

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

**December 9, 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 10:38 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent were Members:** Maher and Seiler.

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

**Also Present:** B. Friefeld and M. Johannsen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Weigel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Kusta, to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update Re: Recovery Zone Bond Allocation**

Mr. Friefeld stated G&W has made a decision to go to Bolingbrook; there was another option outside of Will County. They were advised this was Will County's allocation so they settled on Bolingbrook. This is a good project.

Mr. Moustis indicated this is a great company to have in Will County. We are going forward with the public hearing during the county board meeting this month. They want to close by the end of the month.

Mr. Fricke commented they have to close by the end of the month. The Recovery Zone Act provides for this type of bonds to be done but they need to be done by the end of the year or the allocation goes away at that time. The county sent an allocation back to the IFA to issue bonds elsewhere. You retained \$24 million for this project. We will close on December 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public hearing adopting the resolution; we have all the documents ready to execute.

Mr. Moustis stated it was unclear if the county was responsible to do anything.

Mr. Fricke indicated you assigned your right to those monies to the lender, JP Morgan Chase; you have no liability.

Mr. Grueling commented there are some critical issues that need to be done before this is finalized; one is a fairly significant incentive from the state.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the issuance of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds for G&W Electric, not to exceed \$24 million. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Other Old Business**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Sunny Hill Replacement Hires**

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

#### **Replacement Hire for Highway Department**

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Singer, to place the replacement hire for Highway Department on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Appointments – Sunnyland and PZC appointments were tabled at 11/10/10 meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Kusta, to remove the Sunnyland and PZC appointments from table. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Gould, Kusta, May, Singer, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Dralle requested the appointment for PZC be tabled for another month. She has not had the opportunity to talk with the County Executive on this.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Ms. Goodson, to table the PZC appointment for another month. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Kusta, Singer, Weigel and Moustis voting yes, with Gould, May and Wilhelmi voting no.

MOTION CARRIES

Ms. Goodson requested the appointment for Sunnyland be tabled for another month. She has a meeting with the County Executive on Friday to discuss this.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Ms. Smith, to table the Sunnyland appointment for another month. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Gould, Kusta, May, Singer, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis stated we get the appointments one month prior to the board meeting. We should be talking to the County Executive at that time.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Weigel, to place the Appointments by the County Executive for the Will County Historic Preservation; Joliet Arsenal Development Authority Board; Rockdale Fire Protection District on the County Board Agenda. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

### **Proclamations**

Mr. Adamic indicated there will be a check presentation by the Joliet Elk's Lodge to the Juvenile Drug Court Program; we are also recognizing Mr. Richard Berti for his years of service on the PZC as well as Michael Kelly on becoming an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Kusta commented it was a good move in reading proclamations into the record from the member's desks.

### **Request for Temporary Use Permit for the Port of Will County Property**

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a temporary use permit for the Port of Will County. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

### **Request for Special Use Permit Extension for Case 5641-MS2**

Mr. Moustis indicated the applicant has withdrawn their request for an extension, so no action is necessary.

No action taken.

### **Request for Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Re: Digital Billboards**

Mr. Radner stated in June of 2009 the board passed the first of two extensions for a moratorium on the digital billboard. The resolution expires December 18<sup>th</sup>. We have taken the moratorium language and put it into our ordinance. We held a public hearing at PZC this past Tuesday. The commission voted to approve and there were no objectors.

Mr. Bilotta commented we have been working on this for 2 years; he would love to see this done over the next period. The land use department has done a great job.

Mr. Moustis indicated he believes we will bring this to its conclusion. With the approach we have been taking at land use we will eliminate signs over a period of time, which will be a positive thing.

Ms. Smith commented this could be a negotiating tool for use.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the zoning ordinance regarding digital billboards. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Loan from MFT Fund (222) to Highway Tax Fund (220)**

Mr. Gould stated this is an annual issue because of the end of the year, FY10 moving into FY11.

Mr. Rafac indicated we also need to do an emergency transfer today but because we are approving it this now, he did not want to come back in January. The transfer will be part of this resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a loan from MFT Funds (222) to the Highway Tax Fund (220). All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request to Abate Taxes on Alternative Revenue Bonds**

Mr. Rafac stated this is an annual occurrence. We issued \$65 million in bonds for the ADF and \$100 million in road bonds earlier this year. Should we take no action, then automatically we would be levying against our taxpayers to pay those bonds. They are alternative revenue. We have already identified the revenue so all we are doing is abating those taxes; there will be 4 resolutions.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place resolutions on the County Board Agenda abating the taxes on the alternative revenue bonds. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for County Executive to Execute Documents Related to Delinquent Tax Auction**

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Ms. May, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to execute the necessary documents related to the Delinquent Tax Program, as amended. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services (Appraisals) with Civiltech Engineering, Inc., for Several Parcels of Property along Will Center Road (CH 10) for the Bridge over the South Branch of Rock Creek, County Section 10-00059-06-LA, County Board District #1, using County's Allotment of County RTA Tax Funds (\$7,200.00)**

Motion by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Gould. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services (Appraisals) with Civiltech Engineering, Inc., for Several Parcels of Property along Wilmington-Peotone Road (CH 25) and Old Chicago Road (CH 7) for Intersection and Bridge Improvements, County Section 10-00116-09-LA, County Board District #6, using County's Allotment of County RTA Tax Funds (\$8,800.00)**

Motion by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Adamic. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services (Appraisals) with Civiltech Engineering, Inc., for Several Parcels of Property along Laraway Road (CH 74) at the Intersection of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, County Section 10-00138-33-LA, County Board District #1, using County's Allotment of County RTA Tax Funds (\$5,400.00)**

Motion by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Kusta. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution Granting Temporary Access Permit for Ridgeport Logistics on Lorenzo Road (CH 80), County Board District #6**

Motion by Mr. Gould, second by Ms. May. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request to Appropriate Grant Funds from U.S. Health & Human Services Dept. – Workforce Investment Board**

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda appropriating grant funds in the amount of \$1,080,000.00 from the U.S. Health & Human Services Department into the Workforce Investment Board budget. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Emergency Procurement for Elevator Repair at Sunny Hill**

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Gould, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the emergency repair to the elevator at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

### **Enterprise Zone Expansion**

Mr. Rafac stated this is a request to move forward with the expansion. A public hearing was held in Wilmington; there was also approval at the Wilmington board meeting. The next step is for the county board to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Wilmington and we will amend the existing enterprise zone plan, which will add 4 miles to the existing enterprise zone. This does not impact us from a sales tax perspective at all; only the state portion would be abated. This would go forward in a formal application to the state.

Mr. Moustis commented we have done this on 2 or 3 other occasions. This does not impact us. It is really up to the state.

Mr. Rafac reiterated this is only abating the state sales tax on building materials.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place 2 resolutions on the County Board Agenda establishing an enterprise zone for a portion of the Joliet Arsenal and authorizing the County Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Wilmington. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

### **Request for Allocation of Remaining Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Funds**

Mr. Paddock stated the projects that this board has approved on the energy grant are moving forward and already achieving results and community recognition. A portion of the funds remain unallocated and we are facing a deadline. The DOE has a requirement that all money to Will County needs to be obligated in the form of a contract by January 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> otherwise we have the possibility of those funds reverting to the federal government. The board was considering a number of uses such as led lighting. In order to move forward given the deadline, it does not appear the led project is viable. It is imperative the board decide on a project that can get let in the form of a contract so the funds can be allocated; the amount of funds is approximately \$100,000. We are recommending a project that would fulfill a priority that you have already given to the land use department which is to finish the task of having a comprehensive rewrite and revision of zoning code. We would be looking at the entirety of the zoning code and building ordinance for 2 purposes; the first is for those households that have made a decision that they want to see green building techniques integrated into their homes; we would make sure there are no regulatory provisions that are inappropriately standing in the way of that option. That would be true in the building code and zoning codes. Along with removing barriers we would also be looking to see if there were appropriate ways to provide some incentives to household and businesses to utilize green techniques. There would be no

type of mandatory requirements. The project would consist of hiring a consultant that would help us review and analyze our existing codes. We believe it could be undertaken over the remaining period of the grant and result in specific language for possible adoption.

Mr. Moustis indicated this is a good use of the funds. We will not get to the led lighting in the time frame so we have to do something else with the money. On the procurement of the consultants are we taking all of those through committee? He would like to see the committee involved, sitting through a number of interviews. This would be more educational.

Mr. Palmer commented we have bid out almost all of this. Some of the parts were challenging like the media and the website.

Mr. Olson commented we have to have a signed contract by January 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bilotta questioned if something can be sent out in a timely manner.

Mr. Paddock replied we already have a draft of the RFP.

Mr. Moustis indicated they should go forward with it. He suggested they send it to Mr. Friefeld to review. He would like to have the committee involved with this. The other positive effect of this is that we would have a model ordinance in this area that our municipalities could look at and also move forward. The educational aspect of the grant expenditure is worthwhile; most was committed to projects like the windows and green roof.

Ms. May asked if you did not have the grant money who would do it.

Mr. Paddock answered we were pursuing using our own staff but it would have taken much longer. The added benefit is that we are not completely up to speed on how we could integrate the state of the art approaches to the ordinance.

Mr. Wilhelmi commented education was a large function of this grant. Do we have to allocate the whole \$100,000 to outside services contract?

Mr. Palmer answered we would try to minimize the cost. We have to spend all the money and if we do have any money left over, we have a couple of small projects. A separate issue is a formal recommendation that the money from the gas to energy plant be put in sequestered funds for capital projects. There will be something for capital projects and specifically for green capital projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the allocation of the remaining EECBG funds to hire a consultant to review and analyze the zoning ordinance and building codes. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request to Renew Contracts with Wm. F. Mahar; Farnsworth Group; Robert E. Hamilton; and Smith, Dawson & Andrews**

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Kusta, to place resolutions on the County Board agenda renewing contracts with Wm. Mahar, Farnsworth Group, and Christopher B. Burke Engineering. All in favor, with Mr. Singer abstaining. MOTION CARRIES.

**Other New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place the Auditor's Quarterly report on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Finance – E. Kusta**

Mr. Kusta stated the budget process is over and everyone got involved a little bit more. He suggested starting the budget process earlier; try to get it going in early April. If anyone has any suggestions he would be happy to hear them.

Mr. Moustis commented we do not just pass the budget and turn it over; it is a continuing process of managing the budget.

Mr. Friefeld advised the committee that within the board office Mrs. Johannsen is your budget person. She works closely with the finance department and Mr. Rafac throughout the year; if you have budget issues please bring them to her.

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

Mr. Bilotta indicated we are interviewing for a right of way manager. We have over 400 parcels and we cannot do it in-house. We are also talking to our legislators about one particular project that affects 4 districts and putting it in a quick take bill. This project has been on the books since 2005; hopefully we will bring some things forward in January.

**Judicial – A. Dralle**

Mrs. Dralle provided an update on the adjudication process. Because of a public act that was passed we have some more avenues to look at on citations and compliance issues with the Sheriff's Department. We do have a commitment from the State's Attorney's Office to get the ordinances updated and move forward we hope to have it done by January where we can start adopting the revised ordinances. We have potential vendors coming in for software for the adjudication process. We hope to have it to the full board for final approval by March. She is extremely positive with the additional work the State's Attorney's office will be putting in to make this work.

**Public Health & Safety – D. Gould**

Mr. Gould commented we have had a good couple of years. In the next 2 years he would like to focus more on public health issues; specifically 3 issues – poor nutrition, smoking, and lack of exercise. We have quite a bit of funding in the area of smoking and the county has done a lot of educating the public but with nutrition and exercise we can do a lot with the schools. The Board of Health is due to have their study completed; the next year we will work on these issues.

Mr. Moustis commented he really likes those initiatives. Mr. Babich will be the vice-chairman of the committee; he has been a long term member of the committee and will do a great job.

**Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson**

Ms. Goodson stated the formal veto session is over and the representatives are scheduled to go back to Springfield December 3<sup>rd</sup>. When it comes to representatives being in Washington for us, there are a number of issues to consider when we think about reverting back to not having someone. We have come a long way with having SDA in Washington; even with the new Congress, the role a lobbyist will play in Washington is very important to the county.

Mr. Singer left at this juncture.

Mr. Moustis indicated Mr. Wilhelmi will remain as vice-chairman of the committee.

**Capital Improvements – C. Maher**

Mr. Moustis stated he believes you will see some important initiatives coming from capital improvements; they will address special needs and developing an action plan. You will see some recommendations coming out of this committee.

Mr. Wilhelmi asked about a joint meeting with the city.

Mr. Moustis answered we have not scheduled anything and probably need to. Joliet has driven that train; the focus is on transportation. We will try to have something the first quarter of the year.

Mrs. Dralle indicated the operational audit for the jail is moving forward.

Mr. Adamic expressed his thanks for working together on committee assignments; thank you to the staff for all the work they do.

**Executive – J. Moustis**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Moustis stated an executive session was necessary to discuss pending litigation.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Weigel, to go into executive session at 11:42 a.m. to discuss pending litigation. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Gould, Kusta, May, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis announced they were now in executive session.

Mr. Singer returned during executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to come out of executive session at 11:54 a.m. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Gould, Kusta, May, Singer, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Weigel, to concur with the recommendation from the State's Attorney's Office. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the December 16, 2010 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Kusta, to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.