

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

August 18, 2011

8:35 a.m.

302 North Chicago Street  
County Board Room  
Joliet, IL 60432

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Moustis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Bilotta, Adamic, Deutsche, Howard, Singer, L. Smith, Weigel, Dralle, Hart, McPhillips, Kusta, Maher, Traynere, Argoudelis, Goodson, B. Smith, Gould, May, Rozak, Konicki, Zigrossi, Brooks, Stewart, Winfrey, Babich, Wilhelmi and Moustis.

**Absent were Members:** None.

**Also Present:** B. Friefeld and M. Johannsen.

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** M. Tatroe and M. Manning.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by PTI – Executive Branch IT Assessment**

Mr. Mike Silverman and Mr. Dan Borgren gave a presentation on the IT Assessment of the Executive Branch.

Ms. Smith indicated this was not about computer and printers anymore. It is a critical problem in the county. We are just asking for you to adopt the plan – we are not asking for funding.

Mr. Moustis noted this gives the board an overview of where we are at with IT. We have another presentation on space needs; there is a relationship between the two.

If we acquire additional space we will be implementing IT in the new facility; that is all part of the capital investment. The Technology Committee will continue to work on the plan. We are going through the budget process now; if you are not going to commit resources to it – do not bother. We have to make a decision on how much we will commit to IT.

Mr. Adamic questioned how much we should set aside in the replacement fund. How much would it cost from where we are now to where we need to be?

Mr. Borgren replied every 3 to 4 years you should replace the PC's; the servers every 4 to 5 years.

Mr. Silverman stated \$135,000 per year for replacement would cover PC's and servers. The other items are more difficult. We have provided a range of costs. The total over the life of the plan, a one-time cost is \$6 to \$15 million; recurring costs associated with that are \$2 to \$4 million.

Mr. Moustis stated this is more than just IT software and hardware. We are talking about reallocating resources such as personnel resources. It is much more complex. Some will cost a considerable amount of money; some is just changing additional resources by hiring people with additional skills.

Mr. Maher commented the expense comes from the fact we are so many silos; we need to consolidate resources all across the county.

Mr. Moustis indicated that is part of the process we have to go through; hopefully at some point this will all come together. He thanked Mr. Silverman and Mr. Borgren for their presentation.

#### **Presentation by Wight & Company – Capital Master Plan – Final Report**

Mr. Maher stated this will give us an overview of the plan to review in the next 30 days. He would like to bring it back to committee in September to pass on to the full county board.

Mr. Moustis indicated eventually we will ask the board to accept the plan; then we will talk about implementation.

Mr. Jason Dwyer gave a presentation on the final report of the Capital Master Plan.

Mr. Maher re-emphasized when we take a look at major projects; these are not set up to be done tomorrow. We talk about and plan so those pieces that need to happen today can happen – so we are ready for the inevitable. He appreciates all the

work Wight & Company has done; they have given us a big picture that we have not had.

Mr. Moustis stated when we talk about large projects like we did with the jail – it was 5 years from discussion and plan to bricks and mortar; that is how long it takes. We need to continue to move forward and get prepared to do bricks and mortar. There is a lot of planning and effort and we should keep that in mind. We still need to start and when we get to the bricks and mortar step is when we determine how we will finance it.

Mr. Gould questioned if the recommendation is to move Coroner to Laraway Road.

Mr. Dwyer replied yes; we are looking for a way to consolidate the Coroner's facilities. Right now the morgue is at the Caton Farm Road site but all the office functions are in the Emco Building. As we look at ways to make a justice complex; moving the Coroner to Laraway Road could be a way to consolidate the services there.

Mr. Moustis indicated we have started discussions about re-development at Laraway Road; the Forest Preserve District is participating in that. We will look at that site and see what can be located at that site. We already own it but we need to bring sewer and water there.

Mr. Gould questioned what the plan is for Caton Farm Road.

Mr. Dwyer replied other than the highway department itself; there have been discussions about what the highway needs out there. In terms of some of the other functions that might have gone into a joint facility on Caton Farm Road; with that not really moving forward, we are looking at a different location for those. We would not rule out some additional property acquisition at Laraway Road.

Mr. Moustis thank Mr. Dwyer for the presentation.

**Questions Re: County Board Agenda (due to cancellation of Caucuses)**

Mr. Moustis asked if there were any questions regarding the County Board Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, second by Mrs. Dralle, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.