

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**April 2, 2009**

9:30 a.m.

Will County Office Building  
County Board Committee Room  
302 North Chicago Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Moustis called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Bilotta, Adamic, Kusta, Jr., Stewart, Dralle, Goodson, Maher, Seiler, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis.

**Absent were Members:** Gould.

**Also Present:** Friefeld.

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** Mary Tatroe and Phil Mock.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Ms. Seiler led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the executive session minutes from the February 11, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Ad-Hoc Technology Committee**

Mr. Moustis stated the following board members have expressed an interest in serving on the Ad-Hoc Technology Committee: Katrina Deutsche; Herb Brooks, Jr.; Laurie Smith; Ann Dralle; Chuck Maher; Michael Wisniewski; and Jackie Traynere. These can all go on the committee. He is choosing Ms. Smith as chair. He is asking the committee to determine what the real function of the committee will be. We have oversight of the Executive's Office; office holders with automated funds are independent. We need to know whether they will be participating in a meaningful way or if they will make their own decisions. In the past we have wasted much time and effort on areas where we have no effect.

Mr. Wisniewski indicated another goal of the committee could be to set standards for employees so all systems are compatible or similar in nature.

Mr. Moustis commented we can set standards but just like our purchasing policy that is followed by the County Board and those offices under the County Executive; no other office holder has to use that even though many of them do. He would love to see every office holder participate but not if they are going to do their own thing; we need to see if they are interested in universal solutions.

Mr. Wilhelmi suggested asking office holders to appoint someone to be a member of the committee; they really need to participate.

Mr. Moustis stated the committee will identify the different systems; we recognize the fact this is not a one size fits all situation – there will be different solutions for different operations. He would like to see the county-wide officials participate and to work with the committee and when decisions are made going forward that they are agreeable to the solutions.

Mr. Singer left the meeting at this juncture.

Mrs. Dralle commented she believes his outline of the work involved is well stated. We have to have a central point that we move forward from.

Mr. Moustis indicated we will also have some other department heads that will have to participate. He has high expectations of being successful. We will notify everyone on the committee to coordinate their calendars. Hopefully we can get a time that is suitable for everyone.

### **Other Old Business**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Laraway Road/Elsie Road**

Mr. Maher arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Mock stated there is litigation pending that involves the county and a condemnation case that does not involve the county. The two cases were consolidated and the judge asked Mr. Mock to ask the county board for direction. This involves property at Scheer Road and Laraway Road. The subdivision to the northeast uses Elsie Blvd as an exit onto Laraway Road. There is a temporary access permit since you cannot have a driveway and street that close to each other and Scheer Road does not line up with Elsie. Frankfort moved to condemn part of the driveway and to curve the driveway into Elsie, which would allow for Elsie to line up with Scheer Road. The problem is that it does not remove the property owner Styzinski's existing highway permit; the only way is if they would agree or by condemnation. We have not filed for condemnation; we thought Frankfort would condemn the existing entrance permanently, but they only took a temporary. He needs some type of direction – do we want to condemn their driveway? Mrs. Styzinski expressed concern about deliveries getting through and transportation of the mushrooms because of a weight limit on Elsie. We do not think what is occurring with Frankfort will solve this.

Mr. Moustis indicated this has been an on-going situation for a number of years. Based on past practice, Mr. Latz requested these roads line up. The developer is willing to spend \$1.8 million for re-alignment; we are talking about a very small piece of the Styzinski property.

Mr. Gould stated this is not only to have the roads line up but also line up for a complete intersection with left turn lanes. The developer has purchased right of way on south side as well.

Mr. Mock indicated Frankfort has stated they would enter into a covenant and not post a weight limit on Elsie.

Mr. Moustis stated the developer has made homeowners sign that they recognize the mushroom farm is there.

Mr. Mock indicated Mrs. Styzinski blames this issue on the death of her husband.

Mr. Moustis commented this has been stressful for them; the same thing happened in Naperville - they wanted them out.

Mr. Gould stated without that property those roads would be off set and we would not be able to build the turn lanes; that would be a safety issue.

Mr. Bilotta indicated we support the engineer on this. The developer is willing to pay for all the improvements and to meet our ordinance to get it done. He would like to continue to push for that.

Mr. Mock stated he is not asking for formal action but he is getting the intent from the committee. We will have to come for formal action to condemn their driveway. If we go back and say the county is prepared to go forward – that may help with the settlement.

Mr. Moustis suggested seeing if she would be willing to sell the whole piece of property; it is just under 5 acres. He suggested Mr. Mock work with Mr. Gould on why we feel it is beneficial to us – does that give you enough direction?

Mr. Mock answered he will have enough direction. He believes we will have to file on her – she will not settle.

Mr. Bilotta commented we will always give her access to her property.

Mr. Mock indicated Frankfort has put right in their pleadings that they will agree the road is an 80,000 pound road for the first 60 feet as long as the farm is in business so she is protected.

Mr. Moustis stated the mushroom farm is in New Lenox Township and the road is in Frankfort Township. There are boundary agreements involved, which further complicates the issue.

### **Other New Business**

#### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS**

1. Request for Numerous Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Dave Dubois – Attached Land Use Committee
2. Request for Waiver of Numerous Permits from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District – Dave Dubois – Attached Land Use Committee
3. Request to Award Bid for Historical Survey – Amy Munroe – Attached - Land Use Comm.
4. Request for Temporary Loan to Health Department – John Cicero – Attached Finance Committee
5. Request for Resolution Amending Budget to Accurately Reflect Changes in Real Estate Tax Revenues – Melissa Johannsen - Finance Committee
6. Request to Declare Banks as County Depositories – Pat McGuire – Attached Finance Committee
7. Request for Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates – Pat McGuire – Attached Finance Committee
8. Request for Cash Transfer from Workforce Investment Board to Workforce Services – Gina Tuminello – Attached Finance Committee
9. Request to Approve RTA RFP – Nick Palmer - Public Works & Transportation Attached
10. Request to Discuss Adult Probation GPS Tracking RFP – Rita Weiss – Attached Judicial Committee

11. Request for Approval of the 2009 JAG Allocation & Memorandum of Understanding w/ City of Joliet – Nick Palmer – Attached Judicial Committee
12. Request to Award Bid for Local & Long Distance Phone Service – Terri King – Attached - Executive Committee
13. Request to Discuss Results of GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation – Bruce Tidwell/AON – Attached - Executive Committee
14. Request for Amendment to County Radio System EDACS FX Software Agreement with M/A-COM, Inc., - Ed Bean – Attached - Executive Committee
15. Request to Amend County's 2008 Action Plan & 5-Year Consolidated Plan for HUD CDBG/NSP Grants - Ron Pullman – Attached - Executive Committee
16. Request to Declare Items Surplus for May Electronics Recycling Event – Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Committee

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS**

1. Placement of Items on the Public Works & Transportation Committee Agenda(s) - Attached
2. CMAP Draft Proposal for Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) – Jim Moustis - Executive & Legislative & Policy Committee(s)

Mr. Moustis stated the Heritage Corridor Visitors Bureau has come to us every year asking for funding. The county board has rejected them with good reason. We have designated them as our official tour agent so they could get state funding but we have never funded them. Most of this is done through municipalities with revenue streams to put to this. He is not inclined to fund this. We do not have to assign everything that comes to the board. If we were to assign this, it would be assigned to the finance committee and then come back here; we do not have to take any action.

Mr. Maher commented DuPage County had a flyer marketing their county.

Mr. Moustis indicated he has dealt with tourism agencies; we could talk to them about their ability to put a tourism campaign together. Tourism is done on a much more regional basis with a combination of chambers and municipalities; there is usually partnerships amongst municipalities.

Mr. Friefeld stated this is a funding issue. For every dollar we give they get a match from the state; the bottom line is we do not have time to put something together for this year. His recommendation is to use next year to work with municipalities and other counties and put something together to present to the county board and see if there is support.

Mr. Moustis suggested reaching out to local chambers.

Mr. Friefeld indicated Dr. Navarro has to notify the state by May 1<sup>st</sup> whether he will receive funds from the county and he needs to receive those funds by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Moustis commented it would be difficult to do this year; he asked the County Executive's office to start working on what we might put together, how we would reach out and an overall plan on who might participate.

Mr. Ryan indicated Mr. Friefeld brought up a good point; the dollars they are looking for does leverage state dollars. The initial reaction is we ought to have some defined plan especially given the economic times we are in; he was not aware of the tight time line. Mr. Walsh is very supportive of Heritage Corridor; they do a very good job from a regional perspective.

Mr. Moustis stated if we do this right we will be leveraging dollars for communities and chambers, which is a much larger opportunity to get dollars for everyone.

Mr. Maher commented the more marketing we can do to stop those driving through and then spend those dollars here.

Mr. Bilotta indicated we need to see what they can do with those dollars.

Mrs. Dralle commented she thought this would be going to legislative and policy for guidelines and rules and bring back to the executive committee.

Mr. Moustis stated he looks at this differently. It has more to do with economic development than anything else. It is getting people to come to Will County and spend their dollars in Will County. That is why the County Executive's office who is charged with economic development should take the lead as to how we develop something that is beneficial; just writing a check without knowing what you can get for it is just giving them money. We should have an idea how this will positively impact our tourism and therefore our economy. He prefer not to assign this until we have something. We can look at next year's budget at what type of funding we want to put towards this.

Mrs. Dralle commented as the County Executive's office looks at this, she hopes it is done from a regional perspective and not isolated.

Mr. Singer arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Moustis indicated the Forest Preserve District is another agency that could be involved.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Singer to remove two items from the list to be placed on the Public Works Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mrs. Dralle, to accept the committee assignments, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Moustis announced that Mr. Kusta will be the new chair of the finance committee. He is looking forward to working with him. He has talked with Mr. Kusta and Mr. Rafac; we need to start working on the budget already. The 2010 budget will be a tough budget.

Mr. Rafac commented the sales tax revenue is already down so far this year.

Mr. Moustis indicated there are certain contractual obligations where we know we have increases; the labor contracts are up this year. With the stimulus package there are some incentives that we might want to consider. We will look at some of those things. We will keep this ship going forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, seconded by Mr. Wilhelmi, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.