

WILL COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

June 1, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kusta called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: None.

Also Present: Moustis and Friefeld.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Seiler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, second by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Update of County Finances

Ms. Hennessey presented the update on the county finances.

Request to Present 2nd Quarter 2010 Quarterly Report at June County Board

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place the 2nd Quarter 2010 Quarterly Report on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the assignment of Tax Sale Certificates, as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Transfer of Funds within County Clerk's Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Maher, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda transferring funds in the amount of \$7,415.00 from the County Clerk's Automation Fund for the purchase of vital record carts. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Emergency Transfer in Debt Service Fund

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the emergency transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,300 in the Debt Service Fund. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Create Funds 310 and 311 and Appropriate Funds into Funds 309, 310 and 311 for Bond Series Proceeds

Mr. Rafac stated we issued \$100 million in bonds across 3 series. The A series is the tax exempt bonds; B series is Build America bonds; C series is Recovery Zone bonds. Our bond counsel is recommending we have 3 separate funds. We are asking to create 2 new funds and to appropriate funds into each of those 3 accounts.

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, second by Mr. Brooks, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda creating Funds 310 and 311 and appropriating funds into Funds 309, 310 and 311 for the bond series proceeds. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Discussion Relating to CAFR

Mr. Rafac indicated he has requested a 30-day extension for certificate of achievement purposes. The CAFR report is now being reviewed by our outside auditors and will be done in June so we will not be able to present the CAFR report at the June board meeting.

Request for Transfer of Funds within State's Attorney's Budget

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mr. Brooks, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda transferring funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the State's Attorney's money laundering line item to the drug forfeitures line item. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution for Necessary Budget Adjustments in CDBG Funds

This was discussed together with the next item on the agenda.

Request for Additional Staff Position for CDBG Grant Monitoring

Mr. Kusta stated the Finance Department had requested this be moved to the Executive Committee on June 10 so they would have an opportunity to talk to Mr. Pullman about these requests.

Mr. Rafac indicated they are asking for new funding for the NSP program and need to appropriate that quickly; the issues relating to staffing could be on a separate track.

Mr. Moustis commented this committee would then be by-passed; he is reluctant when that happens. He would rather see it come back in July to this committee unless there is some pressing reason why this committee should not have the discussion.

Mr. Wilhelmi asked what the concerns were.

Mr. Rafac answered the primary concern is related to the staffing costs in Sections 1 and 2; the grant awards are in Sections 3 and 4.

Mr. Pullman indicated there is a combination of revenue sources coming through. We are spending down the NSP funds faster than anticipated. The IEPA loan and grant for Ridgewood was in the budget; we anticipated a small portion in the budget; that grant and loan was approved in October and we started spending in January. We are spending out of the block grant 290 fund and we need to increase the 290 fund to accommodate the IEPA loan; section 3 is the block grant and NSP program and provides for a revenue stream and expenses adequate enough for grant activity for the rest of the year.

Mr. Rafac commented we were not able to meet with Mr. Pullman in advance. The 3 new funding sources were not anticipated in time for the budget. It is unclear when talking about so many pieces all coming together and we want to break things into parts.

Mr. Moustis stated we want as much transparency as possible.

Mr. Maher suggested bringing this back in July.

Mr. Rafac indicated he does have authority for emergency transfer of funds; the IEPA was not budgeted in 2010 budget and the NSP \$2.5 million is an additional state portion. The issue is we have so many things going on here to figure out.

Mr. Kusta suggested bringing this back in July in a way the Finance Committee can understand it, which would eliminate much concern.

Mr. Moustis suggested having a special meeting on Thursday June 10 before the Executive Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, second by Mr. Maher, to table Item #9 and Item #10 until the next meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis commented on the procurement process used for rehabbing. Is there a procurement method you are following that allows you to bypass the county's? He expressed concern about contracts that exceed \$20,000, which exceeds the county's authority. If there are bid requirements that allow you to do that he would like to see it.

Mrs. Tatroe indicated she did speak with Mr. Mack. Her understanding is it was in the initial bid process where all of the expenses were set. She has not had the opportunity to review the bid to make sure; there are many contractors registered with the county.

Mr. Moustis stated if this is like the Central Management Service, he would like to see how all that works. How do they handle any changes that are made? Any way you look at it they are getting around our purchasing ordinance.

Mr. Pullman commented the Center for Community Concerns has the model we have used for many years.

Mr. Moustis stated we have a purchasing ordinance we expect everyone to follow. It may be a state statute that anything over \$20,000 has to go out to bid. We will put this on executive committee in July and leave it there until it is resolved.

Request for Approval of Expenditure of 2010 JAG Funds

Mr. Palmer indicated every year we receive disparate funding for JAG funds. This year's total is \$102,294; we split 50/50 with the City of Joliet so our portion is \$51,147. Our recommendation is to purchase in-car cameras for the Sheriff's Department. We asked for a resolution for the MOU with Joliet at the Judicial Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Maher, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda approving the expenditure of 2010 JAG Funds in the amount of \$51,147. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other New Business

Mr. Rafac stated Mr. Tidwell had requested to discuss the voluntary furlough and severance packages; we are proposing the same thing as last year.

Mr. Moustis suggested adding it to the special finance meeting on June 10th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Maher, second by Ms. Seiler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.