

WILL COUNTY BOARD
REPUBLICAN CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES

July 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. Bilotta called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were: Blackburn, Maher, Moustis, Singer, and Wisniewski

Also Present: Deputy Chief of Staff M. Johannsen, Chief Highway Engineer Bruce Gould.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Mary Tatroe and Ken Grey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Johannsen led the caucus in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Bilotta advised there was a proclamation for Americans with Disabilities Act 20th Anniversary which would be presented by Lee Ann Goodson and Denise Winfrey.

DISCUSSION OF JULY 15, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Weigel advised that there were no zoning cases. There is a resolution for the fair market value of improved acre within school districts and an ordinance for the planning and zoning commission which lowers the majority vote needed. This is state allowed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kusta advised there are resolutions regarding transferring funds so grants can move forward.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Bruce Gould advised that all road projects have been shut down due to the strike by the construction workers. However, the electrical contractors are still working.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE - None

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE - None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Goodson advised that there is one resolution moving forward regarding HB5055. This has to do with Sheriff sales on foreclosures. We are opposing this legislation which is already on the governor's desk. This legislation opens the door for banks to hire private companies or the Sheriff to handle the evictions regarding foreclosures. We feel the Sheriff has done a good job, is effective and accommodating to the people being evicted.

Ms. Rozak stated this also trickles down to newspapers as the private companies may not advertise or publish the notices in local papers.

There was a short discussion regarding the process of evictions.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Dralle advised there is one resolution for continuation of the space needs study with an agreement into moving onto the master plan.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Bilotta advised there is a resolution for an agreement on Elise Boulevard regarding partial transfer of property. This is in relation to the mushroom farmer.

Ms. Smith brought up the public/private partnership with the Goyken Company regarding LED lights.

Mrs. Dralle stated she understood that Mr. Maher had a meeting with the City of Joliet and a fire station would have their lights replaced.

Mrs. Dralle advised this item will be discussed at a Committee of the Whole scheduled for the second Thursday of August, August 12th.

Mr. Bilotta advised that there are some CDBG grant programs being approved.

Mrs. Dralle clarified that regarding the hybrid bus, we agreed to relook at the dollars and not to purchase the bus.

Mr. Bilotta replied yes that was correct. The dollars are still in the budget but we did not approve the hybrid bus. We did not approve the sole source so it was not necessary to move forward with anything else.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Bilotta advised that there is an additional appointment of Michael Wisniewski to the IACBMC Terrorism Task Force. We realize that in November he will no longer be on the County Board but they have 3 meetings over the next few months and he stated he will attend them all. There is also one appointment to the Health Board.

Ms. Konicki inquired about the proposed budget regarding the energy and conservation grant program. There is a \$1 million for a GTE facility and requested a recap on that.

Mr. Bilotta replied that is what the board agreed to give towards the gas to energy program for Waste Management at the landfill.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Weigel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.