

WILL COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

May 12, 2009

Will County Office Building
County Board Committee Room
302 North Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
10:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kusta, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Maher.

Also Present: Moustis, Bilotta, and Adamic.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mrs. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion Moving Finance Committee Meeting to 1st Tuesday of the Month at 10:30 am

Mr. Kusta Jr. question does anyone have any objections to the proposed change of meeting. If we are not all on board, then I will not change it.

Mr. Bilotta arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Brooks, Jr., stated I am open.

Mr. Wilhelmi stated it is fine.

Mr. Moustis stated this committee can always move something to Executive if there is a timing issue.

Budget 101 Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at Will County Health

Department at 8:30 am

Mr. Kusta Jr. stated I would like to get the board members reengaged in the process. I asked for a quick two hour course from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and it will concentrate on the budget process.

Mrs. Dralle questioned if there is reading material, can we have it beforehand.

Mr. Moustis stated I would suggest you go over the budget process quickly or keep that separate.

Mr. Kusta Jr. stated I have no problem doing two if we have successful attendance.

Mr. Gould stated I would like to see one component be next year's budget and a breakdown of anticipated revenues by category.

Mr. Moustis stated people do not understand restricted funds and how they work in the levy.

Mr. Kusta Jr. stated the first meeting will be the budget process and then we will move into County finances.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Place Prevailing Wage Rates on June County Board Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, Jr., seconded by Mrs. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda regarding the prevailing wage rates. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Present Auditor's Quarterly Report at May 21, 2009 County Board

Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Dralle, to present the Auditor's Quarterly Report at the May 21, 2009 County Board Meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Appropriation of Stimulus Funds in Health Department Budget

Mr. Cicero stated these funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Health Centers receive awards based on the numbers of patients served and the uninsured served. The amount is \$402,000 and is one time money over two years; March of 2009 to March of 2011. We are using this money for help in our medical records and an interpreter clerk. We are also looking at a consultant to look at our business model.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda to appropriate stimulus funds in the Health Department Budget in the amount of \$208,805. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Cicero stated in addition to this, there is capital one time money. We are in line for \$950,000 over a two year period which must be used for capital needs at the Health Center. We plan to use that for the electronic medical records.

Request for Transfer and Increase of Appropriations in State's Attorney's

Forfeiture Fund

Mrs. Tatroe stated my original request was for \$50,000, but it is actually for \$75,000 to be transferred into our salary line item in the forfeiture fund. This is forfeiture money which is 100 percent State's Attorney discretionary funds to be used for stipends provided for in the contract and applied into salaries. We do not appropriate that money at budget time; we wait until we have money in the fund and then ask for it to be appropriated.

Mr. Bilotta questioned what kind of stipend.

Mrs. Tatroe stated the stipends are extra work. It maybe going out to the community talking to seniors or positions that require a tremendous amount of time. They are at the discretion of the State's Attorney he is not required to grant the stipends but if we receive the money he does try to honor that.

Mr. Moustis stated in the forfeiture fund, this money could appropriate in any area. Is this fund restricted?

Mrs. Tatroe stated there are two types of forfeiture. One is money laundering which can be used for any purpose in enforcing the laws and there is drug forfeiture money which can only be used in the enforcement of the drug laws. We have funds that come from two different sources and they have to be used in those parameters.

Mr. Moustis questioned is it coming out of both or one.

Mrs. Tatroe stated some will come out of money laundering. Those funds are all in one fund number and there are project codes that distinguish money laundering and drug forfeiture.

Mr. Moustis questioned what is the split.

Mrs. Tatroe stated the majority is coming out of drug forfeiture. I do not know the exact number maybe \$10,000 to \$15,000 from money laundering.

Mr. Moustis questioned how do you track those dollars. How do you know they go to the right place?

Mrs. Tatroe stated through the Auditor's office.

Mrs. Dralle questioned how much is in the fund.

Mrs. Tatroe stated \$250,000 we have the authority to appropriate \$122,000 this year and the rest will be carried over to next year's budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Jr., to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda to transfer and increase appropriations in the State's Attorney's Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$75,000. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution Authorizing County Executive to Executive IEPA/Stimulus

Grant & Loan Documents

Mr. Pullman stated we have an opportunity for stimulus money that will help with the sewer and water in Ridgewood. We can borrow money at 0 percent interest and 2.5 percent interest and part of it is for a grant. The application must be submitted by the end of this month. We are asking the County Board to authorize the County Executive to execute the loan documents including a commitment that the County must make now to repay the debt service for the next 20 years. We need have a letter that will be acceptable by the EPA with the application. The debt service will be about \$157,000 a year for 20 years. That is the combination of the 0 percent loan and the 2.5 percent loan. The options we have are: 1) the County can guarantee the loan and pay for it through the general corporate fund; 2) the County could have the Block Grant pay the principal only for the next 20 years at about \$131,000 a year; 3) the County can set up a SSA; or 4) a combination of all three. Right now we are looking for approval of the resolution which includes the commitment to repay the loan.

Mr. Moustis stated this has been funded through federal funds. Borrowing money is the way to complete the project. It is unreasonable to ask the rest of the tax payers of this County to pay for this project. The SSA is the way to go. They have had the benefit of the significant federal dollars that have gone into this project. They will get the benefit of low interest and zero interest combinations for this project. Some of it this is investment property. We do need to discuss how it should be paid.

Mr. Wilhelmi questioned will this complete the project or take us to the next step.

Mr. Pullman stated it will complete the sewer and water portion.

Mr. Wilhelmi stated I would like to see how many parcels we are talking about.

Mr. Hamilton stated about 400.

Mr. Bilotta questioned who takes care of the waste and water.

Mr. Pullman stated the city of Joliet.

Mr. Bilotta questioned who bills it.

Mr. Pullman stated it depends on the phase of the project. The South Ridgewood Sanitary district is in limbo right now.

Mr. Bilotta stated once they are tapped on they will get a bill. They can finance it that way through a revenue bond with a \$10 a month user fee.

Mr. Pullman stated that is another option to consider.

Mr. Palmer stated this is our best chance to get this done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mr. Gould, to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.