

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

February 11, 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 12:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Adamic, Kusta, Dralle, Gould, Maher, Singer, Weigel and Moustis.

Absent were Members: Bilotta, Stewart, Goodson, Seiler 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. Gould led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Replacement Hires

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

Appointments – None

Proclamations

Mrs. Johannsen stated they will be recognizing Mrs. Riley for her years of service; Joliet Elks Lodge will present a check to the Juvenile Drug Court; there will be a presentation for a proclamation recognizing Black History Month and recognizing May 12th as Healthcare Worker Appreciation Day.

Request for Environmental Educator

Mr. Olson stated this is the educational component to the DOE grant. Instead of hiring someone on the payroll we are asking the DOE to approve a contract. We have 10% in solid waste fund but the state will reimburse us.

Mrs. Dralle questioned what amount this person will increase our recycling rate.

Mr. Olson replied it is not just about recycling. We are trying to add an energy efficiency component; we are trying to promote that.

Mr. Moustis stated it needs to be made very clear when the grant goes away the position goes away.

A motion as made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement to provide environmental education services. All in favor, with Mrs. Dralle voting no.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Renewal of GAP Professional Liability for Health Department

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Singer, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda renewing the GAP professional liability insurance for the Community Health Center. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Regional Water Supply Planning Group

Mr. Hamilton stated we gave a resolution from the county to the Regional Water Supply Planning Group who incorporated most of the changes the county requested. We are asking the county to consider a resolution for their endorsement for the report as written.

Mr. Weigel commented the Land Use Committee agrees with the changes.

Mr. Hamilton indicated the resolution as is it right now is saying that Will County likes this and will use it as a reference document but we do not want it turned into law.

Mr. Singer asked if it became law and a company who uses a lot of water came to the county would they have jurisdiction over that company.

Mr. Hamilton answered the way the report is written is that it is a menu of selections. One of those is that CMAP would regulate the use of the water; one is that the county would regulate the use of the water. One of the menus is that we all work together with the information

and try to make smart decisions; we have a whole selection of choices because it is not written as a regulatory document at this point. Under the worst scenario they would have to go to the state for permit. This report does not put us down that road yet.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda supporting the Northeast Illinois Regional Water Supply Demand Plan. All in favor with Mr. Singer voting no. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis indicated regional planning as proposed is not very favorable to Will County; he will probably be a no vote at county board.

Mr. Singer stated regional planning organizations significantly favor the urban areas but they need the suburban areas to fund the urban area programs.

Mr. Gould asked if part of the problem is the allocation of Lake Michigan water. Counties that were developed earlier like Cook and DuPage which were formerly dependent on groundwater now receive lake water; and counties that developed later like Will which still use substantial amounts of groundwater; this could inhibit future development.

Mr. Singer commented that is absolutely right.

Ms. Lyne stated all of these comments are things to be concerned about in the next phase of this. The report is really an unbiased report of what the existing conditions are today. It lists a whole range of recommendations that could be implemented by different agencies in the future to help conserve water. The report that you would be voting on next Thursday is very unbiased; it is just a statement of existing conditions today and it outlines several good things that could be done in the future.

Mr. Moustis indicated for those who of us who are concerned, this report may be a very unbiased report on water supplies in the region. The problem is that it gives the impression that we are buying into their whole process of where they are going; and we are not necessarily doing that.

Mr. Singer stated as an example with a DRI event; if our county was presented with a development of regional importance; some of the authority to allow that to be built would be part of a larger board and we would have to seek their approval. Right now while it is saying it is not part of it but they have the opportunity to do it; the intent is there. We have to be very careful as a county in the message we are sending; this is not good for Will County and for the future of our county.

Ms. Lyne indicated this was a 33 member group that created this study; it was not done by CMAP staff. They all unanimously voted to approve this document. She understands your concern about where CMAP is going but that is the next part of the process; the report is just a report.

Mr. Maher commented it is an endorsement of the document; we are saying we are endorsing the rules and the guidelines they are putting forward.

Mr. Moustis suggested more discussion on this issue; it is not time sensitive.

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, second by Mrs. Dralle, to remove this item from the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis directed staff to make sure everyone gets the report. He encouraged all board members to take time to review it. The Land Use Committee has already heard it so we will leave it at this committee.

Mr. Friefeld indicated he will send an e-mail to all board members with the link for the report.

Request to Approve the Programmatic Agreement among Will County and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Neighborhood Stabilization Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Lead Hazard Control Grant, Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant, and Health and Health Homes Programs of the Office of Healthy Homes & Lead Hazard Control

A motion as made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda approving the programmatic agreement with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other New Business

Appointment CB Dist #3

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use & Development – T. Weigel

Mr. Weigel stated there are two zoning cases this month; one is a map amendment and one is a special use permit.

Finance – E. Kusta

Mr. Kusta asked if there were any questions.

Public Works & Transportation – J. Bilotta

Mr. Singer asked if there were any questions.

Judicial – A. Dralle

Mrs. Dralle asked if there were any questions.

Public Health & Safety – D. Gould

Mr. Gould asked if there were any questions.

Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson

No report.

Capital Improvements – C. Maher

No report.

Executive – J. Moustis

Mr. Moustis asked if there were any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr. Moustis stated the salaries for elected officials will be discussed at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2010 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Adamic, to approve the
February 18, 2010 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Singer, to adjourn the meeting at
1:23 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.