

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**April 15, 2010**

**8:45 a.m.**

**Will County Office Building**

**\*\*\*Auditor's Office Conference Room\*\*\***

**302 N. Chicago Street**

**Joliet, IL**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Adamic called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were:** Deutsche, May, Seiler, Brooks, Stewart, Winfrey, Babich and Adamic.

**Absent were:** Anderson, Wilhelmi and Winfrey.

**Also Present:** Pam McGuire, Duffy Blackburn, Bruce Friefeld and Nick Palmer

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** Melanie Manning.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mr. Brooks, to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**DISCUSSION OF APRIL 15, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mrs. Adams stated there are 3 proclamations that will be presented today and 4 others that will be read into the record.

**LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Tunney stated there is one case with a variance request for maximum accessory storage; there will be an updated letter on your desk from Crete Township stating they no longer oppose this request. The committee had a split vote and it was denied.

Ms. Deutsche indicated she met with the applicant who wants to store old cars; there are many mature trees on the property and this garage will sit directly behind the house. This is a

mixed subdivision. She was a no vote at committee but she will be a yes vote today; after seeing the property she does not have a problem with it.

Mrs. May commented she had also been a no vote at committee but will support it today since Ms. Deutsche has seen the property.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adamic stated the Auditor will provide his quarterly report. There are 4 resolutions going forward this month.

Ms. Seiler indicated there will be a special meeting workshop for any board member who is interested at an in-depth look at the bonding process.

Mr. Brooks commented they talked at committee about JJC defaulting on the bonds.

Mr. Friefeld indicated the county acted as a pass-through. We have no liability; we are just the conduit. JJC made them the obligation of the foundation for their student housing. Regarding the general obligation bond issue we are moving ahead; this is not coming back to the board – we have sat down with a financial advisor, Speer Financial who has reviewed the way it is structured and it is correct. Regarding the guidelines, the private sector can come in and make a request for allocation. We have to have a policy in place through the CED. There will be a \$1,500 application fee to make sure we are not inundated.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Babich reviewed the 13 resolutions including speed zones; condemnation cases and various awards for contracts.

Mrs. May questioned Resolution 10-110 for almost \$2 million of work on Wilmington-Peotone Road. How many miles is that for?

Mr. Gould answered it is for 13 miles. The cost for an overlay is about \$150,000 per mile; for a 5-lane curb and gutter the cost is about \$6.5 million per mile. This is a very big job.

#### **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Stewart stated there are two resolutions regarding grant funds for the juvenile detention center and juvenile probation.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Seiler indicated there is a resolution for the City of Lockport to participate in the pharmacy take-back program.

#### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Traynere stated there is a resolution regarding a Veterans' Facility at Silver Cross Hospital after they move; there was a change in the language from VA hospital to facility.

Mr. Babich commented Congresswoman Halvorson had inspected Silver Cross Hospital.

Mr. Adamic indicated there is certainly a need in our area.

Ms. Traynere stated there is also a resolution regarding the waiver of fees.

Mr. Friefeld indicated this is up to \$2,500 on zoning applications and only for local government entities.

Ms. Traynere commented on a presentation from a lobbyist on video gaming; getting various entities to changed their mind. There are already 40 licenses in unincorporated Will County; this will allow the county to get some money off of it.

Mr. Palmer stated the rules and regulations have not been promulgated. The 40 licenses that are eligible are not actual gaming machines; they may have entertainment machines.

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Traynere indicated there is a lease renewal for the garage for EMA. There was a question as to why we are leasing space.

Mr. Palmer stated obviously our goal is to get out of leasing. There will be a tour next month of the Laraway Road complex. It makes sense at this point for the short term until we determine what we are doing with our complex. When we get the needs study from Wight we will be making those decisions.

Ms. Traynere commented on May 4<sup>th</sup> the committee will hold a workshop on the non-judicial portion of the study and on May 18<sup>th</sup> will be the judicial portion.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adamic commented many of the resolutions are pretty self-explanatory.

Mr. Friefeld indicated we did receive notice from the University of Illinois Extension that they are reorganizing. We do not know how that will impact Will County but it should not stop us from approving the resolution for the match up to \$25,000.

Ms. May stated she contact the Extension and was informed there will always be a presence in Will County; there will always be an office here.

Mr. Friefeld indicated Resolution 10-130 opposing the reduction of local government distributed fund was heard at executive committee; Mr. Moustis will pass it back to Ms. Goodson.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Adamic asked if there were any questions on the appointments.

#### **Other Business**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Babich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.