

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

April 14, 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 11:19 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Adamic, L. Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Kusta, May, Seiler, Singer, Weigel and Moustis.

Absent were Members: Bilotta, Gould, 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. Kusta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Singer to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Paratransit and Dial-a-Ride Services in Eastern Will County Update

Mr. Palmer stated the county did a study through the RTA, which was a survey of our services throughout the county; this was completed towards the end of last year. Unfortunately, Southland Senior Services that was servicing the 6 townships in eastern Will County went out of business at the end of the year. This created a problem because that service was going to go away completely; there was also funding from Pace and other agencies that was earmarked for that area.

Mr. Moustis noted they were the operator but they were sponsored by the townships and the funding went to the townships.

Mr. Palmer indicated it was a township driven function. We had several meetings with Pace and the township supervisors to try to fill the gap. The township supervisors have been working together and have a short term solution that they are doing that does not involve the county.

Mr. Howard stated Peotone had been the facilitator, receiving the money and passing it on to Southland. Washington Township had the only buses out there. We stepped up and did on a cost basis – a memorandum of understanding with Crete, Monee, Will, Peotone, Washington, and Green Garden Townships. The townships feel this is a regional issue that needs to be looked at in a larger manner; the idea is to have the county come in as a facilitator and help apply for the grants. We will meet next week with the townships and formalize some type of cooperative agreement.

Mr. Palmer indicated Pace has the title they call lead agency, which the county could potentially fill. The county would not be a provider – we do not want to be a provider. This will allow some of the funding to come through us. Since these are Will County residents we could facilitate some of that funding; we would still have providers at the local level. At some point, we will bring back an agreement with Pace if that is something you want to consider. The long term goal of the study is to see if there are ways to partner with other townships that are doing these services, such as Frankfort Township or the three townships in the southwest part of the county. Wheatland Township does not have any service right now but they are looking into it. It is a limited number of people in some areas that are being serviced but it is critical for some of these people with special needs or senior citizens who can no longer drive. We want to make sure those funds that are available to Will County - that we are able to get them and keep them here. There is a cost savings to working together on some of these projects. Although it was not good that Southland went away, it is a good opportunity on a small scale to get townships together and use it as a pilot for other townships.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

University of St. Francis President Vinciguerra

Village of New Lenox Request for Commercial Benefit Based SSA

Mr. Friefeld stated these first two items under New Business will be moved to the first meeting in May.

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) Update

Mr. Tidwell provided an update on EERP, which was established as part of the Affordable Health Care Act. It is a temporary program where Congress set aside \$5 billion to cover health care costs for retirees under 65; they will reimburse 80% of claims for each individual between \$15,000 and \$90,000. We had to submit an application that was approved; we submitted our first reimbursement request that went from June 1st through December 31st. We received just over \$221,000; every quarter we will submit for claim reimbursement until the funds run out.

Mr. Moustis asked when we receive the money; it then gets applied to claims for seniors.

Mr. Tidwell answered there are specific things you can and cannot use the funds for. It cannot go into the general fund; it has to be used to reduce the cost of the plan for retirees and/or stabilize or reduce that premium costs.

Mr. Moustis questioned how we do that. It has to go to the retiree in reducing their cost?

Mr. Tidwell replied or the plan cost and our does both. We do subsidize our retirees under 65. So this goes into the health care fund because we subsidize their costs and it also reduces the plan costs. It just goes into our health care fund. This is for early retirement between the ages of 55 and 65; for eligible employees and their dependents.

Mr. Moustis asked if you have to do reporting to the federal government. He would like to see how that is done and how it is impacting our retirees.

Mr. Tidwell answered he will provide a report for the committee. This is overseen by Health & Human Services. They are no longer accepting employer applications as of April 30th. We estimate from January 1 through March 31 of this year we only have about \$20,000 coming to us because it is early in the year; the claims have to be between \$15,000 and \$90,000. They are expecting this fund to run out by September 2012 if not sooner. We will get a special report every quarter from BC/BS; we will go through to identify the correct retirees are on that list.

Mr. Moustis requested a quarterly report.

Sunny Hill Replacement Hires

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

Request for Resolution Concurring with District #8 Recommendation for Community Groups to Receive Contributions Pursuant to the Waste Management Laraway Road Host Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda concurring with the recommendation from District #8 for the community groups to receive the contributions from Waste Management. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Chiller at Sunny Hill Nursing Home

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Singer, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for the chiller at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Renew Office Supplies Contract

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda renewing the contract for office supplies. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Declare Various Electronic Items Surplus

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Singer, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda declaring various electronic items as surplus and authorizing their disposal. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Discuss Automated Time & Attendance Software for Sheriff's Office

This item was moved to the end of New Business.

Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Ms. Goodson, to place the Appointments by the County Executive on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Proclamation(s)

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Smith, to place the proclamations on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Discuss Automated Time & Attendance Software for Sheriff's Office

Undersheriff Nowak stated the Sheriff's Department has a very archaic system for payroll; it is a pencil and paper system. The only electronic portion is when we enter data that goes to the county. We frequently need various reports that have to be done by hand; we have felt we should have an automated system – some office holders have done that. We have a source for money where we could do this project; it is a special fund – a traffic fund that we are limited in what we can use it for. We believe we have enough money in this fund to pay for this

system. The Sheriff is interested in asking the board to do one of two things - either open this fund up so we can use it or be a little more generous and open the fund up so the Sheriff can use his discretion and use any monies in that fund. It is a revenue generated fund; it is a fund that is spent very judiciously and overseen by the board. The first move would be to try to get a system; we would like to bid this system out. By doing the bidding process it makes the system very competitive, forces the price down and gives us the opportunity to look at all systems out there.

Mr. Moustis suggested putting this over to the finance committee for next month regarding restrictions on the special fund. This fund was created by county board; not by state statute. The county board has flexibility on how they might want that fund used.

Mr. Kusta requested an opinion from the State's Attorney's office as to the restrictions of this fund.

Mrs. Tatroe replied she will check into this.

Mr. Moustis suggested the Sheriff talk to the technology committee. We are trying to make sure interoperability is there with other systems. You will also have some discussions with the ICT Department on how it will work with the overall payroll system. He could see this going forward.

Undersheriff Nowak noted your suggestion is well taken. The Sheriff and Circuit Clerk have been supporters of the integrated justice system. The whole idea of interoperability and sharing data is part of the theme. We would feel that is also applicable to any other county applications that might come along. We want to make sure it works with everyone.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Adamic, to move the issue of the automated time and attendance software for the Sheriff's office to the finance committee. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use & Development – T. Weigel

Mr. Weigel stated there are 4 zoning cases and 6 resolutions. Resolution 11-125 covers the digital billboards.

Mr. Paddock stated at the committee of the whole there was discussion wanting to have agreements with billboard companies that would lay out their responsibilities for providing public service announcements. What is being proposed is a separate item to authorize the County Executive to enter into a generic version of the language with the outdoor advertising company. The language, which was prepared by Clear Channel, states that whenever they have an open 10 second time slot they would provide the opportunity for PSA. They would have the right to

reject any announcement that did not meet other standards that they apply to their messaging. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Smith to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to enter into agreements with the outdoor advertising companies regarding public service announcements. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Weigel stated there would have to be an amendment on the ordinance pertaining to the digital billboards.

Mr. Moustis indicated regarding the amendment; the intent is the signs that are closest would be considered first. That does not mean that would be the ones to come down first. He wanted the ability to have discussion with the sign companies and have local input on the signs. He is looking for a process.

Mrs. Tatroe clarified you want them to come in and consult with land use prior to and not just dictate what signs would come down.

Mr. Moustis noted that gives the opportunity for the local communities and jurisdictions to come in and have some input on various removal of signs. He wants some flexibility that there is discussion and a process that gives some input

Mr. Paddock indicated there are basic 2 approaches. There was the approach of reducing from the current text from 10 miles to 5 miles and taking it out in 1 mile increments versus this other measures which would have to do with having some type of consultation and deliberative process; administratively, having this standard of a 5 mile and then 1 mile increments would be administratively much more feasible. He anticipates the other approach would be more cumbersome; the intent is to have the benefit of removal more proximate to one that would be a disadvantage.

Mrs. Tatroe stated it would probably be best to define it as it shall be within the 5 miles radius unless another agreement is reached with proper land use staff; that way you get the closest unless they feel some reason one further out would be a better choice.

Mr. Moustis noted he does not want to totally dismiss the economics for the company; there is a consideration for an overall program. He wants it as flexible as possible.

Mrs. Tatroe commented we will sit down with land use staff and come up with a reasonable solution.

Mr. Friefeld noted you are talking about an amendment that is not even drafted yet. Is it your intention that it will be on your desk next Thursday? Is there any urgency that dictates this has to be approved this month?

Mr. Moustis answered we would probably want some time to look at this. Everything regarding the digital billboards will come back in May.

Mrs. Johannsen noted a resolution needs to be added regarding amendments to the building ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the building ordinance. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Finance – E. Kusta

Mr. Kusta stated there are 4 resolutions this month. One is updating the capital asset policy; another is making changes to the EECBG budget.

Public Works & Transportation – J. Bilotta

Mr. Singer asked if there were any questions.

Judicial – A. Dralle

Mrs. Dralle commented they are moving along with resolutions for the two hearing officers and the adjudication software.

Public Health & Safety – D. Gould

No report.

Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson

Ms. Goodson stated the committee will be meeting on Monday. She provided an overview of their trip to Springfield.

Capital Improvements – C. Maher

No report.

Technology Ad-Hoc - L. Smith

Ms. Smith indicated the committee was invited to come and participate in some of the scoping groups. They are just about ready to put together a report. We will be meeting with them May 4 and should have a full report for the technology committee on May 5. We are moving along pretty quickly.

Executive – J. Moustis

Mr. Moustis asked if there were any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2011 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Kusta, to approve the April 21, 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mrs. Dralle, to go into executive session at 12:04 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. On a roll call vote, Adamic, L. Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Kusta, May, Seiler, Singer, Weigel and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Ms. Seiler, to come out of executive session at 12:11 p.m. On a roll call vote, Adamic, L. Smith, Dralle, Goodson, Kusta, May, Seiler, Singer, Weigel and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Singer, to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.