

**WILL COUNTY BOARD  
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

**May 21, 2009  
8:45 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Adamic called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent were:** Traynere.

**Also Present:** Larry Walsh.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Deutsche, to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2009 meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Adamic took this time to introduce the members to Ms. Denise Winfrey.

**Discussion of May 21, 2009 Agenda**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Deutsche stated there is not anything that is too controverserial

Mrs. May arrived at this juncture.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Brooks, Jr. stated we will move the meeting to the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Babich stated there is a lot of road work getting started.

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adamic stated there is a check presentation

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adamic stated it is my understanding they will table the fire issue on the agenda.

Mr. Babich stated I am waiting for a phone call from the American Lung Association. They have a resolution with regard to burning. Another issue is the pit bulls. They should not be able to own the vicious animals in this county.

Mr. Stewart stated the State's Attorney brought to our attention the issue of set aside.

Mr. Babich stated we should ban burning. There are a lot of different ways to get rid of the leaves.

Mr. Adamic stated we have a very diverse county.

Mrs. Seiler stated we have an ordinance that is not enforceable right now. At least this is something that can get on the books.

Mr. Friefeld stated the problem now is that we have an unenforceable ordinance.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Friefeld stated there is a resolution to support the South Suburban Airport Legislation. This is basically our legislation.

Mr. Adamic stated I thought this was a shell bill. If there is no language in there what are we supporting concepts of?

Ms. Deutsche stated the Senate bill has text, it's the House the bill does not. My constituents are against this and I will be voting no on the airport resolution.

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Anderson arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Anderson stated I support the concepts of the bill. There are things in there that I do not agree with such as the eminent domain. The main principal of this is local government which I think we have to support.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Babich stated the Public Building Commission has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday to close out the ADF. They did keep it under budget at \$67 million.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Friefeld stated there is an amendment to the bankruptcy lease resolution that has been placed on your desks.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Adamic stated the Stormwater appointment has been discussed. Mr. Wisniewski is looking for support. I have no problem with it. Our policy is if a County Board Member wants to serve we let them serve.

Mr. Babich questioned has anything been brought up regarding the courthouse in Will County. Has there been a meeting with the city council and County Board?

Mr. Friefeld stated leadership has been invited with Mr. Walsh to the planning sessions in Joliet. They are ongoing discussions and Mr. Thanas does plan to come here sometime in the future.

Mr. Stewart stated I will replace Mrs. Woods on the joint County/City committee.

### **LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Franz stated we have started to add a new condition for special use permits. In the past unless we were given permission from the property owner, staff was not able to get on the property without a search warrant. We are

planning to add a condition for a special use permit to allow staff to be on the property after the special use permit is granted. We have worked with the State's Attorney's Office to add the language that Land Use staff and the Sheriff's Department can be on the property after the special use permit is granted.

Mrs. Manning stated it basically gives consent beforehand.

**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.