman asked about the resolution passed by the County Board. Sims said that a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan must be in place in order for a municipality to be eligible for FEMA/Natural Hazard Mitigation funding. All participating communities must pass a resolution. Sims noted that all jurisdictions have been notified.

Cahnman asked if the City of Springfield had responded. Sims said that he has not been tracking individual jurisdictions. Sims noted that when he last spoke to Abby Bybee, project lead for the update of the plan, that 98% of the population in the county would be covered. He stated that the county previously used funding to buy out properties that were flood prone and that some municipalities have purchased equipment such as radios.

C. **SSCRPC FY-2015 Budget** – Sims noted that a meeting is scheduled with County Administrator Brian McFadden to go over the SSCRPC's proposed 2015 Budget. The budget must be reviewed and approved by the Executive Policy Board before it is submitted to the County Board as per the Commission's establishing ordinance. It is hoped that the budget will be finalized so that the Executive Policy Board may meet to review the proposed budget immediately following next month's Regional Planning Commission meeting. Current members of the Executive Policy Board are Kenneth Springs, Bruce Strom, Eric Hansen, Mike Houston, Andy Van Meter, Eric Hansen and Jeff Vose.

D. **COMPUTER / SOFTWARE UPGRADES** – Sims stated that Microsoft is no longer supporting Windows XP which affects updates of current software including virus software. Many of the Planning Commission staff computers will not support Windows 7, which is needed. The Planning Commission's proposed 2015 Budget will include funding for needed computer and software upgrades. Sims wanted to thank Wayne Rovey and the Sangamon County Information

Systems Department staff for their assistance in determining what needs to be done to upgrade the computers and software in the most economical way.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

There was no correspondence.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING.**

There was no one who wished to address the Commission.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Land Subdivision Committee** – There were no projects to be reviewed by the Planning Commission this month.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

There was no unfinished business.

**11. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no new business.

**12. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Sims noted that IDOT will be conducting a Local Officials' Briefing regarding a proposed rail grade overpass, or flyover in southern Springfield near the Village of Southern View. The briefing will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman Springs noted that the next Regional Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 15, 2014.

There being no further business, Larry Hamlin moved to adjourn. Brad Mills seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

MJN

Mary Jane Niemann  
Recording Secretary