

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**July 9, 2009**

8:30 a.m.

302 North Chicago Street  
County Board Committee Room  
Joliet IL 60432

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gould called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Blackburn, Konicki, May, Riley, Seiler and Gould.

**Absent were Members:** Babich.

**Also Present:** Stewart and Friefeld.

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

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Gould stated next month the committee will look at the open burning ordinance again.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Riley, to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Resolution Directing PBC to Bid Out Remainder of Sunny Hill**

**Renovation Project & Stage Final Project Based upon Funding**

Ms. Sorbero stated we are at the end of the current phase; once completed we will take occupancy of a 46 bed residential unit at the end of September. We will have completed 3 units, the front lobby and the emergency generator as well as some smaller sites. The next phase will be the remaining 3 units each housing 46 beds. When all is completed we would like to change the double rooms into private rooms. Until then we will still have one unit down. Each phase contains a unit as well as other areas. At this point the cost of the entire project is approximately \$17 million. The next set of drawings have to go to IDPH for their approval so even though we will take occupancy of the new unit the end of September, the next unit will be vacant and sitting for a of little bit of time.

Mr. Rafac indicated we are asking for County Board to direct the PBC to move forward. There are a couple options for funding. PBC will have sufficient funds to pay for the drawings; we are looking at spring of 2010 to find funding for it – this will require some creative financing.

Ms. Seiler asked if you encourage participation from local contractors.

Mr. Rafac answered the PBC does handle the bidding process for this; they do outreach to businesses. In this particular case, because of dealing with the state they are very particular regarding construction. There were not many companies willing to bear the burden; this requires performance bonds. A smaller general contractor does not have the ability to bond at that high level; the general contractor did use much local work. The same thing happens with all major construction projects such as the ADF.

Mr. Gould asked for a timeline for this project and the financial perspective regarding the PBC levy.

Mr. Rafac answered the PBC is part of the county levy and it is within the cap of the county levy. We do levy \$4 million for PBC that includes maintenance of the courthouse as well as RVJC. The PBC maintenance people help with the jail and the ADF expansion went through the PBC. The funds that have been used to date, the \$11 million on the first three avenues at Sunny Hill have come from a variety of corporate sources and PBC resources. The PBC which owns Sunny Hill is charged with maintaining that facility as well; they have some funds they indentified and that is what has gotten us to the point now. Going forward we can only work on one avenue at a time. The lower level will take a year; the upper level will not take as long. The fastest we can get this project done is 3 years. We have a census of 229 people in June and

the max is 238. We actually had a waiting list for people to stay in the facility. We want to continue to maintain our revenue stream into the facility. Our co insurance and Medicare revenue stream went up over \$1 million in 2008 relative to 2007. The fourth major component of the second phase of the renovations is all of the additional spaces; depending on funding sources and how much we can identify upfront, much of the work can occur concurrently with the avenue being reconstructed. Basically this lays it out over a 4 year process but the best case scenario is probably about 3 years.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda directing the PBC to bid out the remainder of the renovations at Sunny Hill and to stage the final projects based upon funding. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request to Award Bid for Soft Goods at Sunny Hill**

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for soft goods at Sunny Hill to the lowest responsible bidder, Medallion Services of St. Louis, MO for a total cost of \$32,551.99. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Will County Emergency Communication and Command Center Update**

Mr. Figved presented the update on the Will County Emergency Communication and Command Center. He distributed drawings of the site plan as well as the various floor plans. The DOC gave the county a 10 acre parcel; we are currently waiting for the Governor's signature to allow the county to acquire a 20 acre parcel that surrounds the property. 9-1-1 is prepared to purchase that land but we are not allowed to own land so it has to be purchased by the county and we will reimburse the county. This will be a hardened facility that meets all DOD standards.

Mr. O'Neil explained the office space for the Coroner's office.

Mr. Damron indicated the operation center is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the space with the remaining for future expansion, which will allow us to develop an operations center that could be used during major disasters and will also give us the capability to better integrate with state and federal agencies. We currently occupy  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the lower level of the County Building, which we would no longer be using; we also have 3 garage facilities and our plan is to move all those operations to an adjacent garage.

Mr. Figved stated the second floor is the 9-1-1 center, the command center for Wescom, the Sheriff's Department and a back-up facility; this provides for all response people to be in one location during a disaster. We will finish the design and development up in July or

August and hope to go out for bid this winter; right now our architects are seeing bids for these types of projects coming in up to 30% below what we are expecting. The cost of the building right now is ranging from \$28 to \$32 million; this will take about 3 years to complete.

Mrs. Riley asked the price of the property.

Mr. Figved answered this is not to exceed \$900,000; we are hoping to pay \$40,000 per acre.

Mr. Gould thanked Mr. Figved for bringing this to the committee. Caton Farm Road is the right location. Keep it moving along; it will free up space here in downtown for the future.

Mrs. Riley commented we really need a facility of this kind.

#### **Request for Resolution Authorizing Temporary Hire for EMA**

Mr. Damron stated they received a grant from IEMA to develop a county wide communication plan that helps us define how different responding agencies would communicate, using all the different systems available. This is a project that is happening in Will County and 9 other counties across the state; this is a planning project that involves a lot of labor that understands communication systems and also public safety operations as well. This grant will allow us to bring people on board; we have until June 30, 2010 to complete the project. This resolution is to hire 2 individuals on a temporary basis, with no benefits until next June to work on this project. This grant is funded 100% - no local match on our part.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Blackburn, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the temporary hires for EMA. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda transferring funds within the EMA budget. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Sunny Hill Replacement Hires**

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Seiler, to place the replacement hires for Sunny Hill on the County Board Agenda. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Other Business**

Ms. Konicki questioned if we give a preference to local bidders.

Mr. Gould replied the State's Attorney's Office has advised us under Illinois law local preference could not be done. We do have a requirement that 85% has to be completed by local labor at prevailing wage. In 2003 this was set at 75% and we increased to 85%; to the

extent of the law we have done everything we can. He asked Mrs. Tatroe to look at our ordinance and make sure we have tried to assist local contractors as much as we can.

Mrs. Konicki asked if that is in our bid documents.

Mr. Gould answered it was in our tax abatement to hire 85%.

Mr. Friefeld indicated Mr. Rull monitors this closely; you may want to invite him in to the committee.

Ms. Konicki commented it is good for us to stay on top of this.

Mr. Gould indicated he will ask the Chairman to assign that Mr. Rull come to committee to discuss this.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, second by Ms. Konicki, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.