

WILL COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

September 7, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Maher called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Kusta.

Also Present: Moustis and Friefeld.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, second by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilhelmi arrived at this juncture.

Update on County Finances

Ms. Hennessey provided an update on the County Finances.

Request to Present Quarterly Report at September County Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Ms. Seiler, to place the Quarterly Report on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Resolution Authorizing County Executive to Execute Documents Related to Delinquent Tax Program

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

Request for Appropriation of Grant Funds in Workforce Services Budget

Mr. Brooks questioned if there are funds still available for training.

Ms. Flessner replied we are still doing training; we anticipate enrolling between 150 and 200 people when our fiscal year starts in July of 2011. We have at least 70 people in the pipeline already. At this time we are taking a waiting list for people who are interested in training. If more funds become available we will get them in the process.

Mr. Maher asked about the appropriation of these grant funds.

Ms. Flessner answered these are 2 special grants for youth with left over funds from the state. We received \$30,000 to put 6 youths to work at the DNR site; it is specific for that purpose. The other grant is an Illinois youth summer replacement for 2010 with ARRA funds, just over \$600,000. Both will expire the end of September.

Mr. Moustis questioned the number of youths.

Ms. Flessner replied it is about 160 to 165; they are employed at GSU, St. Francis, Lewis University as well as various township and village offices, Center for Community Concerns – many of the same places from last year.

Mr. Moustis asked if there is opportunity for full time employment out of this.

Ms. Flessner answered yes; due to a partnership with Home Depot. Those that they have hired – they have the intention of keeping them on through the holiday season.

A motion as made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Brooks, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda appropriating grant funds in the Workforce Services Budget. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Increase of Appropriations in Sheriff's Inmate Commissary Account

Deputy Chief Romeo stated this request is to transfer \$182,000 from the commissary fund revenue account into the inmate expense account – this funds their purchase of items from the commissary. As the money comes back in from the sale of items, it is placed in the commissary fund.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Gould, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda increasing appropriations in the Sheriff's Inmate Commissary Account.

All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Auditing Services

Ms. Weiss indicated they received 8 responses and rejected one, because the bidder did not provide their prime certification form.

Mr. Rafac stated the pricing varied a lot; the aggregate pricing is for each of the 3 years. There are 3 components – the basic audit, the single audit, and the audit for the Circuit Clerk. The range is from \$250,000 to \$330,000 for the audit and the single audit. He had extensive meetings with staff and the Auditor's office; their staff has a very strong comfort level with McGladrey & Pullen that we have used for the last 3 years. The low bidder was Baker, Tilly, Virchow, Krause, which was substantial with \$17,000 each year for 3 years for the single audit. He recommends them as the first choice with McGladrey & Pullen second and Sikich as third. Because of the implementation of GASB 51 and GASB54, he would like to use some of the funding that we have this year and appropriate for the Auditor to use and have McGladrey & Pullen help us move through GASB 51 and GASB54, one which has to be implemented by the end of next year and the other one this year. We would use Baker for the 2010 audit and use McGladrey & Pullen to help prepare us for the audit. We would enter into a 3 year agreement with Baker – a one year agreement with 2 one-year extensions.

Mr. Wilhelmi questioned if there would be a reduction in the cost of the audit because of McGladrey & Pullen.

Mr. Rafac replied it would be an increase in cost this year to have McGladrey & Pullen do it; but there is savings that it would cost us less since the Circuit Clerk audit was included in the RFP as a separate portion. There was no substantial savings to do all 3 together. These 3 firms were the only firms that included any price break in doing all 3 together. His recommendation is that the Circuit Clerk enter into an agreement with one of the other firms.

Mr. Maher asked why not use Wermer Rogers who are located in Joliet.

Mr. Rafac replied there is more experience with Baker; he does not feel Werner Rogers can provide the service for the audit and the single audit. McGladrey & Pullen is the fourth audit firm in the country.

Mr. Moustis questioned the details of GASB51 and GASB54.

Mr. Rafac replied GASB 51 implements recording the intangible assets as fixed assets. There is an issue regarding easements – it becomes a very gray issue with easements for future roadwork.

Mr. Moustis commented there is a value to the private sector but no value to the public sector.

Mr. Rafac stated GASB54 breaks out fund balances into several different types of balances. We will analyze each of our funds and determine which of those funds have restrictive uses and break them out into separate entities.

Mr. Maher clarified McGladrey & Pullen will help do that.

Mr. Rafac indicated yes; we will get it done within the next couple of months. Our goal is to have it done before November.

Mr. Wilhelmi asked if we are selecting 3 firms for presentation.

Mr. Rafac answered we are recommending the top three firms to negotiate with.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the County Executive to negotiate with the top three firms, Baker, Tilly, Virchow, Krause; RSM McGladrey & Pullen; and Sikich for auditing services. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.