

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 1, 2010

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 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Gould, Maher, Singer and Wilhelmi.

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

Also Present: B. Friefeld.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Kusta, to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Creation of Benefits Consultant Ad Hoc Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Weigel, to concur with the recommendation by the Human Resources Direction on the selection of the Ad-Hoc committee to review the proposals for a benefits consultant. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Re: Revising County Board Reimbursement Policy

Mr. Friefeld indicated this to clarify some things as county board members went to various functions.

Mr. Moustis commented such as when someone attends a chamber luncheon. We pay for the membership to the chamber; if a board member wants to attend and there is an additional cost it is on the member – not the county. We do not need a resolution for this; it is more of an internal policy.

Discussion Re: Recommended 9-1-1 Appointments

Mr. Moustis stated looking at the 9-1-1 structure it very specifically says where people are to come from; he is not sure if these appointments follow that structure.

Mr. Ryan commented they are representing the same people in the PSAP.

Mr. Moustis expressed concern with the appointment for Steger.

Mr. Palmer stated Wilmington Godley Steger had shared an appointment; Wilmington and Godley were folded in.

Mr. Moustis indicated now a very small entity is getting their own appointment. He suggested holding off while we look at restructuring the 9-1-1 board. He would like to see another county representative; certainly a small community like Steger would not get their own appointment on 9-1-1.

Mr. Bilotta commented that gives them as much power as Wescom.

Mr. Moustis suggested looking at restructuring to reflect the changes in the PSAP.

Mr. Ryan indicated at the next meeting we have to adopt rules to allow Bolingbrook to be appointed.

Mr. Moustis stated it makes sense to have Bolingbrook.

Mr. Ryan indicated we will move all others forward and hold off on Steger.

Other New Business

Mr. Kusta indicated the external audit will expire and we need to put together a committee to start looking at the RFP.

Mr. Moustis stated we will get something together. He suggested Mr. Kusta, Mr. Rafac, another representative from the finance committee and a representative from the executive committee.

Mr. Rafac indicated you may want this committee to be the review body for the current audit. Would you want that held at a county board meeting?

Mr. Moustis answered a committee of the whole is good for those types of things; we could do it after the Forest Preserve District meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Ms. Seiler, to set up a review committee made up of Mr. Kusta, Mr. Rafac, another member of the finance committee, and a member of the executive committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Palmer stated we picked projects for the energy efficiency block grant, which is \$3 million. We have \$1 million for the gas to energy; we had \$600,000 for revolving loan; \$500,000 for retrofits and money for education. We debated shifting the revolving loan money to the retrofits because we believe that would be a better use of that money. We will come back next week with something written; the goal is to have all money obligated by June.

Ms. Seiler requested an update on the NSP program at the next meeting.

Mr. Adamic stated the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension had asked to put something on the agenda to help them out.

Mr. Moustis indicated District 8 gets money from the funds from Waste Management that goes directly to that district and the county gets the same. Currently we have \$100,000; his recommendation is to match up to \$25,000. He thinks the extension is doing a much better job reaching out and trying to raise funds; we should encourage that with a match.

Mr. Kusta asked if that would be a one-time sum of money; he would want to see that it is clear this is not an ongoing contribution.

Mr. Moustis indicated he thinks they probably understand that. The county takes a direct role in the extension. It is a little different relationship than other types of not-for-profit; it is really a government agency. When times were good we have boosted that money up; right now we have a revenue stream for these types of purposes, which will end. We have to guard that money closely. He likes the idea of giving incentives to the extension.

Mr. Weigel commented the state was talking about dropping funding for the extension; the whole organization may go away.

Mr. Moustis indicated the state will have a problem eliminating it totally.

Ms. Goodson stated the extension is a very worthy organization. The legislative committee has been discussing putting together a policy regarding these types of funds in light of the whole economic situation; we need to go forward with putting a policy together.

Mr. Moustis reiterated the extension is not like other not-for-profit organizations; it was created by legislation and we should not be comparing it to other organizations. We have historically funded this with tax dollars. The only reason he suggested using these funds instead of tax dollars is that things are tight.

Mrs. Dralle commented she is supportive of the extension but in this economy, she is having a difficult time even with the matching funds. They are a great organization but we have so many unfunded mandates coming through from the state and the finances in 2011 will not be good. She believes there may be a better opportunity or situation in the future for those dollars; she would like to support this if the economy was better.

Mr. Moustis stated this is not tax dollars; this is a good use of this money.

Mr. Bilotta indicated we did make a commitment to look to do something this spring. As long as they do understand we can do it this year but we want them to do some of the work; he has no problem with this.

Mr. Moustis commented if the state holds up to their part of the agreement, the money does get leveraged

Mr. Kusta indicated he will accept the proposal even though he is not in favor of it. Should we get something from the state for their commitment?

Mr. Friefeld replied the extension has to have our money to get the money from the state. There is a relationship with the extension and the county; they do provide educational services. With putting in the terms of the match you encourage what they have not done in the past, which is to reach out. If they were to go to the townships and get \$1,000 each that would be the \$25,000. They have not gotten a great response from the townships. This will allow them to wean themselves off the county fund – knowing someday there may not be money coming from the county.

Mr. Kusta commented because it is not taxpayer dollars, he will accept it; he would like to see a policy in place to handle requests from non-profit organizations.

Mr. Moustis stated we historically match \$25,000 to United Way; we might want to use this money for that. District 8 gets their money; our efforts with the rest should be more county-wide. This is a good way we are doing it. We will put the extension on the agenda for next week.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

1. Request to Appropriate ARRA Grant Award in Juvenile Detention Budget – Mike Costigan/Debbie Miklic – Attached - Finance & Judicial Committee(s)
2. Request to Authorize the Transfer of Appropriations to Fund Matching Grant Portion of Probation Continuum of Care Grant from IL Criminal Justice Authority – Mike Costigan/Debbie Miklic – Attached - Finance & Judicial Committee(s)
3. Request for Transfer of Appropriations in Public Defender's Budget – Frank Astrella – Attached - Finance & Judicial Committee(s)

4. Request for Appropriation of Grant Funds in Sheriff's Budget – Deputy Chief Romeo – Attached – Finance & Judicial Committee(s)
5. Request for Resolution Amending 2010 Budget to Accurately Reflect Changes in Real Estate Tax Revenues – Melissa Johannsen/Paul Rafac
6. Request to Create Funds 309 and 409 for Bond Proceeds Debt Service – Paul Rafac – Attached – Finance Committee
7. Request to Discuss Resolution in Support of a Veteran's Hospital @ Silver Cross at Legislative Committee - LeeAnn Goodson
8. Request to Approve Renewal of EMA Garage Lease – Harold Damron – Attached - Capital Improvements & Public Health & Safety Committee(s)
9. Request to Cancel RFP for New HR/Finance System – Rita Weiss/Paul Rafac – Attached – Executive Committee
10. Request for Distribution of Waste Management Laraway Road Host Agreement Funds to District #8 Community Groups – Frank Stewart – Reso Attached - Executive Committee
11. Request for Renewal of County Radio System's Software Agreement with Harris Corp. (formerly known as M/A-Com, Inc.) – Ed Bean – Attached - Executive Committee
12. Request for Approval of Workforce Incumbent Worker Training Contract for Nurses at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center – Pat Fera – Attached Executive Committee
13. Request to Declare Various Countywide Items Surplus – Rita Weiss – Attached – Executive Committee
14. Request to Award Bid for Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Committee
15. Request to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lockport to join Will County/IEPA Medication Take Back Program – Marta Kean – Attached - Executive Committee
16. Request for Resolution Authorizing the County Executive to Apply for and Use EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) for Ridgewood Phase 6 – Ron Pullman – Attached - Executive Committee
17. Placement of Items on Public Works & Transportation Committee Agenda - List Attached

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Stewart, to accept the committee assignment requests, as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Goodson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.