

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

**June 17, 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 8:45 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were:** Babich, Brooks, May, Stewart, Traynere, Wilhelmi, Winfrey and Adamic.

**Absent were:** Anderson, Deutsche and Seiler.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Brooks, to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**DISCUSSION OF JUNE 17, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Adamic stated there is one proclamation this month honoring the Will County spelling bee champion.

**LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Tunney stated Case 5902 was tabled last month; there has not been much cleaned up. There was discussion about moving this forward. The code enforcement department is still pursuing the violations.

Mr. Adamic indicated legally we cannot hold up the map amendment; there are requirements that the property is to be cleaned up.

Ms. Tunney commented he will not get a permit until everything is cleaned up. The land use department did not have any issues with the remainder of the cases.

Ms. Traynere expressed concern with the number of horses allowed in Case 5919-SV.

Ms. Tunney indicated the property is zoned A-2, which is a minimum lot size of 2.5 acres; he has 10 acres. If he had requested a zoning change to A-1 he could have an unlimited number of horses.

Mr. Friefeld commented on Resolution 10-167, refunding the letter of credit for Palomino Trace. First Midwest Bank foreclosed on this; we will refund the letter of credit to First Midwest Bank and they will give us a new letter of credit and will complete the infrastructure work in 9 months.

Ms. May commented the county has the money; either we pay for the improvements to be done or give the money back.

Mr. O'Sullivan indicated we anticipate this getting done in this construction season. Resolution 10-164 regarding the Water Resource Ordinance, which was remanded back to the land use committee; staff recommended removing the SSA language and moving forward with the balance to get the ordinance passed. This will come back to committee in July to work on the SSA language.

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wilhelmi indicated Resolution 10-174 is for the voluntary furlough and severance plans. This is the same thing that was offered last year; any employee will have to take the severance by the end of this fiscal year.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Babich reviewed the Public Works & Transportation resolutions.

Mr. Gould explained Resolution 10-180, which rescinds Resolution #10-44. The specs were modeled after the noise walls in Naperville. After we awarded the bid, we were informed that the manufacture was not state approved; Naperville had waived that requirement. To have the vendor go out for another supplier would have cost an additional \$40,000.00. He did not feel that was in the best interest of the county. We are rescinding the resolution awarding the bid and will re-bid. This should come back to the county board in July and we will still be able to get everything constructed this season.

Mr. Babich stated Resolutions #10-181 through #10-206 are all speed zones in Frankfort Township. We will have a consent agenda for those resolutions.

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Palmer indicated this resolution is for the JAG award we get every year; we needed authorization to sign the MOU and split the award 50/50 with the City of Joliet. The recommendation from the County Executive is to purchase in car cameras for the Sheriff's Department. The total award is approximately \$102,000.00.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adamic stated there are 2 bids for improvements at Sunny Hill and Emco Building.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adamic indicated there is a legislative update on your desk that covers a number of bills.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adamic stated there will be an update on the facility needs report.

Mr. Friefeld commented it will be formally presented and a motion will be needed to accept it.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ms. May advised staff there is an error on Resolution #10-213. In the second and third whereas, it should be Education Services Network and the amount should be \$444,959.00.

Mr. Palmer stated regarding Resolution #10-214; this will be the first building in Joliet with a green roof. Resolutions #10-218 and #10-219 were both bid out to give everyone a fair chance at this. It is part of our education campaign and will be paired up with the education person; the media consulting services will help drive people to the website to let the public know of all the services we have out there. American Eagle has done many government websites.

Mr. Adamic commented Resolution #10-220 is establishing the Finance Department.

Mr. Palmer indicated this is required by a State's Attorney's opinion to move Accounts Payable up to the Finance Department. It was necessary to move one staff person from the County Clerk's office to the Finance Department to streamline the efficiency of the A/P functions.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Other Business**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Traynere, second by Ms. Winfrey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.