

WILL COUNTY BOARD
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES

April 21, 2011

8:45 a.m.

Will County Office Building
Auditor's Office Conference Room
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, Deutsche, May, Seiler, Winfrey and Adamic.

Absent were: Brooks, Stewart, Traynere and Wilhelmi.

Also Present: County Board Chief of Staff Bruce Friefeld.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

DISCUSSION OF April 21, 2011 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Adamic stated there were several proclamations on the agenda, including ones honoring The Exchange Club of Joliet, Supervisor of Assessments Rhonda Novak, Neuqua Valley Special Olympics Basketball Team, Autism Awareness Month and the Bolingbrook Girls Basketball Team's State Championship.

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic asked about Case 5965-V2 and the stabilization of the environmentally contaminated site.

Ms. Franz explained it involved the old Caterpillar property purchased by Center Point. A barrier must be installed to meet IEPA requirements because arsenic was found there.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Seiler stated there weren't any issues related to the meeting to discuss.

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Winfrey stated there were additions to some ongoing projects including one on Laraway Road. Three of the resolutions were related to the NICOR project on Caton Farm Road between County Line Road and Drauden Road.

Mr. Babich asked if anyone attended the meeting to object to the project at Weber Road and Renwick Road.

Ms. Winfrey answered a few people did attend the meeting. Some of them were concerned that the county is doing the area south of Renwick Road and not the area to the north. The county already has acquired the property to the north. The southern half must be acquired to create the turning lanes.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Ms. Lyne explained the administrative adjudication project is moving forward. There are recommendations in the County Board packet for a hearing officer and software.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ms. Seiler indicated four different state grants were discussed during the meeting.

Mr. Palmer commented there was a live tuberculosis case at Romeoville High School, and the county's TB clinic had notified people who had contact with the student and did skin tests for the bacterial infection.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Deutsch stated the bill allowing private companies to sell foreclosed homes has passed the House but not the Senate.

Ms. Seiler commented some compromise language has been suggested.

Ms. Deutsch explained it isn't solely a financial issue. When the Sheriff handles the sales, residents are treated compassionately.

Mr. Friefeld stated the bill barely passed out of the House.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Palmer explained the proposed installation of more LED lights in county buildings was discussed.

Ms. Winfrey noted there was discussion about installing the fixtures in a building such as the jail where the lights frequently would be used. The additional lights to be installed in the County Board room would be purchased from Borealis Lighting, the Goeken firm. Bids would be taken for any other lights.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic explained \$50,000 was being distributed to community groups such as the Peter Claver Center and the Warren-Sharpe Center.

Mr. Friefeld stated Waste Management had a \$50,000 check for the Laraway School District.

Mr. Babich inquired about Waste Management's plant that would convert methane gas into energy.

Mr. Friefeld stated there had been some difficulties related to Commonwealth Edison.

Mr. Adamic indicated the Reapportionment Committee would meet again at 1 p.m. on April 27 and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Friefeld stated there would be two maps at the next meeting, one for a County Board comprised of nine districts and one for 13 districts.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Babich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.