

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**July 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, Maher, Seiler, Singer, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis.

**Absent were Members:** Gould.

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

**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**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Resolution for Acceptance and Approval of Election Judges for 2010-2012 Term**

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mr. Maher, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for acceptance and approval of election judges for the 2010 – 2012 term. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution for Removal of Election Judges**

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for removal of election judges who did not vote party lines. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement between Village of Frankfort and County for Jurisdiction over 300 feet of Elise Road**

Mrs. Tatroe stated this is for the subdivision adjacent to the mushroom farm on Laraway Road; it was the will of the County Board to condemn the property but there was an issue with the driveway for the mushroom farmer so we had to offer an alternate access. This agreement will accomplish that; we will have jurisdiction and then we can file condemnation.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Bilotta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Frankfort for jurisdiction of 300 feet of Elise Road. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request to Cancel Bid for Hybrid Bus**

Ms. Miesmer stated we released this bid and posted it on the website; we received two no bids. They could not provide a bid according to the specs.

Mr. Moustis commented we run into this on occasion. Is there such a big difference that it would not be substantially the same?

Ms. Miesmer answered it was the way the specs were written.

Mrs. Tatroe indicated she had a conversation with Mr. Olson and the issue goes to the fuel hybrid characteristic of this van; they wanted a hybrid van. There were also issues regarding the customization of the van.

Mr. Olson stated the other spec is that we wanted a non-CDL vehicle; we did not want to have to hire an additional person to drive it. We tried to bid it through our existing fuel situation, which would reduce the consumption by 30%.

Mr. Bilotta questioned the cost difference between normal and hybrid.

Mr. Olson replied since we are using DOE money we need to find an alternative fuel or reduce the fuel consumption; we are trying to keep the long-term costs down.

Mr. Moustis commented any vehicle will be set up for alternative fuel.

Mr. Olson indicated we are trying to go beyond that – to reduce fuel.

A motion as made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Adamic, to cancel the bid for the hybrid bus. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution Authorizing Establishment of 2010 Budget for Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program**

Mr. Olson stated back in the fall when you approved the 2010 budget we only had \$3 million for the grant at the time; you approved the strategy, which had many different components. Now we have DOE approval to spend the funds and we have the budget and know how it will be played out.

Mr. Moustis asked if DOE has to approve the budget.

Mr. Palmer answered we had \$3.1 million awarded to the county. We had the strategy and a broad outline. Now we have gone out to bid for most projects and have the dollar amounts.

Mr. Moustis clarified you brought us the contracts before the budget.

Mr. Palmer stated we did not sign any contracts until the board signed off. We had the strategy and brought an outline of the budget; we had to establish costs to give to DOE. He does not know if there were any other options – the DOE had deadlines to meet. We came to this committee to keep the board as up to date as possible.

Mr. Singer questioned the \$237,000 contracts approved for consultants.

Mr. Olson indicated \$100,000 is for CDM who did the strategy. American Eagle is the website developer; we were authorized up to \$110,000 and negotiated that down \$87,900. The media consultant is JV Murphy; they will provide ads and different marketing strategies.

Mr. Moustis asked about the bid process.

Mr. Palmer answered we had the RFP process; we posted according to the purchasing ordinance and picked the firm based on price and quality.

Mr. Maher questioned who will oversee the media component.

Mr. Palmer replied that will be done through the County Executive's office – we are responsible for the grant.

Mr. Kusta asked if it was a requirement of the grant that a percentage was assigned to each component.

Mr. Palmer answered that came out of the work done by CDM. They gave us the recommendation of \$1 million for the gas to energy plant; \$1.2 million for retrofits. We are doing an educational component, which is the balance of that.

Mr. Moustis commented \$50,000 for advertising countywide does not go far. He does not know what the overall plan is to get a county wide campaign with JV Murphy on \$50,000. He would like to see the whole county being reached out to. The money might have been better spent on the educator component.

Mr. Palmer indicated we were sensitive to that. We also thought in the tough economic times we are not spending money on advertising; we thought that might be considered extravagant.

Mr. Moustis commented if you really cannot do a good countywide campaign; he would rather see the money go elsewhere or put more money into it to do it effectively.

Mr. Paddock indicated these matters had been brought to this committee before.

Mr. Moustis stated we will review how the County Executive's office retains consultants in the future and how we participate as a board in the future; we will review the purchasing ordinance.

Mr. Paddock asked what form of reporting to this body would be useful.

Mr. Moustis answered he would like to see the media strategy and how you intend to reach the whole county.

Mr. Maher commented through the website we can reach the whole county; we can contact each school.

Mr. Paddock indicated they will provide a monthly report about the implementation of this program.

Mr. Singer expressed concern about the amount of money being used to pay for someone who does political work for members of the board; it does not send the right message.

Mr. Wilhelmi commented there were only 2 bidders.

Mr. Moustis stated we will not take any action on this item until discussion is held on the next issue; it is part of the budget.

This issue was discussed further in the agenda.

**Request to Declare Sole Source Provider for Mobile Education Unit**

Mr. Paddock stated no bidders were received and we have looked at the matter further. One of the key components of this grant was education; the objective of this grant was to not only enhance the energy savings experienced by the county but to use us as leadership group to encourage the public at large to take additional energy saving measures. One portion was the educator; the other one is the website. It had been determined that an additional component would be the mobile van concept, with a variety of displays, going to schools and communities and educate the public about how to save household energy consumption. Only \$175,000 remains unallocated at this point from the grant. There is a bidder who did not respond to the bid for a variety of internal reasons who has the capability to implement the set of specifications that was developed. This request is to authorize sole source procurement to acquire and outfit the bus.

Mr. Maher commented taking \$150,000 to put into a vehicle to go around allowing people to see information already provided could be used better. We could use those dollars on things that we have already started and provide money to the people; it would be more effective to help people change their behavior than just telling people they should change. He would like to see the van pulled off the table and use those dollars in a different way.

Mr. Paddock indicated it is not simply an either/or proposition. There is only a certain amount of money left in this grant. We would like to position ourselves to go after other grants in this area, which could fund other strategies. One of the projects that was adopted was done in way that will provide a revenue source for the county; the actual allocation of that funding source has not been established. One of the ideas under discussion is reserving it in a "green fund" to fund a variety of other activities. Under this federal grant there are some very definite and confusing regulations about the material procured under this grant.

Mr. Moustis indicated regarding the single sourcing; he is still not convinced it needs to be sole source.

Mr. Bilotta agreed; sometimes the initial capital costs are great.

Mr. Kusta indicated this board should not put themselves in a position to have a single source; if we put it out to everyone and only one comes back then we can go with it; as long as everyone has an opportunity to meet the specs.

Mr. Wilhelmi commented we do it quite often at the highway department.

Mr. Moustis stated it is highly debated there as well; we do not like it anywhere – no one likes doing it.

Mr. Olson asked if the direction is to try again and see what happens.

Mr. Moustis answered he would put it as a hybrid and ask for an alternate bid for alternative fuels; there are many things to look at.

Mr. Olson commented we thought it was the most effective way.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda declaring sole source provider for the mobile education unit. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Kusta, Stewart, Dralle, Goodson, Maher, Seiler, Singer, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis voting no.

MOTION FAILS.

**Request for Resolution Authorizing County Executive to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Turtle Top to Provide Mobile Education Unit**

No action was taken on this issue.

Mr. Singer left at this juncture.

**Request for Resolution Authorizing Establishment of 2010 Budget for Energy  
Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program - continued**

Mr. Moustis stated more information has come forward since we did the strategy. We have \$1 million to Waste Management, which is the county bringing down the cost of the gas to methane energy. Will they be ready in this time frame? Can you change this to \$900,000 for Waste Management?

Mr. Olson answered they have bought equipment already; they get the money as soon as they give us the invoice. That is part of the agreement we negotiated.

Mr. Moustis questioned if we can take some money from Waste Services. He is looking to put \$100,000 in the "other" line item.

Mr. Olson replied it is safer in keeping the \$1 million for Waste Management. He believes they have the \$100,000 in the solid waste budget; then we do not have to deal with the DOE with their requirements.

Mr. Moustis asked if we get payments from Waste Management when they are on line.

Mr. Olson answered yes; that will be next spring.

Mr. Moustis asked Mr. Paddock and Mr. Olson to put something together to show us what might be available; maybe there are some other initiatives for energy efficiency.

Mr. Paddock clarified you would like us to put together a budget that might be coming from multiple sources to undertake a variety of additional initiatives; it might include led lighting and various others. We will do that. This matter before you right now sets up a frame work allowing for the expenditures under the current grant. He does not believe by voting affirmatively this would lock you into an issue with the van. It is setting up the budget authority for making various allocations but that matter has not been resolved yet; once it is clearly determined whether we are going forward with the bus then the funds could be reallocated.

Mr. Moustis commented he is trying to not take anything out of this budget. There could be a motion to take the van out and reallocate the funds to the other line item.

Mr. Paddock stated the grant budget is sent to DOE for approval. The action here is aligning our internal accounts by line item with the expenditures that we know we are going to have to make based on the approved projects submitted to DOE.

Mr. Bilotta clarified this could be changed at any time – only internally.

Mr. Olson indicated DOE approved the budget; if the money remains unallocated we will have to tell them how we intend to spend it.

Mrs. Dralle stated the question is the sustainability of the van. Once that grant is gone how do we sustain it?

Mr. Olson answered the educator will drive the bus; we can easily sustain the bus within the solid waste budget.

Mrs. Dralle asked for some provisions on how we will sustain everything we have here.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Maher, to amend the budget to move the funds from the Vehicle line item 4400 to the Other line item 6000. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Kusta, Stewart, Dralle, Goodson, Maher, Seiler, Weigel and Moustis voting yes and Wilhelmi voting no. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the establishment of the 2010 budget for the EECBG grant, as amended. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Kusta, Stewart, Dralle, Goodson, Maher, Seiler, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution Adopting WC Consolidated Plan and PY2010 Action Plan for CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Grant Programs**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda adopting the consolidated plan and PY2010 action plan for CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership grant programs. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement with Homer Glen for Household Hazardous Waste collection**

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Homer Glen for a household hazardous waste collection event. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Singer returned at this juncture.

**Request for Resolution to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Romeoville for Permanent Electronics Drop-off Program**

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Romeoville for a permanent electronics drop-off program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request to Participate in Hines Emerald Dragonfly Habitat Conservation Plan**

Mr. Carroll indicated the county was asked to participate in a conservation plan – reaching out to different stakeholders and agencies in the plan area. The draft letter outlines the commitment to the plan and the actions we would take. He reviewed the initiatives and the mitigation measures.

Mr. Singer stated he understands the Hines Emerald Dragonfly is a federally protected species and what our compliance has to be. Like a lot of things that start off with good

intentions this is something that is causing a whole lot of unnecessary problems for a lot of people; there have been millions of dollars spent in studying their habitat and reconfiguration just in our area for the protection of this bug. By participating in this it sends a message that we support the overall program, the overall plan and law and he cannot support it. When you think of the money that was spent that could have been spent on building roads and feeding hungry families.

Mrs. Dralle asked who the Biodiversity Project is. Are they state or locally funded? Are they a federal agency?

A consultant with Hanson Material Service, which is one of the 3 lead partners in this effort, addressed the committee. Biodiversity Project works with this group; they are an environmental education non-profit. They have been hired by the partnership for outreach and education.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the participation in the Hines Emerald Dragonfly habitat conservation plan. On a roll call vote, Adamic and Wilhelmi voting yes and Bilotta, Kusta, Stewart, Dralle, Goodson, Maher, Seiler, Singer, Weigel and Moustis voting no.

MOTION FAILS.

**Request for Discussion Re; Wind Tower Land Use Issues**

Mr. Moustis stated we recently passed an ordinance on the wind towers; there is an issue of setbacks and other safety issues. We will assign this to the Land Use Committee for review.

**Land Use Report Re: Foreclosed Letters of Credit**

Mr. Moustis indicated he does not remember having a formal policy on this issue. How do we move forward – outside of we do not want to be in the construction business. He does not think we have ever ran into a situation as now; where undeveloped developments go into foreclosure and the bank takes them over. He does not think we should go into the failed development but what do we do? We are not sure that development will ever take place. Do we have any written official policy?

Mr. Paddock answered no.

Mr. Moustis commented if Mrs. Tatroe thinks this is a good idea to make it a policy that is fairly clear – then we should have a policy.

Mrs. Tatroe stated yes; there should be a policy in place.

Mr. Moustis requested Mr. Friefeld, Ms. Johannsen, Mrs. Tatroe and the land use staff work on putting something together.

A motion as made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Stewart, to direct County Board staff and land use staff to work on a policy regarding foreclosed letters of credit. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Replacement Hires for Sunny Hill**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Bilotta, to place the replacement hires for Sunny Hill on the County Board Agenda. 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**

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.

**Other New Business**

Mr. Moustis stated we have a request from the Illinois Association of County Board Members to appoint someone to the Illinois Task Force. We will appoint Mr. Wisniewski to the task force.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Land Use & Development – T. Weigel**

Mr. Weigel stated there are two resolutions this month; one is determining the fair market value within school districts and the other is changing the concurring vote requirement for PZC.

**Finance – E. Kusta**

Mr. Kusta indicated the University of Illinois Extension gave an update. They were pretty much non-existent in front of us but yet asking for our support. We invited them to come back in 6 to 12 months. They are facing a pretty uphill battle with the lack of funding through the state. We are looking at doing a multi-year budget workshop in August or September to see how our process works.

**Public Works & Transportation – J. Bilotta**

Mr. Bilotta stated we did have one resolution last month and 2 this month for contracts with only one bidder. The committee agreed it may be how we are writing the specs. In moving forward we will be looking at this at public works as well.

**Judicial – A. Dralle**

No report.

**Public Health & Safety – D. Gould**

No report.

**Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson**

Mr. Moustis stated HB5055 takes the Sheriff's sale, the foreclosure procedure, away from the Sheriff and opens it to the private sector. Most Sheriff's Departments handle these pretty sensitively. Our Sheriff goes out and talks to the people; he lets them know when they need to be out. This is a bill that fell through the cracks. There is a revenue stream involved; we publish our Sheriff's sale in local papers. All that would be lost. The Legislative Committee will hear this on Tuesday. The Sheriff strongly opposes this bill.

Ms. Goodson commented the bill is on the Governor's desk.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Adamic, to save space for a resolution opposing HB5055, pertaining to the Sheriff's sale and the foreclosure procedure. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Capital Improvements – C. Maher**

Mr. Maher indicated we are continuing the next phase with the Wight study. He would also like to save space for a possible resolution on a project going on here in this building regarding led lighting. We will need a special meeting before the board meeting for a resolution authorizing the County Executive to negotiate with the company for retrofits for led lighting.

Mr. Friefeld questioned if this requires sole source.

Mr. Maher replied it does require declaration of sole source. The State's Attorney has looked at this; this is the only company in the world using this technology.

Mr. Bilotta commented he has no problem with sole source as long as we can show due diligence; he suggested waiting one month.

Mrs. Tatroe stated they have patents pending, which is one of the key indicators of whether something is sole source. They are preparing a letter stating they are the sole source and they will include the patent number for this technology.

Mr. Maher commented if this technology is made public – once this become commonly available we will not be able to pick it up through this source. They are the originators on the technology. We are basically getting this before it goes to market.

Mr. Bilotta left at this juncture.

Mr. Moustis stated if we do not educate the board we will have all this discussion on the floor, which causes confusion. The board is better served if we wait a month to get the information out to everyone. We will assign this to the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> after the Forest Preserve District meeting. We will hear updates on the digital sign

ordinance, the CED Inland Port Study and led lighting; ask them to prepare a 20 minute presentation.

Ms. Seiler left at this juncture.

**Executive – J. Moustis**

Mr. Moustis asked if there were any questions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 15, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.