

WILL COUNTY BOARD
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES

March 18, 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: Deutsche, May, Seiler, Brooks, Stewart, Winfrey, Babich and Adamic.

Absent were: Anderson, Traynere and Wilhelmi.

Also Present: Pam McGuire, Duffy Blackburn and Matt Ryan.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the corrected minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting and the minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

DISCUSSION OF MARCH 18, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Adamic stated there are two proclamations this month; one is recognizing the 2010 Census and the other is recognizing the Center for Correctional Concerns on their 30th anniversary. Mr. Walsh will also be reading the names of those employees who participated in the retirement program.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. DuBois indicated there is one zoning case for a map amendment from A-1 to E-1. There are five resolutions this month. One is for an extension of a variance on a zoning case;

the next is amending the Stormwater Ordinance regarding the definition of direct discharge; the next is to correct a scrivener's error; the next is for a Rural Historic Structures Survey project; and the last one is the final resolution for the Regional Water Supply/Demand Plan. This came back to the Land Use committee from the Executive committee with some stronger language.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic commented this resolution is for clean up for the year end budget shortfalls.

Ms. Winfrey arrived at this juncture.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Babich provided an overview of the resolutions.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Palmer stated after the Forest Preserve District meetings on April 7th there will be a tour at 10:30 of the Laraway Road facilities. The week of April 12th Wight will be sending out the draft of the final document to the board so the following week we will be able to have a meeting to discuss it; we are getting close to the end of the study.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic indicated the salary freeze for county wide officials and county board members are on the agenda this month. We appreciate the hard work the office holders, county board members and our employees are doing. With the economy the way it is; it is appropriate if we are asking our employees to do more with less then we should be doing the same; with the state removing the stipend; the county wide officials in some sense are taking a pay cut.

Mr. Ryan commented on the resolution authorizing the agreement with Bolingbrook ETSB. Bolingbrook had operated their own system and the decision was made for them to join Will County's 9-1-1 system. It makes sense from many perspectives; there is no impact on 9-1-1 funds or county funds. It will operate more efficiently with everyone under one roof.

Mr. Adamic commented at one time there were 16 PSAP's; now we are down to 7. The rate in Bolingbrook is .90 but the county's rate is only .75; that .15 will go back to Bolingbrook.

Mr. Ryan indicated Bolingbrook's rate was set by referendum.

APPOINTMENTS

Other Business

Ms. McGuire stated we are trying to establish an integrated justice governance board to work towards sharing data and information. The next meeting is on the 25th at 8:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Mr. Palmer commented this came out of the federal agenda issue; this includes the Sheriff, the Courts, the Circuit Clerk and others working together for the electronic transfer of information. We have been making small steps forward; we will come up with a blue print on how to move forward long-term.

Mr. Babich read a letter from Brett Garson with Smith Dawson and Andrews regarding the briefings of the Washington trip.

Ms. May commented the University of Illinois Extension has a table set up to sell tickets for their spaghetti dinner fund raiser.

Mr. Adamic indicated he will make comments during his report.

Mr. Palmer stated we had met with several different agencies in Washington – the Department of Labor; EPA; Army Corp of Engineers and talked about different projects. We met with Congresswoman Biggert and Congresswoman Halvorson and with staff from Senator Durbin and Senator Burris' offices. They were all good meetings; we were able to communicate what is going on here. They were asking about the success of the stimulus just because they want to know it is working so we gave them information on our summer youth program, the methane gas and the Ridgewood issue.

Mr. Adamic commented we still need to focus on Ridgewood. That situation has been going on way too long; until everyone has safe drinking water we need to keep that in mind.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Babich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.