

WILL COUNTY BOARD
REPUBLICAN CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES

February 18, 2010

8:35 a.m.

Will County Office Building
Will County Board Committee Room
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were: Dralle, Goodson, Gould, Konicki, Kusta, Maher, Moustis, Rozak, Singer, B. Smith, L. Smith, Weigel and Bilotta.

Absent were: Wisniewski

Also Present: Co Board Chief of Staff B. Friefeld, Deputy Chief of Staff M. Johannsen,

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Weigel led the caucus in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., second by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES

DISCUSSION OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Bilotta stated we will first swear in our newest County Board member, Ms. McPhillips. Congratulations. She will fill out the term for Mrs. Riley and she also won in the primary.

Mr. Gould questioned if Ms. McPhillips will be filling all of Mrs. Riley's committee spots.

Mr. Moustis stated yes.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Bilotta stated we do have proclamations. One is for Mrs. Riley. She was unable to come to today's meeting. Mr. Moustis will say a few words. We also have a check presentation. It is Black History month. I will handle the health care worker one.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Weigel stated there is a map amendment issue and plat development. There is a typo on case 5890-SV2 on the legal description. It will be corrected on the floor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated I would be happy to answer any questions if anyone has any.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Bilotta stated we are starting to get the construction projects out and we are working on the right of ways.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Dralle stated there are two resolutions. We did have a presentation regarding mental health court. They will be coming to Executive Committee in a few months.

Mr. Maher arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Gould inquired if there would be a special fund.

Mrs. Dralle replied only 3 to 7 people go through this court and at this time the money would be coming from Drug Court funds. She did anticipate funding would be required and advised that they will watch the funding mechanism.

Mrs. Dralle advised that the necessary drugs would be coming through the Health Department.

Mr. Moustis stated this is a worthwhile program and stated that the purpose of the mental health court is to divert people out of the court system and into the health system which will save costs.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Gould stated I would be happy to answer any questions if anyone has any.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Goodson stated there is a lot going on in Springfield. There is an issue with the capital bill. There have been 10,000 bills introduced. There is great deal of movement with SB1607.

Mr. Hoekstra stated there is another bill out there that has already been approved. It is SB2034. It will allow the EPA to look at various waste and determine if there is a reuse of the waste. There is an effort underway to amend that bill. Our concern is that the quarries will use that bill to get around what we did with SB1607. Once you get a Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) it is no longer a waste.

Ms. Goodson stated we did talk about a bill regarding funding in the Probation Department. Probation is not comfortable with this bill. This is a Metro Counties initiative.

Mr. Singer stated I believe there is a school funding bill downstate. The state is considering a number of school funding options. They would include a 4 day school week; cutting back on services they were forced to do such as busing. The state recognized they will not have the money. This bill will impact all levels of government.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Maher stated we will be having a workshop with Wight to talk about all the work they have been doing for the last number of months.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Moustis stated Resolution #10-30 has been amended. It is an ordinance not a resolution. We will have a public hearing. Will County owns the landfill. Today we will hear a lot of issues brought up during siting. Let's stay focused. The issue is not the resiting of the landfill. This is a 500 acre site and the landfill sits on 300 acres. The issue is the recirculation of the leachate. The other is the regeneration of methane gas and selling it as electricity. This was always the County's intent. We sell the gas to Waste Management.

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Gould, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES