

**WILL COUNTY BOARD
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING**

**Will County Office Building
Conference Room B
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL**

MINUTES

**September 17, 2009
8:45 a.m.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were: Anderson, Deutsche, Traynere, May, Seiler, Brooks, Jr., Stewart, Winfrey, Babich, Wilhelmi, and Adamic.

Absent were: None.

Also Present: Matt Ryan and Pam McGuire.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Winfrey, to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion of September 17, 2009 Agenda

PROCLAMATIONS

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Radner stated case 5840-SV is a cargo container case.

Mr. Babich questioned what is their use.

Mr. Radner stated for the intermodal for shipping. This property already has a truck terminal on it. This is a cargo container facility and it must meet certain requirements of our ordinance.

Mr. Babich questioned will they be stationary.

Mr. Radner stated they will be moved in and out. This is close to Centerpoint. The site layout will determine how many containers can be there. The site plan will have to meet our requirements. There is one exception; there is an ordinance requirement for 1,000 foot set back from a floodplain or wetland. The applicant has requested a variance from that. They will not store anything in the floodplain but they will be able to go right up to the floodplain if this passes. There have been some changes, a condition will be added stating no cargo container will be stored in the floodplain. Also, condition six will be removed.

Mr. Babich questioned regarding resolution 09-259, what is the background.

Mr. Radner stated it is internet auto sales. It is permitted right now and we are just cleaning up the ordinance. This pertains to selling cars on line. The buyer picks up the car or it is shipped. There are no retail sales.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Seiler gave an overview regarding the finance committee resolutions.

Mr. Ryan stated regarding the budget, we have two problem areas. We were planning to use money from the parking lot fund to help fill the hole in juvenile detention and probation. The Chief Judge has told us that we cannot do that. The other issue is the severance and furlough. This budget will reflect numbers each department will get. Those numbers will be what they have to deal with. They do not reflect any layoffs at this point, but we cannot make that promise that they will not happen.

Mr. Babich questioned regarding the parking lot fund, what does the Chief Judge use it for.

Mr. Ryan stated Chief Judge uses the parking lot fund for maintenance on the lot, paying the parking lot employees and continued legal education for the

judges. Of the \$900,000 he has for education he has used \$25,000. The state does reimburse for part of that.

Ms. Traynere questioned can we volunteer for the furlough.

Mr. Ryan stated you can donate back your salary. Those dollars are tax deductible.

Mr. Wilhelmi questioned are we using any of the surplus to balance the budget.

Mr. Ryan stated we will use \$2 million for this year and \$5 million for next year.

Mr. Anderson arrived at this juncture.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Babich gave an overview regarding the public works resolutions.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic stated the recovery home is on the agenda this month. Were the neighbors notified?

Ms. McCabe stated not yet. We have to go to public hearing. There is a density requirement. Cornerstone has a home four blocks away. We will have a senior resident there and we will have office hours at the home.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mrs. May stated there is a resolution on the agenda regarding opposing the overlap services from Aunt Martha's.

Mr. Babich stated we will be removing that resolution.

Mr. Wilhelmi stated Aunt Martha's wants to build a new facility and submitted a grant for primary health care and mental health care services at Silver Cross' current location. Aunt Martha's asked the Health Center for a letter of support. We feel that spending federal money within the same footprint, that is a direct conflict of the use of the federal dollars. We do not oppose putting another hospital in the footprint, we oppose the federal funding being used at two locations within the same footprint. We want to pull this to give some time to negotiate with Aunt Martha's. They do work well with the Health Center, namely mental health.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Friefeld stated there is a resolution on the agenda regarding the bill that changes the regulations of the surface transportation board. We need to support this bill.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic gave an overview regarding the executive committee resolutions.

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.