

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

**December 11, 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 11:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Bilotta, Adamic, Stewart, Dralle, Gerl, Goodson, Seiler, Weigel, Wilhelmi and Moustis.

**Absent were Members:** Kusta, Gould, Maher and Singer.

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

**Also Present:** Friefeld.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Bilotta 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 August 18, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Will County's Corporate Pledge for United Way**

A motion was made by Mr. Gerl, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing payment to United Way for the county's match to employee contributions up to \$25,000. On a roll call vote, Bilotta, Adamic, Stewart, Dralle, Gerl, Goodson, Seiler, Weigel and Moustis voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

**Annual Report on Grant Activity**

Ms. Mayer distributed a report on the 2008 grants.

Mr. Moustis asked how much activity is maintaining and renewing versus obtaining new opportunities.

Ms. Mayer answered typically once it is awarded it becomes the work of the staff and department.

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

Mrs. Dralle indicated there can be a lot of data required on a regular basis. Is that something you compile or is that up to the department?

Ms. Mayer replied once the grant is awarded, the reporting can be a significant piece; she has not been asked to provide that information.

Mr. Bilotta requested a column be provided on the report showing the county match.

**Request for Christopher Burke Stormwater Management Consultant Agreement**

**Renewal**

Mr. Friefeld stated by law the stormwater committee can select a consultant to support them. This is an agreement very similar to other Will County consultants that we have done. We are waiting to hear from the State's Attorney's Office and we hope to have this ready for the board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda renewing the agreement with Christopher Burke Engineer as stormwater management consultant. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Presentation by Consumer Health Advisors**

Mr. Friefeld indicated Consumer Health Advisors offers health management services to large employers. They have developed a web-based technology program and have approached Will County for a pilot program. This has potential benefits for both the county and employees. CHA has met with leadership; the request is this be assigned to a committee for a full presentation.

Mr. Moustis commented it is worth looking at; basically this is web-based technology; this is the future.

Mr. Wilhelmi asked what the cost is.

Mr. Friefeld answered there is no cost for the first year; the second year is 50% of the normal charge.

Mr. Moustis suggested having the presentation and see if organized labor is interested; they have to agree.

**Request for Reallocation of First Home Funds**

A motion was made by Mr. Gerl, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda reallocating First Home funds in the amount of \$444,000.00. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Status Approval**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion: Subdivision Ordinance**

Mr. Moustis stated the goal is to get an ordinance passed that everyone agrees on. He suggested moving forward without the conservation design and the SSA. We should continue discussion and amend the ordinance as soon as possible. We need to get the main part of the ordinance forward. The land use committee and staff have worked very hard on this.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the subdivision ordinance, as presented. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Weigel indicated there is a memo outlining the changes. He agrees with Mr. Moustis about bringing this forward without the conservation design or the SSA.

Mrs. Tatroe stated when the land use committee voted, they voted on it with those provisions in it; there needs to be some clarification.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to amend the subdivision ordinance by removing the SSA. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Joseph expressed concern about removing the SSA.

Mr. Ryan stated this is the appropriate thing to do; Land Use Department has worked very hard on this. The conservation design provision is an important part of the Land Resource Management Plan. They will start discussions next month at the land use committee.

Mr. Moustis indicated this will be put on the land use agenda in January. Conservation design is an important component of what we try to stress in Will County; we need to identify what characteristics need to be in that design to qualify.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the subdivision ordinance, as amended. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Modification of PBC Lease for 40% Installment Payment in June**

No action taken on this issue.

**Request for Authorization for Purchase of 2009 Vehicle Acquisitions Funded in Capital Improvements Fund Budget (304)**

No action taken on this issue.

**Request for Resolution for County Executive to Negotiate and Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Naperville and County of Will for Operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Naperville for a household hazardous waste facility. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Electronic & Recycling Drop-Off Application between Reed-Custer High School and Reed Township**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an electronic & recycling drop off location with Reed-Custer High School and Reed Township. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Memo from Kathleen Konicki dated December 1, 2008**

Mr. Moustis stated there is a statute that relates to County Executive and a statute that relates to County Board. This board has made the determination of what applies to County Board and what duties go to the County Executive. We use the word chairman as a leadership position within County Board; we have never suggested that it has the authorities that went over to the County Executive. This is very internal on how we are organized as a county board. We have not named a vice chairman within our own county board organization; we have a vice chairman of the executive committee, which is the administrative function of the county board. The vice chairman is basically the majority leader; it is someone who has succession. The way we have works just fine – we do not need to change anything.

Ms. Konicki requested that the memo be incorporated in the record.

Mr. Friefeld stated he will make sure that is done.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mrs. Dralle, that the memo presented by Ms. Konicki is part of the proceedings of this executive committee meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Konicki indicated state law mandates to have a chair and vice-chair. The chair is voted on at county board but we are not doing that on vice-chair position. If the chair is not available the majority leader steps up. The statute has good policy reasons behind it.

Mr. Weigel questioned if the State's Attorney's Office agrees with Mrs. Konicki's recommendation.

Mrs. Tatroe replied she has concern about some of the comments that were made. The County Executive chairs the county board meetings; we do have a process if the County Executive is absent. She has not read the statute in light of these comments; she reserves the right to change that opinion.

Mr. Moustis suggested leaving it as it is; in the absence of the chairman, the board can decide whoever they want. We just adopted our rules; we can review this next time we look at them.

Ms. Konicki requested an option from the State's Attorney's Office.

Mrs. Dralle commented if the State's Attorney felt we were acting outside the letter of the law they would advise us.

### **Replacement Hires – None**

### **Appointments**

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

### **Proclamations**

Mr. Bilotta stated there are 3 proclamations this month – JCA Girl's Volleyball championship; recognizing Pete McLenighan with 25 years of service at Stepping Stones and recognizing an Eagle Scout.

### **Other New Business**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Mr. Weigel stated Case 5792 is for rezoning from A2 to R2, which was denied at the land use committee. This was heard a couple of months ago when they asked for a SUP for a church, which was denied. Now they are coming back asking to rezone from A2 to R2, which would allow for a church.

Mr. Bilotta indicated this is not the proper place for a church. They are going around the system trying to make it R2. If it is denied by the county board it could go to the courts. He is not opposed to the church – it is the location.

#### **Finance – J. Gerl**

Mr. Gerl stated Resolution 08-485 and 08-486 are regarding tort immunity and workers' comp. In the past the county has always loaned them money for their claims and received those dollars back. We will make this a grant – tort is \$2 million and workers' comp is \$3.2 million; instead of requesting the money back. Going forward we will not have to do this cycle any more; we will get on an annual cycle where our levy will support these claims.

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

Mr. Bilotta indicated Resolution 08-496 is for the start of the Weber/I-55 interchange. We are able to start that because of the Build Will program. Resolution 08–504 is to establish the consultant program search committee. We are looking to interview a program manager; we do not have the capacity to do this in-house. We will be hiring an outside consulting firm to be paid out of the proceeds from the RTA fund. This is to establish a committee to pick the consultant.

Mr. Moustis commented the County Engineer is ultimately responsible for the selection. Mr. Gould felt this was a good process to go through; he selected 5 firms to be interviewed. This is a good transparent public process about how we are spending the \$300 million from the RTA tax.

Mr. Ryan agreed this should be transparent and it should be collaboration between the County Engineer, the County Executive and the County Board. The only issue is whether or not we actually need a resolution to do this.

Mr. Friefeld commented the recommendation is in the form of a resolution.

Mr. Moustis indicated our intent is to make it smooth and all be on the same page.

Mr. Gould commented the more open we make the process the better it would be; that is why he wanted a committee for the selection process.

**Judicial – A. Dralle**

Mrs. Dralle stated she has 2 resolutions. The first is awarding the bid to provide meals to the juveniles. The second is to set the fines and fees at \$20 on misdemeanors and \$30 on felonies for additional revenue for the Children’s Advocacy Center. This will generate \$75,000 to \$80,000. None of the money will be used for additional staff. We will need to hold a public hearing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a public hearing on the County Board Agenda for the increase in court fees for the Children’s Advocacy Center. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Public Health & Safety – D. Gould**

Mr. Blackburn stated there are 2 resolutions this month. One is for a \$6,000 grant for the Citizen Corp and the second is for an electronics recycling center in Reed Township. The committee is working on a leaf burning ordinance and also went over the Sunny Hill audit. The recommendation is to cut the bed count to 238.

Mr. Moustis commented he would like to see a joint statement from Ms. Sorbero and the County Executive on how we will go forward based on the audit.

Mr. Rafac indicated Ms. Sorbero and he are making this joint recommendation from both the nursing home and County Executive perspective. We will request to move forward next month with a formal resolution; the bed count has been running at 223.

**Legislative & Policy – L. Goodson**

Ms. Goodson stated the Senate and House are returning for a special session to determine how to move forward with recent events. She attended a meeting today with Mr. Smith – there are some bright spots in the future on the federal level.

Mr. Ryan commented if the General Assembly does pass legislation to call for a special election it will be an enormous cost to the county; we will have to have a primary and a general but not compatible with the municipal cycle.

**Capital Improvements – C. Maher**

Mr. Friefeld indicated there is a workshop for the vision mission statement scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 to 3 with a light working lunch.

Mr. Moustis encouraged everyone to participate.

**Executive – J. Moustis**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2008 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the December 18, 2008 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Wilhelmi left at this juncture.

**Other Business**

Mr. Wagner expressed concern about removing the conservation design and SSA from the subdivision ordinance; by removing the conservation design and SSA it allows developers to gain financially. He is concerned about preservation of our land.

Mr. Weigel indicated the committee intends to revisit those issues and will get them back in the ordinance in a couple of months. He offered to notify Mr. Wagner when this is on the land use committee agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Weigel, to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.