

WILL COUNTY BOARD
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

September 7, 2010
302 North Chicago Street
County Board Committee Room
Joliet IL 60432

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Maher called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Dralle, Anderson, B. Smith, Traynere, Winfrey and Maher.

Absent were Members: L. Smith

Also Present: Finance Director Paul Rafac; Maintenance Director Mike Miglorini; and Jason Dwyer from Wight Company

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Mary Tatroe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Noelle Maher led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Ms. Winfrey, to approve the minutes of August 3, 2010. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

LED Technology & Lighting

- a. Results of RFI
- b. Resolution making determination of sole source provider
- c. Resolution authorizing County Executive to Enter into Negotiations to Retrofit Will Co Office Building with LED lighting and technology

Mr. Rafac advised that the RFI was released last week on Surveymonkey.com and there are 7 responses so far. Only 2 ½ have completed the survey right now. There is a company that might have similar aspects. He and Mr. Miglorini have met with Applied Technology Concepts that has a similar concept. They are suppose to complete the survey also so we may be up to 3 ½ responses within the next few days. There are 42 open ended questions in the survey which requires a good understanding of their LED lighting products for both the tubes in this office and the can lighting.

There was a short discussion regarding using Surveymonkey.com.

Mr. Maher stated we need to do a comparison of companies and would like it placed on the meeting agenda for October.

Mr. Miglorini advised that PolyBrite is still providing us with their lowest price. The other company we met with are higher.

There was a discussion regarding if the companies responding are direct distributors or the middlemen.

Mr. Rafac explained that we sent the link to the companies we did research on, solicited their response as well placing it on DemandStar with a link to the survey and solicited anyone that was in the lighting fixture business.

Ms. Traynere advised there was an article, which was provided to Mr. Miglorini and is attached herein, indicating there were 10 more potential companies. They are making LED all over the state of Michigan and this article is specific to the state.

Mr. Maher advised that we are looking at the back end technology and not just a product. We are trying to determine if Goyken has the new chip technology which is ahead of the other companies. If it is not, then we would go to open bid.

Ms. Traynere inquired how much do we know about the chip technology.

Mr. Maher replied that is what we are trying to determine.

Mr. Miglorini stated it has been tested and we have the reports. They have applied for patents. Getting UL rating is a long process as well as the energy star backing. Energy star has backed Cooper Lighting which is an American company out of South Carolina. They make their own diodes, but do not make any tubes.

There was a discussion regarding the length of warranties and on what items. More research must be done.

b. Sole Source Provider

Mr. Rafac stated this may not be a sole source provider however we may be able to enter into an agreement with PolyBrite because of the pricing they are giving us and because they are a local company.

Ms. Traynere inquired if we are allowed to do that under our current rules.

Mr. Maher stated we still need to do research before making any decision. We found out we will not be doing the public/private partnership. As we continue to do our research we will bring more information back to the committee for discussion. We should let Mr. Rafac gather the information and put it in an excel spreadsheet with comparisons.

Mrs. Dralle inquired of the State's Attorney if within the statutes is a governmental body allowed to say if there is a local manufacturing company or local vendor that there is a percentage variance that can be offered.

ASA Tatroe advised that the County Board has the ability to make policy decisions with regarding to economic stimulus for the County. She stated that it would require it to be a bid and you would have to indicate up front what percentage would be attributed to local companies. She would need to look at specifics but you would have the statutory authority to allow economic growth and development in the county.

After further discussion it was determined that criteria must be decided before any bids were sent out.

Mr. Anderson state this technology is amazing but has serious concerns about making someone the sole source of anything. He stated we should go out to bid.

Mrs. Traynere agreed.

Mrs. Dralle stated that we certainly want to promote local businesses.

Mr. Maher advised that we are trying to determine if someone else is out there doing the same thing to ensure we are doing our due diligence.

Other Old Business

Mr. Maher requested an update on the Wight master plan.

Mr. Dwyer advised that there have been 5 preliminary meetings with the courts, sheriff, highway, etc. to determine priorities to give to leadership. He provided target dates of meetings with the first meeting being Friday, September 17th. They would follow up with meetings on October 7th after Executive Committee meeting; October 21st after the board meeting and November 11th.

Staff advised that November 11th would not work, the county is closed due to Veteran's Day. Meetings would be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 10th.

Mr. Dwyer advised leadership would include the County Executive, County Board and representatives from the judicial area. We need to determine organization in one building; various buildings, square footage; location, impact on satellite sites in order to build a consensus among leadership as to the direction we want to go so we can develop planning concepts. Meetings would be broken out to judicial and non-judicial with the final meeting discussing costs and prioritization of projects.

There was a short discussion regarding having a campus.

Mr. Dwyer stated that we would look at other designs such as one main campus for judicial and one main campus for administration supported by satellite functions. This will be discussed at the first leadership meeting.

Mr. Maher advised that a lot of this will be determined with what we can get accomplished with the City of Joliet depending on the buildings that will be purchased or destroyed.

It was agreed that the Friday, September 17th meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Traynere, second by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.