

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

April 9, 2009

10:00 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 10:16 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Maher and Singer.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Melanie Manning and Mary Tatroe.

Also Present: Friefeld.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Weigel led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Discuss Results of GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation

Mr. Moustis indicated this committee now acts as the insurance & personnel committee. AON is requesting to do a presentation on the GASB requirement that says we will put unfunded liabilities on the books. Because he considers this such an important document that needs to have our full attention he would like to have a separate meeting where this is all we will review. We will develop some additional strategy on how benefits are obtained.

Mr. Ross with AON stated GASB 43 and 45 are both accounting and funding; if you do not fund the liability your accounting liability goes up dramatically. One issue is the need for funding to pay for the benefits that you have guaranteed and how the benefit is earned.

Mr. Rafac stated Mr. Tidwell has been leading this process. We have met several times to discuss this. We think the evaluation method is the best way to go. This could impact our bond rating. We want to try to fund it as we go forward; while the number is large the number we have to fund is not quite as large.

Mr. Moustis commented during the process we will show when we will incur the cost.

Mr. Rafac stated this is a very complicated issue; he agrees that a special meeting is in order. AON has been extremely helpful.

Mr. Moustis suggested a joint meeting with finance and executive committees and consider a workshop since we will have a majority of the board.

Mr. Tidwell indicated they are looking at a June 1st target date to start implementation; we would like to meet some time in May.

Mr. Moustis stated we will coordinate with everyone.

Replacement Hires for Sunny Hill

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Adamic, to place the replacement hires for Sunny Hill on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Replacement Hires for Highway & Workforce Services

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Ms. Goodson, to place the replacement hires for Highway Department, Workforce Services and Records Management, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place the Appointments by the County Executive on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Proclamations

Mr. Bilotta stated we have several requests for proclamations this month. We will try to limit it to no more than 3. The other 5 listed on the agenda, we will honor them, but not do a presentation at the meeting. They will be listed as a sort of consent agenda; it will show that county board does recognize them.

Mr. Adamic indicated we realize there are many worthy causes and people deserving of praise and recognition. We are trying to balance that.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Bilotta, to place the proclamations, as amended, on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Local & Long Distance Phone Service

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for local and long distance phone service to AT&T. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Discuss Results of GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation

Mr. Moustis moved this item to the beginning of New Business.

Request for Amendment to County Radio System EDACS FX Software Agreement with M/A-COM, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the County Radio System EDACS FX Software Agreement with M/A-Com Inc. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Public Hearing to Amend County's 2009 Action Plan & 5-Year Consolidated Plan for HUD CDBG/NSP Grants

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a public hearing and resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the 2009 Action Plan and 5-year Consolidated Plan for HUD CDBG/NSP Grants. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution Designating Will County Land Use Department as Lead Agency for Application and Administration of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Federal Department of Energy

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda designating the Land Use Department as lead agency for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Application. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Declare Miscellaneous Items Surplus & Declare Various Electronics Items Surplus for May Electronics Recycling Event

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda declaring various items and surplus and authorizing their disposal. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

CMAP Draft Proposal for Development of Regional Importance and Related Co.

Exec. Correspondence

Mr. Moustis stated CMAP has implemented a requirement that a development of regional importance goes through CMAP for their approval. He is opposed to the whole concept; the only counties that will be affected by this are Will and McHenry Counties. He also understands that we have to participate and cannot ignore them. There is a recommendation

that came from the CED where they feel they have negotiated a tolerance point where we would never reach this threshold but he disagrees. He did not feel the reorganization of CMAP was good either. He does understand why the County Executive feels we can support this.

Mr. Ryan indicated we fully agree. This certain provision was a serious overreach of their authority – however it is in legislation. The CMAP board is required by state law to make some recommendation how this will move forward. The original proposal that came out of CMAP was far worse for us; we were able to make it better.

Ms. Lyne stated the most important point of the previous proposal put out by CMAP was that nearly every new development project would have been a potential DRI. The reason we felt we needed to live with this under the 2-year trial was because the threshold that is set in this most recent proposal is so very high that there will be few and far projects that they will be looking at. She does agree that even though that threshold is so high, there is the potential that some of the projects that occur in Will County, probably a lot of the Intermodal developments that are under discussion will qualify for review by CMAP. It is not as nearly to the scale as the original proposal. In order for CMAP to look at these projects someone has to bring it to the attention that it is going on and lobby the CMAP board to look at it. In previous proposals they did not have a time line identified. They could ask for information on a project and not tell us how long they will take to review it. They identified clearly when they could ask for information and when a project is already too far for them to step in and then they set themselves on a 30-day deadline.

Mr. Moustis asked if this includes public projects such as the airport.

Ms. Lyne answered yes; it includes any public or private projects.

Mr. Bilotta commented he was the NIPC representative for the past 4 years before it became CMAP. This is much better written than the first time. He does agree with the letter from the County Executive although he does not like the whole concept.

Mr. Ryan commented if we continued to say no there is a block of legislators that could make things worse. This is a 2-year trial; we can live with this and hopefully it will go away.

Mr. Moustis indicated we do have to give our comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda regarding the proposed CMAP process for addressing Developments of Regional Importance. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Moustis announced the passing of Jean Warner who worked for many years in the Law Library and offered condolences to the family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use & Development – T. Weigel

Mr. Weigel stated there is one resolution regarding the Historic Survey consultant contract for Wilmington and Jackson Townships that will be heard by the committee on Tuesday. There will be a public hearing on April 28th at 7:00 p.m. on the conservation design.

Finance – E. Kusta

Mr. Kusta indicated this will be his first report as finance chairman. The committee will be meeting on Tuesday.

Mr. Rafac indicated the final adjustment for the levy number was due yesterday.

Mr. Moustis stated we set it low very early on knowing that we have to readjust them to get the actual numbers; this is an annual exercise to make sure all levies are collected.

A brief discussion followed regarding the levy numbers.

Mr. Kusta commented this is one of the most complicated areas in what we do.

Mr. Gould indicated it would be beneficial to do some type of workshop.

Mr. Moustis suggested having something offsite.

Mr. Cicero offered the use of the Health Department meeting rooms.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to save space for 6 resolutions, to be heard by the finance committee on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Public Works & Transportation – J. Bilotta

Mr. Bilotta stated we are bringing forward the 2030 Transportation Plan, which is a very lengthy plan. We are also making changes to the access regulations; in light of the economy, we are allowing a 2-year extension on the temporary permits, instead of 6 months. We have 5 condemnation cases; 4 are on 143rd and Bell Road and one is at the noise wall on Plainfield-Naperville Road. The majority of condemnation cases are settled before seeing a judge. We are working with the State's Attorney's Office for an attorney for the Build Will Program. There is a roadside memorial program where family members are able to purchase a sign to be erected at the site where they lost a loved one in an accident; the sign is there for two years.

Judicial – A. Dralle

Mrs. Dralle indicated they had a very lengthy meeting. She has a report to place on file addressing the ADF staffing requirements. The Sheriff's Department has requested 20 additional CO's. There is continued discussion regarding the hearing officer.

Public Health & Safety – D. Gould

Mr. Gould stated he has no resolutions this month.

Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson

Ms. Goodson indicated she has 3 resolutions this month. One is the revised abatement guidelines. The committee went through this line by line and came up with some good suggestions for raising the bar for businesses applying for abatements. Another resolution is opposing HB270 regarding the proposed increase in the board members of CMAP, from 15 to 17. The other resolution is supporting HB2559 which creates a credit for mobile home parks to help pay for the cost of storm shelters and provide an opportunity to have the parks set aside funding to pay for building the shelter. The committee discussed SB1607, which deals with demolition debris from other counties and allowing this to be placed in licensed quarries. Will County has particular interest in this since we have 9 licensed quarries. We are opposed to allowing this to happen. The construction debris contains contaminants, which would be put in our quarries and could leach into our water. Another issue is the number of trucks carrying this debris into the county. The Director of the EPA does not seem too concerned about this bill.

Mr. Moustis commented it is difficult to understand why it is moving so rapidly. With our Will County Solid Waste Plan; does this type of legislation over-ride anything we have here?

Mr. Olson replied it would hurt us; it is not in our plan to allow for this. The quarries charge less than half what the landfill charges.

Mr. Moustis suggested drafting letters to the legislators.

Mr. Ryan indicated they have submitted letters; we will meet with proponents of this to try to get an understanding of this.

Ms. Goodson stated every year the ICC Rail Safety Division puts out a report on safety measures. The beginning of the month, they began a review of every crossing along the CN rail to evaluate what upgrades needed to be done. They should be concluding that review by the end of the month and they will be sharing the projects that they deemed necessary.

Capital Improvements – C. Maher

Mrs. Dralle indicated she will need to save 5 spaces for resolutions. Four of them are for lease renewals at the Executive Centre for the Public Defender; Recorder of Deeds; Land Use; and VAC. The fifth resolution is to for a potential vendor for the facilities needs study.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Weigel, to save space for 5 resolutions, to be heard on Monday, April 13, 2009. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Executive – J. Moustis

Other New Business

Mr. Moustis stated the meeting dates are set for everyone and should not be changed when someone cannot attend.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mrs. Dralle, that the meeting dates will not be changed for a committee meeting without the majority consent of the committee members. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2009 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the April 16, 2009 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mrs. Dralle to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.