

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

August 5, 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 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Bilotta, Seiler and Singer.

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

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. Stewart, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2010 benefits consultant ad-hoc committee meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2010 meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Maher, to approve the executive session minutes from the July 1, 2010 meeting. All in favor.

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A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2010 meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Recovery Zone Facility Bond Application

Mr. Rafac stated he has nothing to bring forward this month. We expect to have 2 to 3 applications for next month to approve; at that point we will do either a resolution to spend the money going forward or approve the official allocation of the funds. This money has to be bonded by the end of the year. We have \$41.137 million.

Mr. Moustis asked how much is the application requests and how you make the determination.

Mr. Grueling answered we have more than the allocation right now. It is a policy decision. Once an inducement resolution has been passed, the key is whether the project can actually get underwriting. Once it is passed, we have to set a limit of possibly 60 days for them to line up their financing.

Mr. Rafac stated we also have to act with a formal resolution for a fixed dollar amount; they have to sell the bonds by the end of the year.

Mr. Moustis asked if there is some reasonable expectation of underwriting.

Mr. Grueling answered it is a formal application process; there is demonstration that they have a bond buyer and adequate guarantees in place. We have one that could definitely move forward and we are going through a third application right now. He suggested a working group to review the applications.

Mr. Moustis stated that will be Mr. Kusta, Mr. Adamic, himself and someone from the Executive's Office.

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

Request for Resolution Authorizing the County Executive to Negotiate and Execute Video Program Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. (NACo Premier Corp. Member)

Mr. Palmer stated they were contacted by CGI Communications, which is a corporate partner with NACo. They do videos that are basically promotional through our website. There are a number of municipalities in the county that are already doing this. They do all the video footage and write the script with our cooperation and they embed this on the county's website. There is no cost to the county. We view it as a good way to promote the county; the focus would be county centered. The advertising is done by the company. There would be a letter from the County Executive and Mr. Moustis so that everyone knows the county has approved the agreement. We would commit to 3 years partnering. The long term thought is to do this for 3 years and then possibly doing something in-house.

Mr. Moustis indicated he is a little leery in selling advertising in our name. He would be more supportive of doing something ourselves to promote the county; we have some control. He understands it is a money-making venture by the company using Will County by giving us the video. He would rather look at doing our own type of production to put on the website. We could work with universities. He does not like the advertising portion of it – the county being used to sell ads.

Mrs. Dralle questioned what they anticipate for viewership.

Mr. Palmer replied he does not have those numbers. Many people search for Will County and may get the county website; we want them to get a positive view of Will County.

Mr. Maher commented there are ways to drive people to your website. He would be interested to know how those advertisers would be part of sending people to Will County's website.

Mr. Adamic indicated he would be willing to give it a shot for 2 to 3 years; we reserve to pull any offensive ads.

Mr. Weigel commented he would be willing to give it a try see if it does any good.

Mr. Moustis indicated he does not see where you are getting very much.

Mr. Maher stated a 3 year contract is a little long when you do not know what we will get.

Mr. Palmer indicated he will try to negotiate to 2 years. He thinks this is a good product; in the end do we want to look at some ways to promote Will County.

Mr. Moustis commented the advertising becomes a distraction. He would like for us to continue getting information. There is no real time frame; we can explore some of the alternatives and see what our capacity and ability is in house - what it would cost putting on our server.

Mr. Palmer stated we do not have a lot of expendable funds; we would not use corporate dollars on it.

Mr. Maher indicated we could get other revenue sources to cover these costs and reduce our initial expense.

Mr. Moustis stated if we could do it internally we could partner with universities; there would be a one-time expense. What is the real value we are getting from this company?

Mr. Gould commented the problem with ads is that they will be construed as endorsement; whatever business is on there – it may be a legitimate business.

Mr. Palmer stated he is asking for direction. He thinks it is a good idea but your concerns are legitimate and we are trying to be careful. We are trying to promote Will County that it is a great place to be. If this is not the mechanism we will find something else.

Mr. Kusta commented the benefit does not outweigh the risk.

Mr. Maher indicated he would like to know what we can do internally before we engage in a 3 year contract.

Mr. Moustis requested they bring back in detail what our capability might be in house. We may be able to partner with the CED as well.

No action was taken on this issue.

Will County Integrated Justice Update

Mr. Palmer stated there is an ad-hoc group made up of the Chief Judge, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff's Department, Public Defender, State's Attorney's Office, WC Chiefs of Police, County Executive and 9-1-1. We signed a memorandum of understanding to work together. We had an RFQ for consultant and had 4 vendors bid and 3 vendors interviewed. We are having discussions which one is the best fit. They are all qualified and comparable price. There are 2 out of state and one from Illinois. We are doing additional reference checks. We are meeting tomorrow to get to a decision. Our goal next month is to bring a vendor back for approval; the goal is to come up with an assessment of our criminal justice system, how information flow happens and how it can be done better.

Mr. Moustis questioned why it would come to this board. Through our own technology committee we tried to get everyone together and the justice system people made it clear they do not need us. He will not support putting any money in this; they did not want to be part of the county board process.

Mr. Palmer commented Mr. Friefeld participated in these discussions. Part of the funding is coming from the corporate budget; we have \$100,000 earmarked and the balance of the cost would be picked up by non corporate.

Mr. Moustis stated as a board we have no input in the decision making. He will not ask the board to sign off on something they have no participation in; he will not support diverting any funds from IT needs that we may have to the justice system.

Mr. Palmer indicated we asked for county board participation before taking through the judicial system. This is just doing a study and we will come back with the study; it is an assessment just like the facility needs.

Mr. Moustis commented he agrees with the assessment and we need to take a much broader view. We need a county-wide IT department that everyone uses – where everyone is looked at as a client of the IT department. He asked Mrs. Tatroe if they need us to sign off on it; they are capable of entering into their own contracts.

Mrs. Tatroe answered the County Executive would sign off on the contract with the consultant; this is exactly what the county board indicated they wanted - it is a collaborative effort. This is all the departments coming together trying to get an integrated system that will serve all of them instead of individual systems that do not talk to each other.

Mr. Palmer indicated we are doing an IT component from the executive branch which functions very separately from the judicial branch; this is a collaborative effort with a number of offices.

Mrs. Dralle stated this is the first time the different departments have actually sat down to discuss their needs. It can be a good initiative if it is done correctly. There has to be something that pulls the court systems and the judicial branch together for their needs. It is an endeavor that she hopes will succeed.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request for County Board Acceptance of Will County Coordinated Paratransit Study

Mr. Palmer stated for over a year the county has been involved in this coordinated Paratransit study. We wanted to start with the board this month. We have copies of the report for your review. We have had stakeholders from across the county who did an assessment of the inventory and created some recommendations. It was very positive.

Mr. Garrity with Nelson Nygaard gave the PowerPoint presentation on the Paratransit study.

Mr. Palmer indicated we have 3 meetings scheduled across the county; one was last night, which is an opportunity for public comment. We hope to bring this back next month for approval. The plan is to have the Powerpoint presentation on the website.

Mr. Moustis commented it is a real challenge we have to continue. He hopes that residents will be able to get on the bus and go from one end of the county to the other. There seems to be a willingness to try to coordinate with other entities and each make a viable system. He sees the county being an initial sponsor. He believes it will be a good investment for all of Will County.

Mr. Wilhelmi questioned how well the meeting was attended.

Mr. Palmer replied there was not much general public; there were several board members. About 15 people total.

Mr. Moustis commented many people who will come to these meetings are special needs and seniors.

Mrs. Dralle indicated this is a great start to pull everyone together and look at the regional aspect.

Mr. Maher commented we have had people move out of Wheatland Township due to no service.

Mr. Palmer stated we do want to wrap this up – we have been working on this for over a year; we do have representatives from many community groups.

Request for 3-Year 50% Property Tax Abatement for Navistar, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the intent to abate property taxes for Navistar, Inc. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for 5-Year 50% Property Tax Abatement for Goglanian Bakeries

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the intent to abate property taxes for Goglanian Bakeries. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request from County Clerk to Apply for and Accept Help America Vote Act Grant Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Clerk to apply for and accept Help America Vote Act Grant Funds. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

1. Request for Transfer of Funds within Sunny Hill's Budget – Karen Sorbero – Attached – Finance (Heard 08-03-10) and Public Health & Safety Committee(s)
2. Request to Appropriate Grant Funds in Land Use's Budget – Brian Radner - Attached – Finance Committee (Heard 08-03-10)
3. Request for Transfer of Funds within Supervisor of Assessments Budget – Rhonda Novak – Attached – Finance Committee (Heard 08-03-10)
4. Request for Supplemental Appropriations Increase in Stormwater's Budget – Derek O'Sullivan – Attached - Finance Committee (Heard 08-03-10)
5. Request for Increase of Appropriations in Sheriff's Overweight Truck Fund – Deputy Chief Nate Romeo – Attached - Finance Committee (Heard 08-03-10)
6. Request to Renew Security Services Contract for Sunny Hill – Rita Weiss - Attached – Public Health & Safety Committee

7. Request to Renew Diabetic Supplies Contract for Sunny Hill – Rita Weiss – Attached – Public Health & Safety Committee
8. Request to Renew Exam Gloves Contract for Sunny Hill – Rita Weiss – Attached – Public Health & Safety Committee
9. Request to Renew Disposable Undergarment Products Contract for Sunny Hill – Rita Weiss – Attached – Public Health & Safety Committee
10. Request to Renew Disposable Washcloths Contract for Sunny Hill – Rita Weiss – Attached – Public Health & Safety Committee
11. Request to Place on File Coroner's Annual Report – Pat O'Neil/Mary Baudino – Attached - Public Health & Safety Committee
12. Request to Discuss Need to Supplement CDBG Funds Used in the Ridgewood Project – Ron Pullman - Attached - Public Works and Finance Committee(s) (Heard 08-03-10)
13. Request to Discuss HB6125 and 6126 – Treasurer Pat McGuire – Attached – Legislative Committee
14. Request for 3-Year 50% Property Tax Abatement for Navistar, Inc., - John Grueling CED – Attached - Finance Committee (Heard 08-03-10)
15. Request for 5-Year 50% Property Tax Abatement for Goglanian Bakeries – John Grueling CED- Attached - Finance Committees (Heard 08-03-10)
16. Request for Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the County and Wilmington – Deputy Chief Jerry Nudera – Attached - Judicial Committee (Heard 08-03-10)
17. Placement of Items on Public Works & Transportation Committee Agenda - List Attached (Heard 08-03-10)

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

Other Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Gould, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.