

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

August 13, 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 11:38 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Maher and Seiler.

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

Also Present: Friefeld.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Approval of Voluntary Furlough Plan and Voluntary Severance Plan

Mr. Rafac stated in the last 2 weeks, we have had to reduce our revenue projections by \$2.5 million to reflect a cut in the replacement tax revenues that are coming from the state as well as reductions in funding that is expected for salary reimbursements in probation and juvenile detention; that puts our deficit at \$11 million as of today.

Mr. Moustis indicated when the state cut probation and juvenile detention we have no ability to raise those funds. There is a real probability some of that will have to be cut; we may have to discuss this with Chief Judge.

Mr. Rafac commented he had met with Mr. Costigan and Mr. Sangmeister; those discussions will happen.

Mr. Tidwell provided the latest draft of the voluntary severance and furlough plan. The board had authorized the County Executive to explore alternatives for the 2010 budget; one of the ways is to offer these plans, which he proceeded to explain.

Mr. Moustis commented he is interested in what elected officials are going to offer.

Mr. Bilotta arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Tidwell stated we have not heard back from them all. The Superintendent of Schools and the Treasurer are on board. We have heard the Sheriff may not participate; the Circuit Clerk is still debating. We have been getting positive input from individual employees; they are very open to the plan. We have met with union leaders who will be meeting to talk further about the plan. Overall we have received positive feedback.

Mr. Moustis requested continuing updates. He asked elected officials to make a decision whether they will participate or not.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda approving the voluntary severance and furlough plans. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Resolution for Execution of Bankruptcy Court Lease

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the execution of the bankruptcy court lease. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with Homer Glen for Household Hazardous Waste Event

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the intergovernmental agreement with Homer Glen for a household hazardous waste event. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution Authorizing County Executive to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Consulting firm to Prepare an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to negotiate and execute an agreement with a consulting firm for an energy efficiency & conservation strategy. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Digital Printer

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for digital printer to Xerox Corp. for a total cost of \$206,575.00. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Extend Current Telephone T&M Maintenance Rate with Avaya Business Partner

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda extending the current telephone T&M maintenance rates with Avaya Business Partner. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution to Enter into Contract with Avaya Business Partner

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a contract with Avaya Business Partner for phone system hardware maintenance. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion Re: Class B Biosolids in Residential Areas

Mr. Friefeld indicated we received correspondence from a resident on this issue.

Mr. Moustis suggested this be assigned to the Public Health Committee. This is state regulated; he does not know what we can do. We can ask the IEPA for their input.

Request for Will County Recovery Zone Facility Bond Application

Mr. Friefeld stated we had a request from Romeoville to be designated a recovery zone. The recommendation is to designate all of Will County as a recovery zone; it is appropriate for the entire county.

Mr. Rafac indicated this resolution was modeled off of the resolution that was passed by DuPage County. We meet all the conditions; the next step is to decide how to allocate recovery zone bonds.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda declaring Will County a Recovery Zone. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Replacement Hires for Sunny Hill Nursing Home

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Stewart, to place the replacement hires for Sunny Hill Nursing Home on the County Board Agenda. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Replacement Hires for County Executive/Highway Department/Workforce Services

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place the replacement hires for County Executive, Highway Department and Workforce Services on the County Board Agenda. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to "D" Construction (\$107,485.47) let on August 5, 2009 – Laraway Road and Wolf Road, Section 09-00138-31-GM, County Board District #1

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Singer, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the contract to "D" Construction for Laraway Road and Wolf Road in the amount of \$107,485.57. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Improvements by County under the IL Highway Code, Laraway Road and Wolf Road, Section 09-00138-31-GM, County Board District #1, using the County's Allotment of MFT Funds (\$125,000)

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the use of County MFT Funds in the amount of \$125,000 for the improvements to Laraway Road and Wolf Road. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion Re: Illiana Expressway Feasibility Study

Ms. Lyne indicated the State of Indiana started a feasibility study about 2 years ago to look at 3 potential corridors for the Illiana Expressway between I-57 and I-65 and 6 weeks ago they released it to the public. The next step is to do the Phase I and the EIS to determine which route would be the best location.

Mr. Moustis requested all board members be e-mailed the link for the map. This may be built as a toll way.

Ms. Lyne stated the discussion that is occurring now is that instead of using the Toll Authorities in Illinois and Indiana, the concept is to create new bi-state port authority to build, own and operate the road; this could be a potential agency that would help with high speed rail.

Mr. Moustis commented a port authority can be helpful. Could we create Will County Port Authority?

Mr. Friefeld answered we would have to research that. It could be helpful for a number of projects.

Ms. Lyne indicated legislation already exists that identifies how to create port authorities; that is what they are talking about using to form this bi-state port authority.

Mr. Gould commented we should seriously explore that with Indiana; there is much potential with the Intermodals and possible airport.

Mr. Adamic recommended an overlay showing the proposed airport on the map with the proposed Illiana corridors.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Weigel, to move the discussion regarding the Illiana Expressway feasibility study to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Singer suggested discussing this at a committee of the whole with IDOT representatives present.

Request to Lease Morgue Space to Silver Cross Hospital

Mr. O'Neil stated Silver Cross let us use their facility for free until we opened our facility in 2002. They are in the process of constructing their hospital and they do not want to build the autopsy suite at this point in time due to the cost. They would like to use our facility and would use their own pathologists and equipment.

Mr. Moustis commented he does not see any problems with that; they have been very cooperative.

Mrs. Tatroe stated it does require a supermajority vote or you can delegate the coroner to negotiate the lease.

Mr. Moustis indicated he would rather have the County Executive do it.

Mrs. Dralle questioned since we have limited space within our facility would we have preference in some type of emergency.

Mrs. Tatroe replied it would only be allowed if there is available space. She suggested the board authorize the County Executive to negotiate and execute the lease.

Mr. Friefeld asked where the revenue goes.

Mr. O'Neil answered it will go into the general fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Bilotta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to negotiate and execute a contract for Silver Cross Hospital to lease morgue space. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Appointments

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

Proclamations

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

Resolution Awarding Contract for Emergency Backup Generator Project at Sunny

Hill for the Health Department

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the contract for the emergency backup generator project at Sunny Hill for the Will County Health Department. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Recovery Zone Designation

This was discussed under Item #8.

Resolution Re: Medical/Vision and Dental Contributions of Retirees under 65 and Spouses, and Medicare-Eligible Retirees and Spouses Effective August 1, 2009

Mr. Tidwell stated we have open enrollment every year for retirees; the new rates were developed by BC/BS. We are in the process of putting together an RFQ for a benefits consultant to come in and review all our benefit plans.

Mr. Moustis commented for a number of years they rated differently for those over 65. These benefits are generous; we provide benefits that exceed the norm.

Mr. Tidwell indicated we not only look at the active plan but also the retiree plan; this plan has been in place for many years. For our overall review we want them to look at the retiree plan as well.

A brief discussion followed regarding the retiree plans.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda setting the medical/vision and dental contributions rates for retirees, effective August 1, 2009. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use & Development – T. Weigel

Mr. Weigel stated there are 4 zoning cases and 2 resolutions. We will have a special meeting on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. to set dates for a SUP for a rodeo.

Mr. Singer asked if they have been complying with all requirements.

Mr. Radner answered to the best of our knowledge; yes.

Finance – E. Kusta

Mr. Kusta asked if there were any questions.

Public Works & Transportation – J. Bilotta

Mr. Bilotta indicated we will have the two additional resolutions that were approved today.

Judicial – A. Dralle

Mrs. Dralle stated she has no resolutions but will have some comments.

Public Health & Safety – D. Gould

Mr. Gould indicated we are trying again with the burning ordinance. Please review it and if you have any questions please contact me. There is strong opinion on both sides. We do not have anything in place that is enforceable at this point. There are 2 other ordinances that we will have public hearings next month for swimming pools and well permits; that will come forward at September's board meeting.

Mr. Adamic commented we will not please everyone but we will have an ordinance we can enforce.

Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson

Ms. Goodson stated she hopes to have a federal update. The Governor has signed some bills that will affect the county that she will comment on as well.

Capital Improvements – C. Maher

Executive – J. Moustis

Other New Business

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2009 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Kusta, to approve the August 20, 2009 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Adamic to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.