

WILL COUNTY BOARD
REPUBLICAN CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES

April 15, 2010

8:35 a.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kusta called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Dralle, Goodson, Konicki, McPhillips, Moustis, Rozak, Singer, L. Smith and Weigel.

Absent were: Bilotta, Blackburn, Gould, Maher, B. Smith and Wisniewski

Also Present: 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved later in the meeting when quorum was established

DISCUSSION OF APRIL 15, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Weigel advised that there was one zoning case for a variance for an accessory structure to increase the size from 1800 square feet to 2,400 square feet. It is on 1.27 acres in Crete Township. He wants to restore antique automobiles in the building. This was approved by Planning and Zoning but not approved by Land Use. It was a split vote of 2-5. There was correspondence from 3 residents opposing this

change and a letter from the planning commission chairman opposing. I am told this morning that there is a letter from the planning commission this morning saying that they do not object to it now.

Mr. Radner advised that the township talked about having certain types of architecture features and landscaping. We are not allowed to condition variances.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kusta advised that they had a good meeting with our financial advisor Kevin McKenna regarding the bond issue. He recommended that anyone who has questions regarding the bond issue to read the resolution passed in December 2009 and if there are any follow up questions to contact Mr. Rafac or Mr. McKenna.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Bruce Gould advised that there are two condemnation parcels which are regarding the Panduit development on 80th avenue and 191st. The State's Attorney's office has taken the lead on this issue.

Mrs. Dralle inquired if the road projects are moving forward with the condemnation in a timely manner.

Mr. Gould advised that we meet with the State's Attorneys on a weekly basis and we have 3 attorneys now assigned to work on these condemnations in order to get them through.

Ms. McPhillips and Mr. Moustis arrived at this juncture.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Dralle advised there are two resolutions for the continuum of care program for juveniles that have come out of the detention facility and it presents psychological wrap around services for young adults.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ms. McPhillips advised that there is an agreement with the City of Lockport for pharmaceutical take back program.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Goodson stated there are two resolutions. The first one is a policy change indicating under what circumstances we would waive zoning application fees. We decided that the only circumstance where we would be willing to waive them would be for local units of government up to a maximum \$2,500.00. Historically, the staff

determined that from 1993 to 2008 there were only 40 occasions where we waived fees or gave refunds. We did it 6 times for not for profit organizations; 28 applicants withdrew; for the building fees, 9 applicants withdrew and 1 was a severe flooding event. In light of the economy, we need to be responsible for Will County.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Dralle advised there is one resolution regarding the rental agreement for EMA storage vehicles. The agreement is for one year with an extension for one year upon the State's Attorney's discretion. It is rental for a 36,000 square foot facility at a monthly rate of \$2,000.00 per month.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Moustis advised there is a resolution which he will just move over to the Legislative Committee regarding the local government distribution.

Mr. Moustis stated that Resolution 10-128 is for the AFSCME agreement to be extended for one year. There will be step movement but everything else stays the same.

Discussion of Public Works Department

Mr. Weigel inquired of Mr. Bruce Gould that we are improving the Wilmington/Peotone road, for \$2 million, is the bridge which is underrated going to be part of this project.

Mr. Gould replied no, it went to the County Board last month where we posted that bridge with a weight limit. Bruce Gould advised that a consulting services contract went to the County Board last month for design and replacement. We are fast tracking that structure to be replaced next year.

Mr. Weigel advised that he was at a 9-1-1 committee meeting yesterday and they approved taking to the full board the purchase of land on the Statesville property. They will take action next Thursday by the full board for purchasing that land. The County Board already approved that 2 years ago, a resolution allowing them to purchase the land.

Mr. Moustis stated that we allowed them to negotiate.

ASA Tatroe advised that there was approval to pursue it with the federal government.

Mr. Weigel advised they would also like the County to decide who was going to be in the building, if any of the County departments are going to be in the building if they build it or not. He advised that it was a split vote, 5-3 in favor.

Ms. Konicki arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Moustis read the last portion of the resolution stating that the Will County Board hereby concurs with the 9-1-1 board for the acquisition of the 20 acre parcel on Caton Farm and inquired if concurrence means approval.

ASA Tatroe advised she would have to read the minutes.

Mr. Moustis stated that the County has to own the property.

Mr. Kusta stated no action will be taken today, we must go through the process.

Mr. Moustis verified with ASA Tatroe that the County Executive and County Board has to execute that sale.

ASA Tatroe replied yes, because the property would be owned by the County because 9-1-1 board as it was formulated at this time was not given the authority to own property. They could, the resolution and duties could be altered to do that.

ASA Tatroe advised that under the statute today, County Board can grant those powers to the 9-1-1 board but have not done so.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.