

WILL COUNTY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

November 13, 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 11:18 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: McMillan, Woods and Maher.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Melanie Manning and Phil Mock.

Also Present:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Brandolino led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerl, second by Mr. Babich, to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

New Business

RTA - Presentation 2009 Budget

Mr. Ross presented the overview of the 2009 budget.

CMAP Presentation

Mr. Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director with CMAP addressed the committee about developments of regional importance. The proposal out for review is not a CMAP proposal. It is

a way to get a conversation started about how we implement a state legislative requirement to develop what is called Developments of Regional Importance, which are major regional developments that have impacts beyond one area. This process does not supersede local control. It makes an advisory recommendation on major projects. This process needs to have value. We have proposed a 2-year trial period; then we will look at how we make it work. We need to have a conversation about how to implement this. If we do not come together on this, the General Assembly will tell us how to do it. We want to make a process that works for everyone and yet adds value and makes for better development of our communities.

Mr. Svava commented the land use staff and committee want to cooperate; we do not want the state to make these decisions.

Mr. Bilotta indicated CMAP has a tough challenge. There are two projects in the county that have regional importance – CenterPoint and the potential for the third airport. He hopes both of those would qualify for this DRI.

Mr. Singer stated you are being given a task by the Legislature. The goal is not to put a process together that would prohibit development or slow it down. No one knows the definition of a DRI. There is no benefit to people of this county for an organization playing a role in the approval of any projects in our area. This county board should support a resolution opposing the concept of a DRI as quickly as we can.

Mr. Blankenhorn indicated our board's primary interest is in growing the economy. There are projects that are bigger than Will County. He understands Mr. Singer's concerns and appreciates them. If we do not get together and solve this it will be forced on us by people who do not understand what we are trying to do. We are asking you to help us make it right.

Mr. Moustis agreed with Mr. Singer. This is nothing more than an outreach from Cook County to control what goes on in the collar counties.

Mr. Bilotta asked with the feedback from stakeholders, can you go back to the legislators and say the stakeholders want nothing to do with this.

Mr. Blankenhorn answered certainly they would have to listen; right now it is state law and that is what we are dealing with.

Mr. Brandolino questioned if there is a model they are following.

Mr. Blankenhorn replied mainly those models are at the state level. We have nothing that will work in Northeast Illinois; they are not big enough.

Mr. Moustis indicated this board is not foreign to development districts; we do understand about regional planning.

Smith Dawson & Andrews

Mr. Smith provided a brief update on the status of the federal agenda in Washington and the upcoming transition with the new administration.

OLD BUSINESS

**Implementation of Public Act 095-103, funding for Children's Advocacy Center
(Policy & Rules Approved Policy to Establish Funding Mechanism on 10-02-08)**

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mr. Babich, to move this issue to the Judicial Committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

RTA - Presentation 2009 Budget

This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

Request to Extend Board of Review Term

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda extending the term for the Board of Review. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Renewal of CED Service Agreement and Request for Special Funds
for Inland Port Impact Study**

Mr. Moustis stated the annual amount is \$100,000 and the CED requested an additional \$25,000 for an inland port impact study, which we as a board did commit to taking a look at. This is a specific project and not part of the annual fee.

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda renewing the CED service agreement for \$100,000 and authorizing an additional \$25,000 for an Inland Port Impact Study. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Amendment to PBC Lease

Mr. Rafac stated we have an ongoing lease with PBC to provide service to the Courthouse and also for funding for capital projects such as Sunny Hill. For the last few years we have shifted \$350,000 to the PBC to continue work on Sunny Hill. What we have budgeted for this year is increased to \$4 million. The next 3 years in the lease are at \$4 million, subject to the levy process. There is a potential to pay this lease in 2 installments where we give 40% after we get the initial levy money and 60% after we get the final levy money.

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mr. Singer, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the PBC lease. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Renewal of Consultant Agreements: Bill Mahar; Dave Neal; Gary Mack;
Farnsworth; Lois Mayer; and Smith Dawson & Andrews**

Mr. Friefeld indicated Mr. Mahar's contract is an open-ended agreement, from month to month and does not need to go forward.

Mr. Ryan stated they are recommending that the rest of the contracts move forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Bilotta, to place resolutions on the County Board Agenda renewing the consultant agreements with Dave Neal; Gary Mack; Farnsworth; Lois Mayer; and Smith Dawson & Andrews. All in favor with Mr. Singer abstaining.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould left at this juncture.

**Request for Resolution Amending 2008 Action Plan & 5-Year Consolidated Plan
for CDBG and Home Investment Partnership Grant Programs**

A motion was made by Ms. Riley, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the 2008 Action Plan and 5-year Consolidated Plan for CDBG and the Home Investment Partnership Grant Programs. All in favor with Mr. Singer voting no.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Surplus Vehicles Sale

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for the surplus vehicles to the highest responsible bidders, J&M Sales, Crest Hill, IL for a total cost of \$8,150 for 27 vehicles and Koren Motor Sales, Ottawa, IL for a total of \$210.00 for a mobile learning center. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Shredder

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Gerl, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for a shredder to the lowest responsible bidder, Accurate Printing Repair & Sales, Lombard, IL for a total cost of \$29,154.00. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Elevator Maintenance

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mr. Svara, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for elevator maintenance to the lowest responsible bidder, Schindler Elevator, Elmhurst, IL for \$19,200.00. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Gasoline

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for gasoline to the lowest responsible bidder, Warren Oil, Summit, IL for an estimated total cost of \$951,702.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Toner

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding bid for toner cartridges to the lowest responsible bidder, Garvey's Office Products for an approximate annual amount of \$143,233.62. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Extend Household Hazardous Waste Agreement for One Year

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda extending the household hazardous waste agreement with Veolia Technical Solutions for one year. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

County Board Rules

Mr. Moustis recommended that the health and judicial committees be combined based on the work load; bring budget review back to the finance committee; insurance and legislative and policy and rules come back to executive. We can form special ad-hoc committees as needed.

Mr. Gerl suggested maintaining legislative and move policy & rules with legislative.

Mr. Moustis indicated insurance & personnel can be handled at executive. As the renewals come up we can have an ad-hoc committee. He suggested reducing executive by a couple of members but every district will be represented on this committee. Capital improvements committee will stay as it is. We need to be more effective – most committees only need to meet once per month; land use will still meet twice a month. He asked staff to put together these changes and send them out to everyone. Hopefully we will have this done by December 1st.

Sunny Hill Replacement Hires for November

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

Land Use/Highway Department Replacement Hires

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Mr. Babich, to place the replacement hires for the Land Use and Highway Department on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Appointments

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

Proclamations – Honoring Outgoing Elected Officials

Ms. Johannsen indicated the outgoing elected officials will be honored this month.

Other New Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use – R. Svava – CMAP Presentation

The CMAP presentation was moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

Mr. Svava stated there is a resolution for a refund of zoning fees that was tabled last month. They have also been working on the subdivision ordinance.

Mr. Moustis recommended moving that forward; this is an important document,

Mr. DuBois indicated the document has undergone a total revision – excluding conservation design. He offered to provide an executive summary.

Mr. Moustis asked Mr. DuBois to include a memo with it to identify what has been changed.

Finance – J. Gerl

Mr. Gerl stated he is bringing the levies forward this month.

Mr. Singer questioned if this includes a property tax cut.

Mr. Moustis replied no; the levy is very close to the maximum amount.

Mr. Gerl commented the tax rate will be going down.

Mr. Moustis indicated this is historically how we have done it. We do not need to publish the black box if you do not exceed 105%; that does mean the county does not have the ability to go beyond 105%.

Mr. Gerl indicated Resolution 08-444 is transferring funds in the 9-1-1 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerl, second by Mr. Bilotta to approve the transfer of funds in the 9-1-1 budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Public Works & Transportation – J. Bilotta

Mr. Bilotta stated we will try to get condemnations done this month. We have talked about hiring someone full time for the Highway Department from the State's Attorney's Office; that is the most cost effective way to go. We will have to set the number of Assistant State's Attorneys from 60 to 61. This will be funded out of the Build Will program.

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda increasing the number of Assistant State's Attorneys. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Criminal Justice, Law & Judicial – A. Dralle

Mr. Gerl asked if we will adjust the budget to reimburse the State's Attorney's Office.

Mr. Moustis answered it does not matter how it gets funded; the actual money can be moved later.

Mr. Friefeld suggested wording in the resolution that funding is to follow.

Health, Aging & Education – D. Gould

No report.

Legislative – L. Goodson

Ms. Goodson stated she will provide a legislative update.

Mr. Moustis questioned the status of the airport legislation.

Mr. Ryan replied it would be a miracle if it is addressed; it will be reintroduced next year.

Insurance & Personnel – S. Riley

Mrs. Riley indicated she has 2 resolutions – one is for the contracts for property and casualty and the other is for AON as our broker/consultant.

Mr. Singer left at this juncture.

Capital Improvements – C. Maher

No report.

Policy & Rules – R. Brandolino

Mr. Brandolino stated he has one resolution that is amending the purchasing ordinance. Regarding the revision of the tax abatement policy, he has left that for the new board members to look at.

Budget Review – R. Svara

Executive – J. Moustis

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2008 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Brandolino, second by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the November 20, 2008 County Board Agenda, as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Svara, to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.