

WILL COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

October 7, 2008

Will County Office Building
County Board Committee Room
302 North Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gerl called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Dralle, Piccolin, Brandolino, Adamic and Gerl.

Absent were Members: Svara and Maher.

Also Present: McMillan.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Mary Tatroe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Determination of the Estimate of the Annual Aggregate Levy

Mr. Rafac distributed a summary of the 2008 Levy. He indicated if he extended the levy 5% above it would generate \$113 million; the published number based on discussion at Budget Review would reduce that by \$4 million. So the decrease is \$4,012,640.

Mr. Gerl stated he thought we were not doing that now.

Mr. Rafac indicated his understanding was the motion was to move forward immediately with the \$2 million reduction in federal matching and \$2 million reduction in bridge.

Mr. Gerl stated that was not his understanding. We were to levy the greater amount and give us the flexibility to change it in March.

Mr. Rafac commented he would prefer to do that. He was under the impression that we would immediately reduce federal matching and bridge.

Mr. Gerl indicated the discussion was to put something on the side of the budget that it is our intention to do that in March.

Mr. Rafac stated we will be increasing the numbers for county bridge and federal matching back up to the much higher level to fully distribute the \$113 million; those are the areas that we are intending to cut. This spreadsheet includes all of the latest numbers from the Supervisor of Assessments.

Mr. Gerl questioned which one is the projected limiting rate.

Mr. Rafac replied .4845 is what we are projecting at the limiting rate; the constrained rate is .4665, which is from the \$4 million reduction.

Mr. Gerl clarified we have a limiting rate of .4845; you apply that to the \$22,169,284, 319 which gives you the \$107,418,394 – then increase by 5%.

Mr. Rafac agreed.

Mr. Gerl stated the reduction in March takes it down by \$4,012,640.

Mr. Brandolino commented we could reduce more than \$4 million, depending on the numbers that come in.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Ms. Piccolin, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda regarding the determination of the estimate of the annual aggregate levy. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Resolution Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Necessary Documents for Delinquent Tax Program

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to execute the necessary documents for the Delinquent Tax Program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Transfer of Funds within Public Defender's Budget

Mr. Astrella stated the office was in need of a new server, which the technology committee has approved. We are requesting to transfer \$6,200 within our budget for this purchase.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Ms. Piccolin, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda transferring funds in the amount of \$6,200 within the Public Defender's Budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Transfer of Funds within State's Attorney's Forfeiture Fund

Mrs. Tatroe indicated this request is to transfer \$10,000 within the State's Attorney's forfeiture fund into the salaries line item.

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda transferring funds in the amount of \$10,000 within the State's Attorney's Forfeiture Fund. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mr. Adamic, to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.