

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

April 8, 2010

10:35 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 10:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Singer.

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

Also Present: B. 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

Update Re: Energy Efficiency Block Grant

This item was moved later in Old Business.

Committing Matching Funds for University of Illinois Cooperative Extension

Mr. Moustis stated we are committing \$25,000 for the extension; this will help them in their fundraising endeavors.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Gould, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda, committing matching funds up to \$25,000 for the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Update Re: Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program

Mr. Pullman provided an overview of the program and how it is doing. We are on target with spending requirements; close to \$88,000 of the money is committed and the deadline is September. Everything that we are spending is going back into the community. Out of the \$4.5 million we have invested in purchasing property that is foreclosed we will put that back as an economic benefit to the community. We will have impacted 74 realtors on the buying and selling end of the transaction. We have 15 contracts for rehab at a value of \$762,000. We project \$3.4 million of new mortgage money coming in; that is growing our grant. Our \$5 million grant is turning into an \$8 million grant. It is a very efficient program and it is effective. It does take time to rehab; bringing each house up to code takes 1 to 1-1/2 months.

Mr. Moustis questioned if they are required to follow the purchasing ordinance when going out for competitive bid.

Mr. Pullman replied we are following the bid procurement guidelines for rehab contracts.

Mr. Moustis asked Mrs. Tatroe to review to make sure everything is OK.

Ms. Seiler asked if there are any timing issues from the financial institutions.

Mr. Pullman answered there are no problems; there is a prequalifying requirement so we are not having any trouble at all with the banks.

Update Re: Energy Efficiency Block Grant

Mr. Palmer stated we have \$3 million we are doing the gas to energy plant; and an environmental educator was hired as part of this; we have allocated money for retrofits and the revolving loan program. We have made a determination that the loan program may not be as feasible and since we have so many retrofits to do on county buildings we are requesting the money be shifted to retrofit from revolving loan; this would be a better use of the money. The bids will go out and we will bring them back in June for approval for contracts for retrofits and education.

Mr. Moustis commented the bid documents need to be done in a timely fashion by the end of the month; there is nothing wrong with getting some help.

Mr. Kusta questioned if the grant specifies how much you have to spend in each category.

Mr. Palmer replied it does not spell it out; the DOE has guidelines of what they would like to see.

Mr. Kusta commented he would like to see half on education.

Mr. Palmer indicated we will have \$1.1 million for retrofits; \$1 million for the gas to energy plant and \$600,000 for education.

Resolution Re: Illiana Expressway

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda requesting CMAP include the Illiana Expressway from I-65 to I-55 in their GOTO2040 Plan. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Cancel RFP for New HR/Finance System

Mr. Rafac stated due to the economic uncertainty at this point, it is not prudent to move forward with this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Mr. Adamic, to cancel the RFP for the new HR/Finance System. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Declare Various Countywide Items Surplus

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda declaring various countywide items as surplus and authorizing their disposal. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Ms. Weiss stated this is a 3-year contract with Pollution Control at a cost of approximately \$23,880.53 per event. There will be multiple events over the 3 years.

Mr. Weigel asked where these events are located.

Mr. Hartke answered in June there will be one at Joliet Junior College; another one may be held at Lincoln-way East in Frankfort – we are waiting for approval from them.

Mr. Moustis commented the Frankfort Township highway facility is always available.

Mr. Adamic questioned how much is collected.

Mr. Hartke replied some events have 800 vehicles coming through; it depends on where the event is held.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for household hazardous waste collection to the lowest responsible bidder, Pollution Control for an approximate cost of \$23,880.53 per event. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Replacement Hires for Sunny Hill

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

Appointments – (Steger PSAP 9-1-1 ETSB Appointment has been removed)

Mr. Moustis stated the makeup of the 9-1-1 board is for all PSAP's to be represented. Steger, Wilmington and Braidwood collectively have an appointment. Wilmington and Braidwood decided to go into Wescom, which is a good decision on their part; that left Steger for themselves. This should be a discussion of the 9-1-1 board and the Executive's office to determine if this is how to proceed. He suggested considering an at-large appointment to try to get as equal representation on this board.

Mr. Ryan commented this was discussed at ETSB when the 2 village boards joined Wescom.

Mr. Figved indicated we do encourage consolidation. Steger does not want to move in with Wescom. We have reviewed the bylaws; the intent was to give each PSAP a vote.

Mr. Moustis commented there were 3 PSAP's represented by 1 appointment.

Mr. Ryan indicated we have 2 options; we can put this back on for June. We do anticipate coming forward with the Bolingbrook appointment next month, which will be new and the board will go to 17 members.

Mr. Moustis stated at some point we will have to look at this again; the original intent was each PSAP would be represented. What is the most recent set of bylaws?

Mr. Figved indicated 9-1-1 reorganized in 2007 when we expanded the board and gave more authority to police and fire department.

Mr. Friefeld stated it has worked the way it is supposed to work; you have had consolidation. The way this was structured you ended up with one community out by itself; Steger is the only issue. This is probably something that the 9-1-1 board should take a look at and come back with a recommendation. In the meantime, his recommendation is to comply with the bylaws and give them their appointment.

Mr. Bilotta suggested holding off for 1 month so 9-1-1 can have this discussion.

Mr. Figved indicated 9-1-1 had a discussion on this; the intent was to give each PSAP representation on the board.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Bilotta, to include the 9-1-1 board appointment for the Steger PSAP to the appointments by the County Executive. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Bilotta, to place the appointments by the County Executive, as amended on the County Board Agenda. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Proclamations

Mr. Adamic indicated there are 3 proclamations that will be presented at the meeting.

Mr. Bilotta commented we have received numerous requests. We will honor the students; we are trying to limit it to 3 proclamations. There are a number of proclamations that will be read into the record and a formal copy will be taken to the various groups.

Request for Approval of Workforce Incumbent Worker Training Contract for Nurses at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda approving the Workforce incumbent worker training contract for nurses at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould left at this juncture.

Request for Distribution of Waste Management Laraway Road Host Agreement Funds to District #8 Community Groups

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the distribution of funds from the Waste Management Laraway Road host agreement to the District #8 community groups. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Renewal of County Radio System's Software Agreement with Harris Corp. (formerly known as M/A-Com, Inc.)

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda renewing the county's radio system software agreement with Harris Corp. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution Authorizing the County Executive to Apply for and Use EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant Funds for Ridgewood Phase 6

Mr. Pullman stated there is \$550,000 of EPA grant money available for Ridgewood, which was earmarked through our federal lobbyist. We have a fairly hefty match of \$450,000; the total project is \$1 million. Last year the county board allocated block grant money to match this but now this process involves the application to free the funds; there is also an involvement with the City of Joliet that requires authority for the County Executive to execute an amended intergovernmental agreement. We are expanding Ridgewood to the east to include the disbandment of Fair Acres Water Association. Joliet has agreed to add 44 new people without annexation.

A motion as made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mr. Bilotta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to apply for and use EPA grant funds for Ridgewood project. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Wilhelmi left at this juncture.

Other New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use & Development – T. Weigel

Mr. Weigel stated there is one case for a variance on an accessory structure.

Finance – E. Kusta

Mr. Kusta stated there was a lengthy discussion at committee regarding the various bond opportunities for the county. We will bring on a financial advisor, which will be an independent set of eyes. We would like to have a special finance meeting to learn how bonds work and the different opportunities that are out there; we would want the financial advisor at that meeting.

Mr. Moustis indicated there was also discussion about issuing the \$100 million bonds; these were for the Build Will program. He suggested that resolution be re-placed on the County Board Agenda to issue those bonds.

Mr. Bilotta commented regarding the \$100 million bond issue, he believes everyone on the board realizes that there would come a point when we need the money and would need to issue these bonds.

Mr. Moustis indicated it is the state's intent is to take away it if we have not used it.

Mr. Bilotta commented the overall issue of the bonds; it makes sense to do it. The questions were how it is structured.

Mr. Adamic left at this juncture.

Mr. Moustis indicated we are talking about a spending plan; the plan was put out last year and financing the project is part of the process.

Mr. Kusta commented once we have the educational meeting all questions will be answered.

Mr. Friefeld stated with the ordinance that was approved; the financing can go forward immediately. If you feel there needs to be more discussion we can put it on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Bilotta indicated he does not think it needs to come back to the board – it is just getting educated.

Public Works & Transportation – J. Bilotta

Mr. Bilotta asked if there were any questions.

Judicial – A. Dralle

Mrs. Dralle stated she has 2 resolutions this month

Public Health & Safety – D. Gould

Mr. Moustis asked if there were any questions.

Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Stewart, to save 2 spaces on the agenda; one for a resolution regarding a veteran's facility at Silver Cross Hospital and another regarding establishing a policy on fees. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Goodson provided an update on the emergency meeting regarding SB1607. We are looking to pass an ordinance where we could get more authority over these sites while we work on language in this bill. We will work with the State's Attorney's Office on what we can do.

Mr. Moustis indicated these quarries used to be mining operations; they now come under the zoning authority of the local jurisdiction.

Mrs. Tatroe commented that seems logical; she will research it.

Mr. Moustis stated he would like to get this done as quickly as possible. He suggested putting this on the Land Use agenda in May for public hearing for May County Board.

Capital Improvements – C. Maher

Mr. Maher stated workshops will be scheduled in the next few weeks with Wight & Company.

Executive – J. Moustis

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Maher, to approve the April 15, 2010 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Tom Joseph thanked the committee for discussing the NSP program this morning. From the Three Rivers Association and the Illinois Association standpoint, we view this as a very important program. It is very helpful for communities at large. We held a forum a year ago and our purpose was to help educate the realtor membership so they better understand what has been in play. We have seen an increase in volume and activity from the realtor agency standpoint once they understood what was involved. We wanted to say thank you formally.

Mr. Rafac advised the committee that the final tax levy is being assessed. It is important

for board members to know we actually did experience a decrease in assessed property values. When the property values decrease, in order to maintain the same revenue amount, the tax rate increased slightly from .4971% to .5024%. This is the first time in 10 years there has been an increase in the rate, and it is being driven by the reduction in property values. The overall revenue is only going up by 1.9% and 95% of that growth is related \$384 million in property growth that we had last year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Necessary to Discuss Tentative Bargaining Agreement
with AFSCME 1028**

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mrs. Dralle, to go into executive session at 12:16 p.m. to discuss the tentative bargaining agreement with AFSCME 1028. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Kusta, Stewart, Dralle, Goodson, Maher, Seiler, Weigel and Moustis voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Kusta, to come out of executive session at 12:24 p.m. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Kusta, Stewart, Dralle, Goodson, Maher, Seiler, Weigel and Moustis voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda regarding the adoption of the collective bargaining agreements with AFSCME 1028. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Kusta, to approve the April 15, 2010 County Board Agenda as amended. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Bilotta, to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.