

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

**December 9, 2008**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gerl called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Dralle, Gould, Seiler, Wilhelmi, and Gerl.

**Absent were Members:** Maher and Brooks.

**Also Present:** Moustis and Adamic.

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** Phil Mock.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, seconded by Mrs. Dralle, to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Update on County Finances**

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

Mr. Gerl acknowledged the newly elected auditor, Duffy Blackburn.

**Health Department Financial Update**

Mr. Cicero gave the committee an update regarding the Health Department's finances.

**Request for Transfer 2008 Budget for Will County Law Library**

A motion was made by Mrs. Dralle, seconded by Mr. Gould, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the transfer of funds for the Law Library in the amount of \$6,000. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Moustis stated regarding the law library moving from a capital account to an operational account, that is not a good idea. We want to keep our capital dollars separate from our operational dollars. Let's not go down that road.

**Request for Transfer Appropriations in Workforce Services Fund**

Mr. Rafac stated this request is an emergency transfer of budget authority. Work Force is funded on a state fiscal year. They do have budget authority for this \$500,000 in expenditures but it was not anticipated at the time that we did the budget. There was an increase in their funding. There was about \$300,000 in outstanding payments that were waiting for us. I did not find out about this until late last month. This will get us through the end of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, seconded by Mrs. Dralle, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the transfer of appropriations in the Workforce Services Fund in the amount of \$500,000. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Reimbursement by PBC of Temporary Loan**

Mr. Rafac stated this was for a lease payment and we repaid it right away.

**Request for Emergency "Grant" Authorization for the Tort Immunity Fund (204)**

Mr. Rafac stated we have been doing these loans for a number of years and last year it was \$1.5 million. Last year we started to rebuild that fund. There is a \$640,000 cash balance and I anticipate spending \$2 million additional this year. I am asking for the authority to lend up to \$2 million on a cash flow basis to the tort immunity fund as a grant. We do have the cash reserve.

Mr. Gerl questioned will it be enough.

Mr. Rafac stated yes.

Mr. Gerl questioned will this clean up tort.

Mr. Rafac stated it will clean it up.

Mr. Gerl questioned \$2 million as needed.

Mr. Rafac stated yes. We will try to get all of our funds to pay for their obligations until the levy funds come in.

Mrs. Dralle left at this juncture.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, seconded by Mrs. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for emergency grant authorization for the tort immunity fund in the amount of \$2 million, on a draw down basis. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Emergency “Grant” Authorization for Workmen’s Compensation Fund**

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Mr. Rafac stated this is similar to tort but the dollar amount is larger. There is a cash balance of \$300,000 and we borrowed \$2.7 million this past year. I am asking for \$3.2 million on an as needed basis. This will help us until May.

Mr. Gerl stated you could pay it back.

Mr. Rafac stated we are trying to build up a reserve in this fund. We do not have interest to build this fund. I would need \$2.7 million. I am asking for more authority in a draw down basis.

A motion was made by Mrs. Seiler, seconded by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for emergency grant authorization for the worker’s comp fund in the amount of \$3.2 million, on a draw basis. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Modification of PBC lease for 40% Installment Payment in June**

Mr. Rafac stated when we modified the lease last month; we pay them once a year in November. They use their cash for renovations at Sunny Hill and the courthouse. The lease amount is \$4 million and we levy for that. I am asking for a 40 percent installment in June so they can move forward with the on going projects that they have.

Mr. Moustis stated this will allow them to continue with the renovations at Sunny Hill.

Mr. Rafac stated I would like \$1.4 million paid in June and the balance in November. This is just for 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilhelmi, seconded by Mr. Gould, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the approval of the advance payment of the PBC lease in June in the amount of \$1.4 million with the balance paid in November. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Authorization for Purchase of 2009 Vehicle Acquisitions Funded in Capital Improvements Fund Budget (304)**

Mr. Rafac stated the IWIN grant is a reimbursable grant. We will move forward with those 30 at a time. There is a 6-8 week lag time. We will use our cash reserve in this fund. That is about \$1 million. We also had SCAAP money to purchase a refrigerated truck for \$60,000. We have \$800,000 for squad cars. We need to commit that now. We are also anticipating a vehicle for EMA, three vehicles for Land Use and a van for The Coroner. The Coroner does feel that they do need another van because two vehicles are rusting. They are working with the dealer but they are not getting anywhere.

Mr. Adamic left at this juncture.

Mrs. Seiler questioned are they replacing squads.

Mr. Rafac stated some are being taken out of service.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated these would replace squads from 1998, 1999 and 2000. For three years we were not able to purchase vehicles.

**Request for Initial Clean-Up of 2008 Budget Transfer for 2008 Invoices**

Mr. Rafac stated we are shifting money to cover the cost for the merit commission.

A motion was made by Mrs. Seiler, seconded by Mr. Wilhelmi, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the initial clean-up of the 2008 budget transfer for 2008 invoices. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Other New Business**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Wilhelmi, to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.