

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

**June 9, 2011**

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 10:50 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent were Members:** Bilotta.

**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 Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Maher, to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, second by Mr. Kusta, to approve the executive session minutes from the May 5, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, second by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Brokerage Interview Schedule**

Mr. Moustis stated we have a list of recommended firms to be interviewed. We want to try and get this done and select a company in July; we need for them to be on board for a couple of months to be prepared.

Mrs. Johannsen suggested doing all interviews in one day.

Mr. Adamic arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Friefeld noted there were 6 firms that submitted a proposal; they were all in the same ballpark except for one. Mr. Tidwell's recommendation is to interview the top 5 firms.

Mr. Moustis agreed we will interview them all in one day. It will be a ½ hour presentation with 15 minutes for questions. We do not select a broker just by the dollar amount.

### **Reapportionment/Redistricting**

Mr. Moustis indicated Mr. Gould has been working with the County Executive's Office on one map. If we get a consensus on the map we can move forward this month. He suggested saving space on the agenda; there will be a reapportionment meeting on Monday and he would like to have a committee of the whole meeting instead of caucus before the county board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Adamic, to save space on the County Board Agenda for the reapportionment map. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Request to Assess Fees for Civil Union Licenses for County Clerk's Office**

Mrs. Voots stated as of June 1<sup>st</sup> we are able to issue licenses; we have issued 40 up to this point. The bill did not stipulate a fee for civil unions; the law states the fee has to be the same as a marriage license, which is \$28 and \$5 of that goes to the state for the Domestic Violence Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda setting the fees for the civil union licenses for the County Clerk's Office. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Johannsen questioned if this requires a public hearing.

Mrs. Manning replied no.

### **Request to Approve Lease Agreement with Administrative Offices of IL Courts at Will County Court Annex (EMCO)**

Mr. Palmer stated in 2006 the Arbitration Center moved to the Emco building; this was set up with a 5 year lease arrangement. The original contract allowed them to give us notice

and continue on at the same terms; we have signed this in advance. We are looking for a concurrence resolution. We are seeking to continue this lease – it is a good partnership with the courts; they are paying almost \$60,000 per year.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda approving the lease agreement with the Administrative Offices of the Illinois Courts at the Will County Court Annex. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Singer arrived at this juncture.

**Request to Renew EDACS FX Agreement for Radio System**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda renewing the EDACS FX agreement for the radio system. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Renewal of Workforce Services Contract for JJC Career Seekers**

**Youth Contract**

Ms. Fera stated we bid these out 2 years ago and there were three 1-year extensions allowable. We did take a slight funding cut in youth programs so we have asked the contractors to cut back. JJC reduced their overall budget by 8%; Education Service Network by 8.5%. The JJC contract total is \$645,536.

Mrs. May questioned what the age group is.

Ms. Fera replied this is for youths ages 16 to 21; they have to be out of school. They are required to work as part of the contract.

Mrs. May noted 2 of the contracts are over \$1 million for 165 youths. Are there any programs where they get a certificate for a vocation skill?

Ms. Fera answered we do fund a number of these youths to go on to post secondary training – fork lift, CNA.

Mrs. May asked if it is possible to ask them to increase the number of people they serve.

Ms. Fera answered we asked the contractors to increase their numbers last year. JJC went from 75 to 100; ESN from 50 to 65.

Mrs. May commented she would like to see the actual outcome; how many get jobs.

Ms. Fera stated she will provide that to the board.

Mr. Moustis noted Ms. Fera provides those reports to the federal government on a regular basis.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Ms. Smith, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing renewal of the Workforce Services contract with JJC Career Seekers Youth Contract. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Renewal of Workforce Services Contract for JJC Work Readiness**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Smith, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the renewal of the Workforce Services Contract for JJC Work Readiness. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Renewal of Workforce Services Contract for Education Service**

**Network**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the Renewal of the Workforce Services Contract for Education Service Network. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Intergovernmental Agreement with Plainfield Police Department for**

**Medication Take-Back Program**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Maher, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the intergovernmental agreement with Plainfield Police Department for the Medication Take-Back Program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request to Place Ordinance Ascertainning Prevailing Wage Rates on the June**

**County Board Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Mr. Gould, to place the Prevailing Wage Resolution on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Sunny Hill Replacement Hires**

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

**Supervisor of Assessment Replacement Hire**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the replacement hire for the Supervisor of Assessment's Office. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Appointments**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place the Appointments by the County Executive on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Proclamation(s)**

None this month.

**Request for Real Estate Tax Abatement for APL Limited**

Mr. Grueling stated this is a request for a 4-year 50% tax abatement. APL Limited is the second or third largest international steamship company in the world. This project is an indicator of what we have been talking in terms of where the better jobs are associated with the Intermodal yards. The better paying jobs are not going to be just in the distribution warehouses; they will be in front office operations, sales, maintenance as well as managerial. The second better job category is going to be in support service companies such as APL; they will be managing their containers. They have a rather small facility, about 20,000 square feet. This will be about 30 jobs starting out; average salary is over \$60,000 year with benefits on top of that. They will grow to 45 jobs within 4 to 5 years. Assuming that the growth of the Union Pacific yard stays on track, this facility will grow with the yard. The final benefit of this project is that it keeps this type of use within the fence. We do not have to deal with a container operation on the outside; the impact on the external environment is minimal. This will take trucks off the local roads; instead of having to move a container outside the facility; the movement will stay within the intermodal facility. Our recommendation is to allow for a 4 year 50% abatement. We are not seeking any school abatements on this project. The City of Joliet has indicated they will accept the request for abatement.

Mr. Moustis noted our policy is to not move forward until the local municipality has done their tax abatement.

Mr. Grueling indicated he would recommend not passing a resolution until the city approves their abatement.

Mr. Wilhelmi questioned what the competing sites are. Their incentive is to be here; he is not sure why we would give them any financial incentive. Would there be additional cost for them to be located somewhere else?

Mr. Grueling replied obviously there is an advantage to this location; their alternative would be any of the 11 or 12 yards in the Chicago area.

Mr. Wilhelmi commented he is not sure this is one of those situations where we need to give them the abatement. He is willing to think about it; he would like to know how Joliet feels about it.

Mr. Moustis noted our policy is to let the locals sign on to it. If they feel it is a worthwhile project, then we would also. We need to start making decisions on what comes through in the future; we have had discussions regarding the expansion of the enterprise zone; which was to help create jobs. What held true in the 80's does not hold true today. They will locate here almost regardless of the abatement because the savings to the operational costs are

substantial. Do we need to give some incentives now? He will not start with this company since they have gone through the process. He recommends we tighten up the abatement process considerably to look at projects where we are in competitive situations or they really bring something here that is a value.

Mr. Grueling indicated under our current guidelines he could not refuse this application.

Mr. Moustis stated we will not bring this forward until Joliet agrees with this abatement. He suggested putting this off until July.

Mr. Grueling noted he will share that with the company. One other aspect of this project is that they will be buying this land; this is not a lease deal. There is a lot of upside in terms of the benefits to the schools primarily.

Mr. Moustis indicated CED will bring this back in July.

### **Other Business**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Mr. Weigel stated there are 3 zoning cases and 7 resolutions that will be heard at next Tuesday's meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Smith, to save space for the 3 zoning cases and 7 resolutions to be heard by the committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Finance – E. Kusta**

Mr. Kusta indicated there are 2 resolutions this month. As we get through the capital process we will start to ramp up our discussions for financing – what is out there; do we want to; can we; should we? Mr. Rafac and Mr. McKenna will be putting together a presentation for August to help us answer those questions. We may have a committee of the whole meeting.

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

Mr. Singer asked if there were any questions.

#### **Judicial – A. Dralle**

Mrs. Dralle stated there will be a public hearing on the Administrative Adjudication Ordinance, which has been reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office.

#### **Public Health & Safety – D. Gould**

Mr. Gould indicated the committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 11:00 at Sunny Hill; there are 3 items that will be heard at committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Weigel, to save space for 3 resolutions to be heard by the committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson**

Ms. Goodson stated the committee will be meeting next Tuesday. The session has ended and we had some successes and some disappointments. Over all we managed to deter many attempts to take money from the county. The Sheriff's bill was amended in the Senate and went back to the House for concurrence but it did not pass. One of the items in our legislative agenda was the publication notification, SB 1686; this has been a good thing for Will County. We were successful in lowering the total cost.

Mr. Moustis commented they have to give us the lowest rates where before we were paying the highest rates. Very often things move so quickly in Springfield and they are not done necessarily where you get much awareness of what is going on. With our legislative committee and others such as Metro Counties and IACO, we bring attention and make it more of a public discussion and bring more transparency to an issue. When we do that it slows things up and you get more productive input; it is very helpful to legislators to let them get additional information.

Ms. Goodson noted that is the importance of being able to sit down with legislators, have a personal relationship with them and explain things to them; you can make huge strides. They may be called back in July; the Governor may call them back to discuss the capital bill.

**Capital Improvements – C. Maher**

Mr. Maher thanked the committee for all their hard work; there was a lot of material we went through at our workshop. Over the next couple of months we are putting together a comprehensive picture of all the capital needs in the county. At the joint meeting on finance we were educated on what dollars mean to a government agency; how we get them and how we leverage them. Wight will come back and bring us a list that we can hopefully approve at the August board meeting. He would like to have a special meeting separate from the finance aspect.

Mr. Moustis stated we can do it at the committee of the whole; once they are done with the finance issues, take another half-hour and go through the list.

Mr. Wilhelmi indicated we heard about how the bonding is available but we did not get Mr. Rafac's analysis on what we can afford. We should not go forward with that list until we know what the number is.

Mr. Moustis noted the needs are met by the finances.

**Executive – J. Moustis**

Mr. Moustis asked if there were any questions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2011 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mrs. Zigrossi, to approve the June 16, 2011 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Mr. Maher left at this juncture.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mrs. Dralle, to go into executive session at 11:51 a.m. to discuss pending litigation. On a roll call vote, Adamic, L. Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Gould, Kusta, May, Singer, Weigel, Wilhelmi, Zigrossi and Moustis voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Adamic, to come out of executive session at 11:59 a.m. On a roll call vote, Adamic, L. Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Gould, Kusta, May, Singer, Weigel, Wilhelmi, Zigrossi and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mrs. Zigrossi, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.