STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PARIS, EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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JOHN KRAFT

Plaintiff,

VS.

COUNTY OF EDGAR

and

EDGAR COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

and

ADONNA BENNETT, acting individually, and in her official capacity as Edgar County Airport Advisory Board Chairman

and

JAKE PAYNE, BEN JENNESS, §
DALE BARKLEY, MIKE HELTSLEY, §
DAN BRUNER, GLEN HUTCHINSON §
each acting individually, and in their official §
capacities as Edgar County Airport §
Advisory Board Members §

Defendants.

Case No: 13 MR 36

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Karen D. Walloran Circuit Clerk, 5th Judicial Circuit Edgar County

COMPLAINT FOR DECLATORY JUDGMENT, RELIEF BY MANDAMUS AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

NOW COME Plaintiffs, John Kraft, *pro se*, who prays this court render a declatory judgment, grant relief by mandamus and grant injunctive relief under the Open Meetings Act (OMA), 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq*. For this Complaint as follows:

- Plaintiff John Kraft, pro se. The Plaintiff is a resident of Illinois and the County of Edgar.
- 2. Defendants Edgar County Board and the Edgar County Airport Advisory Board (ECAAB), "public bodies" as that term is defined by 5 ILCS 120/1.02, Adonna Bennett, individually and in her official capacity as ECAAB chairman, Jake Payne, Ben Jenness, Dale Barkley, Mike Heltsley, Dan Bruner, and Glen Hutchinson, each individually and in their official capacity as ECAAB member
- 3. On April 16, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., the ECAAB held an open public meeting in the second floor courtroom of the Edgar County Courthouse.

 A true and correct copy of the April 16, 2013 meeting agenda is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.
- 4. During the course of this meeting several items were motioned, seconded, and passed by the majority of the board in violation of the OMA in that the meeting agenda did not list these items as items to be acted upon.

COUNT ONE

(Violation of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.)

- 5. Plaintiffs reaffirm paragraphs 1-4 as though fully restated herein.
- 6. Plaintiffs have been irreparably harmed by Defendants' failure to list on the April 16, 2013 ECAAB meeting agenda, as an item where action was taken, specifically, "allowing the chairman of the board to vote."
 - 7. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT TWO

(Violation of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.)

8. Plaintiffs reaffirm paragraphs 1-4 as though fully restated herein.

9. Plaintiffs have been irreparably harmed by Defendants' failure to list on the

April 16, 2013 ECAAB meeting agenda, as an item where action was taken, specifically,

"that we don't have a commercial operation at the airport main hangar and don't proceed

with writing anymore on the contract."

10. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that the Court:

A. Declare the Defendants to be in violation of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS

120//1, et seq.; and,

B. Grant a Relief by Mandamus by requiring that future ECAAB meetings

properly list actionable item on agendas; and,

C. Grant an injunction against future violations of the Open Meetings Act; and,

D. Award Plaintiffs attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred;

and,

E. Order such other and further relief, as outlined in 5 ILCS 120/4.

Dated: April 17, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Signed and Sworn Before me this 17th

Day of April, 2013

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Plaintiff, pro se

AGENDA EDGAR COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE TUESDAY, APR. 16, 2013 AT 6PM

AT THE EDGAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE UPSTAIRS COURTROOM PARIS, IL 61944

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2. MINUTES OF 03-10-13 MEETING
- 3. ELECT NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN
- 4. PUBLIC SESSION
- 5. FUEL REPORT
- 6. RENT AND LABOR REPORT
- 7. APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
- 8. OLD BUSINESS
 *DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS CONTRACT
- 9. NEW BUSINESS *DISCUSS AWOS
- 10. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)
- 11. ADJOURN