

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

November 6, 2008

10:00 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 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Brandolino, Woods, Singer, Babich, Gould, Riley, Gerl, Goodson, Bilotta, Svara and Moustis.

Absent were Members: McMillan, Dralle and Maher.

Also Present: Friefeld.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Brandolino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mrs. Woods, to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Bilotta, to approve the executive session minutes from the October 2, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerl, second by Mrs. Riley, to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Request of Homer Glen

Mayor Jim Daley stated he is here to tell the board about their intentions to annex property at 143rd and Bell Road. This is the commercial side of Goodings Grove. We annexed the Meijer property and structured a deal very similar to what the county had. They receive \$1.4 million sales tax rebates over 15 years not to exceed a 50/50 deal with the village. We did not want to

leave the county with any financial responsibility. We understand the county has a responsibility to Home Depot around \$280,000. Homer Glen with support of the county would assume that financial obligation. The reason why we want to get this property annexed into the village is that we feel the intent of the original agreement was to keep the property in Homer Glen, not in Lemont. This is in the middle of our business district. The money that will be derived from annexation can be used for public services. We want to make a major purchase in the next year. Homer Glen is 8 years old, operating out of a strip mall; we want to plan for a village hall. We are requesting county board support.

Mr. Gerl clarified currently Homer Glen surrounds the Home Depot complex entirely. The intent was that some day this would go into Homer Glen. We look to the State's Attorney's Office – they will have to look at how we do this. He personally is in support of it.

Mayor Daley indicated the map shows three different annexations.

Mr. Bilotta commented Lemont wanted to annex; if Lemont did get this 1% sales tax, it would have gone to Cook County. At the time that was no such thing as Homer Glen. He definitely supports it.

Mr. Moustis stated there was a signed agreement not to annex to any municipality for 20 years; this was to get the improvements done and to keep the sales tax dollars in the county.

Mr. Gerl clarified we gave some capital improvements in the amount of \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Mr. Moustis indicated we agreed to abate sales tax based upon occupancy of the shopping center.

Mr. Bilotta commented we paid for the road improvements.

Mr. Moustis indicated the developer paid for most of the improvements. This was to give the money back to the developer over a 20 years period; we have about \$300,000 to our obligation to the shopping center owners.

Mr. Gerl commented the whole intent was to keep this in Will County.

Mr. Brandolino stated when this was laid out we had no money to do improvements. We worked hard with the township and the developer. We laid out how we will proceed and now Homer Glen is ready to proceed to close out the project.

Mayor Daley stated we will take care of road improvements.

Mr. Moustis suggested the State's Attorney's Office meet with Homer Glen, start the process and give us a document or agreement; once we have a document we can execute then we can move forward.

Mr. Odelson indicated we have already started the process; there has been a notice in the paper for annexation two months from now.

Mr. Moustis requested a parallel process with the State's Attorney's Office.

Status Report: Mrs. McMillan's Property Clean-Up/City of Joliet/CDT Landfill

Mr. Paddock stated he has reviewed the situation; Mr. Thanas put pressure on CDT and engaged the contractor to clear the debris on the McMillan property. A nice clear channel has resulted – this was through the efforts of Joliet to persuade CDT to do the right thing as a neighbor. He understands Mrs. McMillan is quite satisfied with the results and the water is flowing through at the present time. Mr. Machak is not entirely satisfied with results.

Mr. Moustis thanked the city for stepping up; we know it was a problem. The city will try to work on a permanent solution to keep the debris from moving off of the CDT property; that is an on-going endeavor for the city.

Mrs. McMillan expressed her thanks. There was much rock and debris that has been hauled out; there is some clean-up that still needs to be done.

Mr. Machak indicated he is very disappointed; they did not clean up his property very well. The river went through his driveway and created a dam on the north side of his property.

Mr. Moustis requested Mr. Paddock and Mr. Ryan get the status on this.

Mr. Friefeld commented what the county has done is get the city's attention. He suggested contacting Joliet to let them know of this problem that is resulting from what was done – they have taken ownership of this.

Mr. Moustis agreed; he should do that first but feel free to come back.

Replacement Hires for Sunny Hill from October, 2008 – Remanded back at 10/16/08

County Board

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

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

METRA – Presentation 2009 Budget

Mr. Smith presented METRA's 2009 budget.

Mr. Moustis indicated it is disappointing that we put money in systems that seem to be failing versus systems that seem to be working. METRA seems to be working; he would like to see METRA get more of the pie.

Mr. Svava asked if the capital revenue was going into operating expenses.

Mr. Smith answered not this year.

Ms. Goodson questioned if they have had communication with CN.

Mr. Smith replied they have been mainly concerned about the number of trains that will go on this system. CN going on the EJ&E line is a good thing from a national perspective. But there

has to be some things put in place to offset the negative things. We need to protect the system for the eventual building of the Star line. We have not come out fully in support.

Mr. Singer asked if they are doing anything to participate in communicating with STB about fixing the antiquated laws.

Mr. Smith answered on a continuing basis; there are a number of transit agencies that do that.

**Implementation of Public Act 095-103 Funding for Children's Advocacy Center
(Policy & Rules Approved Policy to Establish a Funding Mechanism on 10/2/08)**

Ms. Block stated they are seeking approval to implement Public Act 095-103 for funding for the Children's Advocacy Center. This will adopt a mandatory fee from \$5 to \$30 on misdemeanors and felonies; the recommendation is \$20 on misdemeanors and \$30 on felonies. We have discussed the critical need for a consistent revenue stream. There are 29 counties that have currently passed a resolution. Our center serves 35 law enforcement jurisdictions.

Mr. Moustis asked if the funds would go into the State's Attorney's budget.

Mrs. Tatroe answered they would go into the county budget just like any other funds do; we have a section in the budget for the Children's Advocacy Center special fund.

Mr. Moustis questioned if we budgeted for what we think the amount will be.

Mr. Rafac replied we have not received an expense plan. We could calculate a revenue stream.

Mr. Moustis indicated your recommendation is to go to \$20 on misdemeanors and \$30 on felonies. He requested that the committee be provided with a budget based on the recommendation for the projected revenue.

Mr. Brandolino commented the county board needs to know how much of the actual dollars you will collect.

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mrs. Woods, to table this issue until the next meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion Re: Jim Paglia/In & Out Implementation

Mr. Friefeld stated this is an informational item; this is on the vision process – the county board previously approved the contract. In view of the fact that the strategic planning process is months down the road the signing of the contract was put off. We had a conference call with Mr. Paglia and the recommendation is to schedule in January. We will wait until the reorganization and then contact all county board members. This process is still in play and is being worked upon.

Mr. Moustis commented this is not the first time we have done it; we did this with the airport; bringing in a facilitator get to a common vision on where we are going. It does have to be done.

Mr. Rafac indicated all 27 county board members have to agree on what the vision/mission is. Some counties revisit their vision/mission statement every two years after elections.

Mr. Singer stated part of leadership is saying we are here today – here are the opportunities and the things we want to accomplish and why we want to accomplish them and the steps to accomplish them.

Mr. Babich questioned the cost; we have 27 board members that could put this together.

Mr. Moustis replied the cost is \$20,000. The majority of those 27 board members have to agree on where we are going especially the capital projects area.

Mr. Brandolino commented when we had our bond rating this was one of the suggestions from bond counsel.

Mr. Rafac agreed; this is the kind of thing they recommended.

Mr. Gerl indicated this is part of the strategic plan; this will be accomplished first.

Mr. Moustis stated this is the beginning; in January we will have meetings based on everyone's schedule.

Request of Homer Glen

Mr. Moustis moved this item to the beginning of the agenda.

Other New Business

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

1. Request to Hold November 12, 2008 Judicial Committee at River Valley Justice Center – Ann Dralle Judicial Committee
2. Request to Discuss Continuation Funding for Encouraging Arrest Policies & Enforcing Orders of Protection at Judicial Committee – Jennifer Cain – Attached - Judicial Committee
3. Request to Discuss Property Casualty General Liability Renewal at November 13 Insurance & Personnel Committee –Bruce Tidwell - Attached – Insurance & Personnel Committee
4. Request to Discuss Leaf Burning at Health, Aging & Education Committee – Don Gould -- Health, Aging Committee
5. Request to Renew Paper Products Contract for Sunny Hill – Rita Weiss – Attached - Health, Aging Committee
6. Request to Adopt Policy that would Create Quarterly Accrual of the County's Books – Steve Wilhelmi – Attached - Policy & Rules Committee

7. Amend County Board Rules (Re: Committees and Responsibilities) – Bruce Friefeld – Policy & Rules Committee
8. Request for Increase of Appropriations in Recorder's Automation Budget – Amy Hogan/Laurie McPhillips – Attached Finance Committee
9. Request to Appropriate Grant Funds in Sheriff's Budget for SCAAP Program – JoAnn Flink/Deputy Chief Nathaniel Romeo – Attached - Finance Committee
10. Request to Transfer Funds within CDBG Fund 290 for Projected Shortfall Resulting from new Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program – Ron Pullman/Tim Mack – Attached - Finance Committee
11. Request for Creation Special Revenue Fund 299 for Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program – Ron Pullman - Attached – Finance Committee
12. Request to Re-appropriate Grant Funds in County Clerk's Budget – Nancy Voots – Attached – Finance Committee
13. Request for Transfer of Funds within Coroner's Budget – Pat O'Neil – Attached - Finance Committee
14. Request for Transfer of Funds within ICT Budget – Mike Shay – Attached - Finance Committee
15. Request of RTA to Present 2009 Budget at November 13 Executive Committee – Audrey Maclennan/JD Ross - Attached – Executive Committee
16. Request to Extend Board of Review Term – Rhonda Novak/Cindy Harris - Attached – Executive Committee
17. Request for Renewal of CED Service Agreement and Request for Special Funds for Inland Port Impact Study – John Grueling - Attached – Executive Committee
18. Amendment to PBC Lease – Paul Rafac – Attached - Executive Committee
19. Renewal of Consultant Agreements: Bill Maher; Dave Neal; Gary Mack; Farnsworth; Lois Mayer; and Smith Dawson & Andrews – Executive Committee
20. Request for Resolution Amending 2008 Action Plan & 5-Year Consolidated Plan for CDBG and Home Investment Partnership Grant Programs – Ron Pullman – Attached Executive Committee
21. Request for Resolution Authorizing Loan of CDBG Program Income to Joliet Township Infrastructure Project – Ron Pullman – Attached - ~~Executive Committee~~ Removed
22. Request to Award Bid for Surplus Vehicles Sale – Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Committee
23. Request to Award Bid for Shredder – Rita Weiss – Attached – Executive Comm.

24. Request to Award Bid for Elevator Maintenance – Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Committee
25. Request to Award Bid for Gasoline – Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Comm.
26. Request to Award Bid for Toner – Rita Weiss – Attached - Executive Committee

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

1. Placement of Items on the Public Works & Transportation Committee Agenda(s)- Attached
2. Placement of Items for Land Use & Zoning Committee Agenda(s)- Attached
3. Request for Transfer of Funds within Record Management Budget – Lynn Behringer - Attached Finance Committee
4. Request to Extend Household Hazardous Waste Agreement for One Year – Dean Olson – Attached - Executive Committee

Mr. Moustis removed Item #21 of Committee Assignment Requests. He commented on Item #7, amending the County Board Rules. We will have the reorganization in December and he would like to have some sense of how we want to move forward. It is difficult getting people to participate in making all the meetings; there have been scheduling and quorum problems. We are looking at possibly combining some committees – put budget review and finance back together; insurance and personnel and policy & rules would be the responsibility of the executive committee. We can always form sub committees. We need to start talking about how we can make it more efficient and be respectful of people’s time. He has asked staff for those committees that have issues and we will bring this back next Thursday. He recommends all committees be 7 members; 5 members do not work out that well.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mr. Babich, to place the committee assignments, as amended. All in favor, with Mr. Singer abstaining. MOTION CARRIES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Woods, second by Mrs. Riley, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.