

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

April 7, 2011

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: Bilotta, Adamic, Dralle, Gould, Kusta, May, Seiler, Singer,
Weigel.

Absent were Members: L. Smith, Goodson, Maher and Wilhelmi.

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

Also Present: B. Friefeld and M. Johannsen.

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. Weigel, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Airport Update from County Executive Walsh

Ms. Lyne stated over the last few months there have been meetings with IDOT and the Governor's office regarding the airport. On March 7th we met with the Director of Aeronautics and several staff members along with Senator Wilhelmi and Senator Hutchinson. They gave us an update on the technical portion of the airport as it relates to the master planning process. As of that day there were 2 chapters remaining that needed to be sent in to the FAA in order for them to have a completed master plan to begin the EIS process, which we have been waiting for a long time. Staff came in during the meeting to announce the FAA gave approval on 1 of 2 documents; so we have one document to be sent to the FAA in order to have a complete

technical portion of the master plan – that is the floodplain. The state is anticipating they will submit that this summer – the EIS could start in the 18 to 24 month time period. Since this process has taken a long time many of the technical documents are out dated particularly due to the 2010 census data that has come out. The FAA would like revisions to several documents; the state is petitioning the FAA to allow them to make these updates while they start the EIS work on those portions that are not outdated – we are waiting for a decision on that from FAA. In 2003 we went through the scoping process for EIS and master plan – they are now talking about wanting to go back through scoping since it has been over 7 years; from a technical perspective things are moving forward but at such a slow pace that things that were submitted now need to be updated it is one step forward and one back. At this point we are waiting for the state to inform us what the FAA says about updating these documents. The good news is that in the capital bill there was \$110 million provided for land acquisition which would allow IDOT to purchase the remaining acreage needed for the inaugural footprint, which is now about 5300 acres; they have purchased 2300 acres already and now have money to do remaining purchases. We do not think they will aggressively pursue land acquisition until the Supreme Court rules on capital bill – we believe money will continue to be there even if they re-do the capital bill.

Mr. Moustis asked Ms. Lyne to give brief history of where this was 2 years ago.

Ms. Lyne stated she was hired in 2002 specifically to work on the airport. In 2003, the county really began putting together its plan; hiring several consultants with expertise in airport development and airport law.

Mr. Moustis noted we have an ombudsman for land owners if they have any questions; this was paid for with a grant.

Ms. Lyne indicated the ombudsman does work with land owners; it has been slower lately since IDOT is waiting on money from the capital bill.

Mr. Moustis commented in the last update from the state - all things they said they would do is what we have said from the beginning.

Ms. Lyne noted certain members of ALNAC were convinced that all these steps did not need to be followed. They are being followed because it is part of the federal process. Contrary to what certain people say, the county has done more to develop this airport than any other entity with the exception of the state.

Mr. Moustis stated we are looking at it being a successful airport not just a jobs program; we want it to be successful for a number of reasons – it becomes a hub of economic activity and brings permanent jobs; everyone has kept that in mind.

Mr. Walsh thanked Ms. Lyne for her hard work and commitment. IDOT and the state have recognized the fact that we are not just sitting here playing political games. There is going to be an airport built in our county and it will not be just a landing strip in the eastern part of the county. We have plans for its future, what it will mean for the economic future of the county in 25 or 30 years from now. If we grow to the amount of residents projected for 2040 – 1.2 million; an airport would be the only transportation mode that we are lacking. We have worked very hard with our consultants to show our commitment to the development of a quality airport. We are working together with the public communities, labor people, chamber of commerce; the support we have gathered throughout Northeast Illinois is tremendous. We need to get the administration to recognize that the plan we have put together is the only viable plan out there; we are prepared to develop, build and operate this airport – that is our goal. The FAA is holding back on moving forward with the decision on the EIS until they really see the commitment from the State of Illinois that they are supportive of this; that commitment will only come from the passing of the governance authority. On the issue of condemnation – quick take will not be considered until the record of decision and governance plan that creates the authority – and there are a majority of Will County residents on that authority; only at the time would quick take be looked at as an option. Only willing sellers are being dealt with until the decision is made. At the end of the day we are still the one and only entity that can partner with the State of Illinois. Until the day comes when the administration finally recognizes that is the case and makes the decision and goes along with us to create the authority with a majority of Will County residents – we will then move forward on some of these issues. We have new administration in University Park that could be beneficial to us. We attended the Will Grundy Building Trades meeting yesterday and asked for support from all the labor leaders and from each individual local. We are asking them to write letters to the Governor stating emphatically that the Will County plan is the only plan that makes sense and having a governance board with the majority from Will County.

Mr. Moustis asked if we should work with legislators to get something introduced for next session.

Mr. Walsh answered we have bills ready. Senator Wilhelmi has introduced a number of shell bills that we can move forward on. We can run the bills through the Senate and get it passed but if we do not get it passed through the House then the perception will be it is not good enough to get through the House and become law. He does not know we would want to put ourselves in that position without a commitment from the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Moustis agreed with that. What is the stumbling block – having the Speaker agree to move it forward?

Mr. Walsh answered we need to make sure the Speaker will concur and pass it in the House. Once we can do that we would be very successful then. We are still having hesitancy coming from the Governor's office – we have been hammering away on him and the Chief of Staff. Senator Wilhelmi and Senator Hutchinson bring up the issue whenever possible. He believes the time has come that the FAA is reluctant and hesitant to move forward on their part without having a governance authority created, which would definitely show true support for the future. He does not think they want to go through 2 years of work and issue a record of decision and then have another administration come along and deep-6 the whole project.

Mr. Bilotta noted Northwest Indiana is pushing hard for Gary; will that have an impact?

Ms. Lyne answered we do not believe so. The potential for Gary is so much smaller; they have environmental issues so the length they extend the runway is as far as they can go with that facility; also it is extremely difficult to get to that area. That is 2 of the reasons why the Peotone site was selected instead of Gary.

Mr. Walsh indicated when Congressman Mica was here 3 or 4 years ago he was chairman of the sub-committee; he is now chairman of the transportation committee in the U.S. Congress; he was very supportive of what he saw and the work we have gone through 4 years ago in preparing for the design and development of this airport. I feel very confident he would be totally supportive if we ever get to that point where U. S. Congress would play a role. Our focus needs to be that the administration needs to make a decision and support our proposal in regards to governance, which allows Will County residents to have the majority of decision making process. This will be located and operated in Will County; Will County residents deserve no less than to have the majority on any board – that is where we need to go with our attention.

Mr. Singer agreed that 3 years later and we are in the same spot; it is entirely frustrating. It is pretty clear IDOT is saying ALNAC is not a viable plan; many levels of government are stating Will County plan is and IDOT is adopting most of our plan. It is obvious the Governor has not made a decision supporting one or the other. Has the Governor given any indication on what needs to be done to get past that? What can we do?

Mr. Walsh replied we need everyone that has partnered with us to contact the Governor, to write personal letters to say it is time to move forward with the only viable plan. The work we have done has been undisputable, reasonable, and truthful; a transparent open bidding process, a willingness to partner with a viable partner. All facets of our plan are far superior to

what little bit ALNAC has put out. This whole process from Congressman Jackson was created as a diversion for municipalities opposed to the expansion of O'Hare. The Governor is looking at what we can compromise on and we have been very stern – there is nothing we can compromise on.

Ms. Lyne noted because we are doing this the right way.

Mr. Walsh stated this airport will be built in Will County; our people will be affected by it. We have to deal with Springfield and Washington – we should not have to deal with outside municipalities making a determination on what is good for us and having a seat at the table.

Mr. Moustis indicated he does not believe the Governor can give it to someone; it still takes legislation. The task really is if the Speaker would bring it to the House; we would have a reasonable chance of having an authority passed and then we would be on our way. The authority takes on its own life – they are there to build an airport and they become pretty independent.

Mr. Walsh commented many of our legislators are supportive. He believes if we could get to a vote it would be successful; we need to work together. CED has hired someone for the issue of the airport – he has the ear of the Speaker and the Governor and is working diligently to move things through; if we can go with it and build momentum, we have to make sure the timing is right. We are hoping this year would be right. We are going down next week for the Will County Governmental League drive down. Hopefully we will have the President of the Governmental League speak up on that issue.

Mr. Moustis thanked Mr. Walsh for coming.

NEW BUSINESS

Other New Business

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

1. Request for Resolution Authorizing County Executive to Enter into Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Fiscal year 2011 Certified Local Government Grant Program to Continue Will County Rural Historic Structures Survey Projects – Amy Munro – Attached – Land Use & Development Comm.
2. Request to Discuss the CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program – Fairmont Community Sub Area Plan – Brian Radner – Attached - Land Use & Development Committee
3. Request to Amend Building Ordinance – Brian Radner – Attached – Land Use & Development Committee
4. Request to Present Quarterly Report – Duffy Blackburn Finance Committee - ***To Be Heard 04-05-11***

5. Request for Resolution Authorizing Temporary Loan from Corporate Fund to the County Tort Immunity Fund – Paul Rafac - Attached - Finance Committee – **To Be Heard 04-05-11**
6. Request for Resolution Designating William Blair & Company as County Depository - Brian McDaniel - Attached Finance Committee – **To Be Heard 04-05-11**
7. Request to Provide University of IL Coop Extension Update - Beth LaPlante, Director - Attached Finance Committee – **To Be Heard 04-05-11**
8. Request for Resolution Amending 2011 Budget to Accurately Reflect Changes in Real Estate Tax Revenues – Finance Committee – **To Be Heard 04-05-11**
9. Request to Appropriate H¹N¹ Grant Funds in Health Department Budget – John Cicero - Attached Finance & Public Health & Safety Committee(s) – **To Be Heard @ Finance 04-05-11**
10. Request to Appropriate Tobacco Free Communities Grant Funds in Health Department Budget – John Cicero – Attached - Finance & Public Health & Safety Committee(s) – **To Be Heard @ Finance 04-05-11**
11. Request to Appropriate Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program Grant Funds in Health Department Budget – John Cicero – Attached - Finance & Public Health & Safety Committee(s) – **To Be Heard @ Finance 04-05-11**
12. Request to Appropriate West Nile Virus Grant Funds in Health Department Budget – John Cicero – Attached - Finance & Public Health & Safety Committee(s) – **To Be Heard @ Finance 04-05-11**
13. Request to Revise 2011 Budget for Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program and Revenue & Expenditures for FY11 – Dean Olson – Attached – Finance Committee – **To Be Heard @ Finance 04-05-11**
14. Request to Award RVJC Food Service Bid Renewal – Rita Weiss – Attached - Judicial Committee – **To Be Heard 04-05-11**
15. Request to Discuss ADF Operational Audit at the May 3, 2011 Judicial Committee – Undersheriff Marty Nowak – Attached
16. Request for Resolution Concurring with District #8 Recommendation for Community Groups to Receive Contributions Pursuant to the Waste Management Laraway Road Host Agreement – Denise Winfrey - Executive Committee
17. Request for Presentation of USAgain – Carlos Cavallaro - Attached Executive Committee
18. Request for County to Administer a Commercial Benefit Based SSA for New Lenox – Russ Loebe – Attached - Executive Committee

19. Request for University of St. Francis to Provide Update – President Vinciguerra - Executive Committee
20. Request for Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) Update – Bruce Tidwell/Paul Rafac - Executive Committee
21. Request to Award Bid for Chiller at Sunny Hill Nursing Home – Rita Weiss – Attached – Executive Committee
22. Request to Renew Office Supplies Contract – Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Committee
23. Request to Declare Various Electronic Items Surplus - Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Committee
24. Placement of Items on the Public Works & Transportation Committee Agenda – Attached - ***To Be Heard 04-05-11***

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

1. Request to Discuss Automated Time & Attendance Software for the Sheriff's Office – Undersheriff Nowak – Attached - Executive/Finance/Technology Committee(s)
2. Request to Renew Therapy Services at Sunny Hill – Rita Weiss – Attached – Public Health & Safety Committee
3. Request for Reconsideration of Land Use Building Inspector Position – Curt Paddock/Ray Semplinski - Attached

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Bilotta, to approve the committee assignments, as presented. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

Mr. Weigel provided a brief report on the February 9-1-1 board meeting. They have new members that were approved by County Board. The amount on hand is \$8 million; we approved the lease of the present building and there is no increase. We reimbursed Bolingbrook for the surcharge of \$48,000; right now they collect .90 per phone call and the rest of Will County is .75 so we reimburse the difference. The long range planning committee is moving forward; Romeoville fire department set up a new 9-1-1 center for themselves; that went on line February 28th. The Caton Farm Road property was tabled in October and the committee is waiting for the Wight study to give a recommendation as to whether this should be bought or not. There is a house bill to extend the wireless communication to continue getting funding for the 9-1-1 surcharge that will be effective through 2019. There was a discussion of a liaison

officer to help with communication of the 9-1-1 board. A survey was sent out to all board members asking for their response and we will get a report at the next meeting on April 13th. There were 3 positions that were published for upgrade in the 9-1-1 office. The CN grade crossing system is still being installed.

Mr. Moustis commented on the number of hires and how they hire. What is their process? Do they follow county procurement ordinance?

Mr. Palmer answered he does not know the answer.

Mr. Moustis noted he would think they would have to follow the state; we can recommend that they follow the county's.

Mr. Weigel commented they go out for bid on everything they buy.

Mr. Palmer indicated going forward we will bring back all new hires and they will be posted. He does not know the relation to the county – they are in our budget. In their defense, we have moved the addressing coordinator from the land use department to 9-1-1, which will be more effective and efficient.

Mr. Moustis commented he would like to see if they have some type of policy in place.

Mr. Friefeld suggested this be a future agenda item. We will work with Mr. Palmer to gather information and bring it back to the committee – what they are doing, how they are doing it and what changes need to be made. We will have this as an agenda item for May.

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. Adamic, second by Mr. Kusta, to go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss pending litigation. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Dralle, Gould, Kusta, May, Seiler, Singer, Weigel and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Ms. Seiler, to come out of executive session at 11:01 a.m. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Dralle, Gould, Kusta, May, Seiler, Singer, Weigel and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Adamic, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.