

**WILL COUNTY BOARD
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING**

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

MINUTES

**August 20, 2009
8:45 a.m.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Adamic called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were: Anderson, Traynere, and Winfrey.

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 Mrs. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion of August 20, 2009 Agenda

PROCLAMATIONS

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Dubois stated there are four zoning cases this month and two resolutions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic stated the budget is a work in progress.

Ms. McGuire stated I have an issue with the severance package that is being offered do to the fact that it states no hires for nine months. My department cannot be without for that long. I am working on participating to some degree.

Mr. Friefeld stated there is a resolution on the agenda regarding the recovery zone. There are unemployment and foreclosure numbers that will be read into the record.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic stated I would like to remind everyone that there is drug court graduation today after the board meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Adamic stated the burning ordinance is on the agenda again. I have received emails on this. Let's get this passed so that we can move forward.

Mr. Friefeld stated section 93.022 will be amended on the floor, we will strike dry grass.

Mr. Babich stated I am totally against burning.

Mr. Adamic stated we have nothing on the books right now. We need something to enforce.

Mrs. Seiler stated I have issues with it but for different reasons but I also agree with Mr. Adamic. We need something to enforce.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Friefeld stated Silver Cross is looking for some guidance.

Mr. Adamic stated when the Coroner needed some space in the morgue, Silver Cross was good enough to allow us to use that space free of charge. We are just returning the favor.

Mr. Friefeld stated with regard to the generator, the PBC did not have the authority to do the contract. I will verify where the payment is coming from. There is also an issue with the new hires. There is a truck driver and a communications person.

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Ryan stated the communications position is in the budget and we did cut the salary by 10 percent. We are in the process of reducing our budget. This is a critical position and this person is committed to moving the County forward. This person will work in conjunction with the County Board doing communications jointly.

APPOINTMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Seiler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.