

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**July 7, 2009**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kusta, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Maher, Brooks Jr., Dralle, Gould, Seiler, Wilhelmi, and Kusta, Jr.

**Absent were Members:** None.

**Also Present:** Adamic and Moustis.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Brooks, Jr. led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mr. Maher, to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mrs. Seiler, seconded by Mr. Maher, to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Update of County Finances**

Mrs. Hennessy gave the committee an update regarding County finances.

Mrs. Dralle stated we may want to draft a letter with the Executive Office and have it go out to the elected officials. It would be beneficial to have an official position from the Finance Committee to let everyone know this situation is critical.

**2010 Budget Shortfall**

Mr. Rafac read a written statement regarding the 2010 budget.

Mr. Maher questioned how far back would we have to go back to pay all the salaries and benefits.

Mr. Rafac stated the 2007 level.

Mr. Maher stated we would be secure in our income debt ratio.

Mr. Rafac stated there are things that have gone up and we cannot control.

Mr. Maher stated our salaries are the largest part of our budget. I would support a resolution rolling back the County Board salaries to the 2007 level.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated I would like to direct you to get with the County Executive and develop a worst case scenario and strategies and then come back next month.

Mrs. Dralle questioned has anyone volunteered to reduce their budget for next year.

Mr. Rafac stated the Sheriff's Department did revise theirs. Most have tried to look at their budgets more closely.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated I would like the County Board to set an example and slash as much as possible.

Mr. Moustis arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Moustis questioned how are you approaching the special funds. Are you planning on review them?

Mr. Rafac stated yes. Some of them are decreasing.

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, seconded by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda directing the Finance Director and the County Executive to explore cost saving alternatives to off set the 2010 budget shortfall. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Jr., to approve the request for assignment of tax sale certificates. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Appropriation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds in**

**Workforce Services Budget**

Ms. Fera stated we have received \$4.5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds. We would like to appropriate those funds, part of that is for salaries.

Mr. Maher questioned can we get the unemployment rate by community.

Ms. Fera stated I will see.

Mr. Moustis stated as I looked at communities, it still comes down to education levels and skill levels. That is where Workforce comes into play.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Jr., to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda appropriating American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds in Workforce Services Budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Appropriation of Donated Funds in Juvenile Drug Court Budget**

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Jr., to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for appropriation of donated funds in the Juvenile Drug Court Budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Maher stated I would like to direct staff to have the departments identify the accounts that the dollars are going into, specifically the account number with the name of the account next to it when they submit their request.

**Request for Transfer of Funds for Projected Budget Shortfall from New Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program**

Mr. Pullman stated we did not put this funding into our budget and in the mean time we paid out of the Block Grant monies for salaries while doing NSP work. We will be reimbursed for that. We switched staff around from part-time to full-time. This is a \$5.2 million grant that we anticipate spending \$3 million. We have five years to spend that money. We have juggled existing staff; moved a part-timer to full-time; and added a part-timer. We have also applied for a \$10.6 million grant of additional funds from the state with Bolingbrook and the city of Joliet.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. questioned when will the NSP grant come in.

Mr. Pullman stated we will buy our first property July 17<sup>th</sup>. We have already seen what the federal money is doing.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. questioned will this be repaid with NSP money.

Mr. Pullman stated yes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for transfer of funds for projected budget shortfall in New Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Transfer within EMA's Budget**

Mr. Damron stated this is related to an emergency communications planning grant that we received from the state earlier this year. This is a planning project that involves temporary labor. It was felt it would be better to bring them on as temporary employees. The transfer is to move the funding from this year's budget from temporary contractual into temporary employee line items.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mr. Gould, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for transfer within EMA's budget in the amount of \$36,000 for two temporary employees. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Other New Business**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, seconded by Mr. Maher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.