1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at: 9:00 AM by Chairman Jack D Franks.

PRESENT: Aavang, Acosta, Althoff, Barnes, Bates, Christensen, Doherty, Gottemoller, Jung Jr., Kearns, McCann, Ness, Nowak, Parrish, Reinert, Schofield, Skala, Smith, Thorsen, Vijuk, Wegener, Wheeler, Wilbeck, Yensen, Franks

ABSENT:

Also present were: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator; Adam Letendre, Purchasing Director; Kevin Bueso, Finance Director; Dennis Sandquist, Director of Planning and Development; Renee Hanlon, Deputy Director of Planning and Development and interested staff and public

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website audio starting at 0:01:30

Chairman Franks reviews the rules of public comment and the following members of the public speak:

Dawn Mueller regarding presumption of innocence
Donna Hass regarding variance
Neil Mason regarding variance
Amy Schillinger regarding variance
Dawn Jakic regarding variance

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website audio starting at 0:19:58

Chairman Franks makes opening remarks.

1. CMAP Update - Erin Aleman, Executive Director
   Erin Aleman, Executive Director, from CMAP gives an update and Amy McEwan, Chief of Staff, provides and overview of what CMAP does.

2. Federal Legislative Update - Matt Trant, The National Group
   Matt Trant with The National Group summarizes what they have been doing for the county and what they will be working on. The meeting is open for the members to ask questions and Mr. Trant responds.

6. NEW BUSINESS
Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website audio starting at 0:53:58

1. Review of the February 18, 2020 County Board Agenda Items

Chairman Franks asks for any items that will be removed in order to allow all staff that is not necessary for questions to return to their departments.

Items removed for discussion:

ZONING
10.1.2 - #2019-028 - Spreitzer - Nunda Twp - R1-R1V - removed for discussion by Ms. Parrish
10.1.4 - #2019-032 - Vanik - Algonquin Twp - R1-R1V - removed for discussion by Ms. Schofield
10.1.5 - #2019-038 - Vocos - Algonquin Twp - B1-B1V - removed for discussion by Ms. Schofield
10.1.7 - #2019-041 - Bockman Family Trust No. 1 - Seneca Twp - A1-A2 - removed for discussion by Mr. Wilbeck

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS
13.1 - Resolution Authorizing the 2020 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Contingency Allocations; 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Public Service Parity Contingency Allocations; and Additional 2019 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Allocations - removed for discussion by Mr. Wilbeck

FINANCE AND AUDIT
16.2.B.5 - Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Kronos Incorporated for the Licenses, Hosting and Implementation of a New Human Resources Management and Payroll Enterprise System and an Emergency Appropriation to the FY2020 Budget - removed for discussion by Mr. Wilbeck
16.2.B.7 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Accruent LLC of Austin, Texas, to provide Capital Planning Software and Building Condition Assessment and Cost Estimating Services - removed for discussion by Mr. Wilbeck

ORDINANCES
17.2.A - Ordinance Amending the McHenry County Ethics Ordinance - removed for discussion by Ms. Aavang

DISCUSSION:

ZONING
Ms. Schofield asks for clarification on the certified letters sent. Mr. Sandquist responds. Ms. Schofield states that there is a new hearing officer and also asks about "hardship" in regards to this situation and if it was self created. Mr. Sandquist responds. Chairman Franks removes himself from discussion as he has a conflict. Mr. Acosta asks about land use and ADA. Mr. Sandquist stated he will ask the state's attorney. Mr. Reinert asks if we have ever granted this to this size of acreage. Ms. McCann makes comment regarding posting requirement. Ms. McCann also comments regarding the zoning and hardship of the applicant. Mr. Sandquist responds. Mr. Nowak asks about the total acreage size vs. the acreage available for the horses. Mr. Smith states his concerns with burden to police this property. Mr. Kearns states there was knowledge of the hardship going in knowing the property was not good for horses. Mr. Christiansen states this could open Pandora's Box. Ms. Ness states we need more research done on this situation. Ms. Schofield states that she asked questions about the animals being certified service animals vs. a pet. Mr. Sandquist responds. Mr. Doherty asks about covenants of a subdivision. Ms. McCann states there are reasonable accommodations by definition to help make decisions. Mr. Wheeler makes comment regarding the number of horses requested. Mr. Sandquist will send the full transcript of the hearing, address Mr. Reinert's question and get a state's attorney opinion in regards to ADA and whether these animals are therapy animals in regard to ADA. Ms. Wegener asks if there is documentation for the need of a service animal.

Chairman Franks returns.
10.1.2 - #2019-028 - Spreitzer - Nunda Twp - R1-R1V
Ms. Parrish asks about the wooded area on the lot line and how much would be cleared. Mr. Sandquist responds and will follow up with answers on Tuesday.
10.1.4 - #2019-032 - Vanik - Algonquin Twp - R1-R1V
Ms. Schofield asks if this is an existing structure and if there is a permit and a fire concern. Mr. Sandquist responds and will follow up with answers on Tuesday.

10.1.5 - #2019-038 - Vocos - Algonquin Twp - B1-B1V
Ms. Schofield asks if this hardship was self created in regards to what they want to us it for. Mr. Sandquist responds.

Mr. Wilbeck asks Mr. Sandquist to give the rationale behind this request. Mr. Sandquist responds.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS
13.1 - Resolution Authorizing the 2020 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Contingency Allocations; 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Public Service Parity Contingency Allocations; and Additional 2019 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Allocations
Mr. Wilbeck would like to know why this was voted down in Public Health and Community Services Committee. Mr. Christensen states it was 3 yes and 3 abstain so all approved but due to abstentions it did not pass.

FINANCE AND AUDIT
16.2.B.5 - Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Kronos Incorporated for the Licenses, Hosting and Implementation of a New Human Resources Management and Payroll Enterprise System and an Emergency Appropriation to the FY2020 Budget
Mr. Wilbeck asks why we are changing from ADP over a $4,200 difference. Mr. Letendre responds and Mr. Bueso states that there are other costs that would make their best and final offer an additional $400,000.

16.2.B.7 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Accruent LLC of Austin, Texas, to provide Capital Planning Software and Building Condition Assessment and Cost Estimating Services
Mr. Wilbeck asks why only one bidder on this. Mr. Letendre responds.

ORDINANCES
17.2.A - Ordinance Amending the McHenry County Ethics Ordinance
Ms. Avang states that in Administrative Services meeting there was a decision to pass the state mandated requirements and then continue the discussion at a later date of a Committee of the Whole. Mr. Wheeler clarifies what will be on the agenda. Mr. Wheeler asks about the compensation and process of the Ethics Commission and Mr. Hartman responds. Mr. Wheeler asks for clarification on leave of absence and what is protected under FMLA. Mr. Hartman and Mr. Austin respond. Mr. Christensen gives an example for clarification. Mr. Kearns asks if the terms of the commissioner's are staggered and Mr. Hartman responds. Ms. Schofield makes comments regarding operating procedures in place and Mr. Hartman responds. Ms. Ness stated that the commissioner's asked for the term change and there is information on line about the commissioner's.

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website audio starting at 02:05:20

1. Township Dissolution Considerations
Mr. Austin reviews the township consolidation report. Mr. Hartman adds further comment. Members ask questions in regards to the following:
Can we maintain if we keep absorbing townships?
What issues would we have with commingling the assets of county A and county B and do we have exposure?
Chairman Franks states that we will have a special Committee of the Whole after the March Primary should this pass.
Are we incorporating a plan of how we will communicating to the townships affected?
Do we have lists of all the contracts the townships have?
Where will the accounting functions go within the county?
Will roads be brought up to county standards?
Is the county system capable of doing assessments at a township level?
How will this affect general assistance?
Where can the general public go for this information?
Will township employees become county employees and will they change from non-union to union and the cost involved?
What is the timing once this is in place and how to inform the public?
Chairman Franks states he does not believe this will pass but this gives us an opportunity to discuss shared services and inter governmental agreements.

Mr. Austin states we will have someone here to discuss health insurance at the Administrative Services Committee meeting. Chairman Franks states that Mr. Wheeler had a great idea of giving people incentive to get off the county insurance.

8. OTHER

None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

None

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Yensen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vijuk to adjourn at 11:40 am. Chairman Franks declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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Full Comments on the above agenda items are included in the audio recording of this meeting, which can be found on the McHenry County Meeting Portal.