

WILL COUNTY BOARD
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES

December 16, 2010

8:45 a.m.

Will County Office Building

Conference Room B

302 N. Chicago Street

Joliet, IL

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Adamic called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Babich, Brooks, Deutsche, Seiler, Stewart, Traynere, Wilhelmi and Adamic.

Absent were: May and Winfrey.

Also Present: Pam McGuire and Bruce Friefeld.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Traynere, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Ms. Traynere, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2010 Reorganizational Meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER 16, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Adamic stated there are 3 proclamations this month. One is a check presentation by the Elks Lodge; we are recognizing Mr. Berti on his retirement from the PZC Commission. We are also recognizing Michael Kelly on becoming on Eagle Scout.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic indicated in light of the reorganization all matters were heard at the executive committee; there is usually a lighter agenda in December as well. We will hear the Auditor's quarterly report. There is also a public hearing for the Recovery Zone Bonds for the G & W Electric project.

Mr. Friefeld commented they are moving from Blue Island to Will County; most of what is in Blue Island will be coming here.

Ms. Traynere indicated this is new jobs for our county.

Mr. Friefeld stated this is not like the tax abatements; the investment they are making - they will not walk away from.

Mr. Adamic indicated there is a request for a temporary use permit for the Port of Will County and we are also amending the ordinance for the digital billboards.

Ms. Franz commented this is to extend the moratorium for 6 months.

Mr. Friefeld indicated Resolutions 10-411 through 10-414 are to abate the taxes on the general obligation bonds; otherwise it goes on the levy.

Mr. Adamic stated Resolutions 10-416 through 10-418 are for right of way acquisition; Resolution 10-419 is for a temporary access permit for Ridgeport Logistics.

Mr. Friefeld commented the funds coming to WIB on Resolution 10-420 benefit the entire region; not just Will County. Resolution 10-421 is for the emergency repair of the elevator at Sunny Hill. They have already done the repair but you need to confirm it.

Mr. Adamic indicated Resolution 10-422 is for the enterprise zone expansion.

Mr. Friefeld stated this will benefit Wilmington and the development in that area; this will exempt the state sales tax on the purchase of construction materials. Resolution 10-423 is related to the enterprise zone as well; this is an intergovernmental agreement with Wilmington.

Mrs. Traynere asked what the salary was for Mr. Mahar on Resolution 10-424.

Mr. Friefeld answered it was reduced last year and another 10% this year; it is under \$50,000.

Mr. Adamic questioned Resolution 10-425 for Farnsworth Group.

Mr. Friefeld replied this is an hourly amount to do airport related work when they are needed. We have the contract because you never know when the issue will come up.

Mr. Adamic stated Resolution 10-426 is for a contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

Mr. Friefeld indicated this request is from the stormwater committee; they have allocated funds within their budget to fund this, not to exceed \$40,000.

Ms. Seiler asked if that replaces Howard Hamilton.

Mr. Friefeld answered the County Executive hired a subdivision engineering for the administrative end; Mr. Hamilton may come back on an as-needed basis.

Mr. Adamic commented the last 2 resolutions are replacement hires for Sunny Hill and the highway department.

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

Ms. Deutsche arrived at this juncture.

APPOINTMENTS

Other Business

Ms. McGuire provided an update on the integrated justice committee. We had a number of departments that attended and we found out there is a lot more information we could all be sharing between departments; it was encouraging.

Mr. Adamic commented it is much nicer when we see people and departments working together, where we can save money for the residents of the county.

Ms. McGuire indicated whenever someone has an altercation with law enforcement; probation does not know about that. Through this process they can monitor someone who is on probation.

Mr. Adamic stated we have received your reports showing the state owes us about \$35,000; is that going anywhere?

Ms. McGuire answered it is probably more than that; no it is not. At some point in time she would like to see about pursuing a suit; she is not sure if the State's Attorney's office would pursue that.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Traynere, second by Mr. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.