

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

June 10, 2010

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 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Blackburn, Babich, Konicki, May, McPhillips, Seiler and Gould.

Absent were Members: None.

Also Present: Friefeld.

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Friefeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Sunny Hill Replacement Hires

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

Request to Award Bid for Plumbing Improvements at Sunny Hill

Ms. Weiss stated this is part of the DOE money that was received to do some energy efficiency projects; we are replacing the boilers. We are asking to award the bid to CR Leonard of Joliet for a total base bid of \$90,771.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for plumbing improvements at Sunny Hill to CR Leonard for a total base bid of \$90,771.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Award Bid for Windows at Sunny Hill

Ms. Weiss indicated this is the same situation with the federal money. We had 4 vendors attend the pre-bid meeting but only one vendor actually bid on the project. We are requesting to award the bid to Replacement Window Systems out of Markham, IL for a total base bid of \$268,125.00.

Mr. Gould asked why there is such lack of interest in bidding.

Ms. Weiss answered there were some time constraints regarding expending these funds; we put the bid out and one week later we had the pre-bid meeting and a week after that the bid was due.

Mr. Gould questioned if the bid amount was within our expectations.

Ms. Weiss replied yes.

Mr. Babich asked if the bid is sent out to local contractors.

Ms. Weiss answered we post the bid with the Will Grundy Trade Unions and they notify all contractors. We had 4 vendors at the pre-bid; we were expecting 4 bids back.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for replacement windows at Sunny Hill to Replacement Window Systems of Markham, IL for a total base bid of \$268,125.00. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Other New Business

Mr. Cicero stated last month we informed the committee of the swimming pool licensing issue regarding the new state requirements for anti-entrapment devices. We sent a letter to all operators notifying them of our intent that the expectation was that they get a current license and they comply with the law. Our environmental health division has been working with all of the facilities to come into compliance.

Mrs. Bilotta indicated 99 facilities have been OK'd for licensing. We still have 44 pools and 1 beach without licenses; we are not going to stop inspecting them. Some had chosen to open and operate. We have told them we will continue to inspect them and on every inspection we will document that they do not have a current license with IDPH and it is unlawful to operate. Any time we want to go into enforcement mode with these facilities, we have the documentation that we have notified them. We did not feel it was appropriate to stop inspections because we need to ensure that all other components of the facility are safe and operating properly.

Mr. Cicero commented the 44 that are without licenses are not just being non-compliant; they are working their way through the process.

Mrs. Bilotta indicated several are in a variety of different stages; some have submitted their information to IDPH to obtain a permit to make the changes and they are waiting for that permit to get approved. Some have done everything they can and are in a waiting mode; others are still finding out what out equipment they have. It seems like they are all working towards compliance.

Mr. Gould commented that 99 show some progress from last month.

Mrs. Bilotta stated many on the list are making small changes that do not need a permit. Probably half of the list, we anticipate will be able to get their license within the next couple of weeks. The others that have to work through permitting process; they cannot make the changes while they are operating so they will operate for the season and then shut down to make the changes.

Mr. Gould questioned if there has been any communication with the state.

Mrs. Bilotta replied they have been very helpful with some cases where we had engineering questions. They have been very timely in getting them updated.

Mr. Cicero stated it is important that we went on record and provided notification.

Mr. Babich asked if there is any liability to the county.

Mr. Cicero answered the state is the licensing body.

Mrs. Tatroe stated we looked into it and do not believe the county would incur any liability. The county is clearly covered under the tort immunity statute. In addition you have an interpretation from the state where they are not considering them not permitted until such time that they have been rejected.

Mr. Cicero indicated the state claims they have not had their license revoked; it just has not been renewed and issued yet.

Ms. Konicki commented even with the tort immunity issue it does not mean you cannot wind up in court; but when you have the state saying it is not a violation unless it has been rejected, that is key.

Ms. Seiler asked for an update on the salmonella outbreak.

Mr. Cicero indicated the state has been providing a daily update at 10:00 a.m. As of yesterday there were 60 cases statewide; the common connection has been linked back to Subway. There are 20 counties in Illinois; there are 2 residents in Will County that have come back positive, however there are no restaurants in Will County at this time. Subway has been very agreeable, working with Public Health officials; we are following this daily.

Mr. Babich commented he has received a letter from the Village of Manhattan requesting that 9-1-1 scale back the communication center.

Mr. Palmer stated there will be more discussion at leadership regarding where this goes. There is some information that is not entirely accurate. The County Executive has talked to the Mayor of Manhattan and he indicated he had received some bad information. The fire protection districts are sending letters in support of this project. There are various opinions from different areas of the county. Nothing is finalized yet.

Mr. Gould commented there are many things that have not made it to the various villages.

Mr. Babich indicated the Village of Crete presented a list of 42 issues that they wanted addressed.

Mr. Palmer stated there was a meeting in eastern Will County and those issues were addressed. The next step is for the 9-1-1 board to take a vote to support buying the land at Caton Farm Road, which is adjacent to our facility; the county would need to buy the land. The County Executive is supportive of purchasing the land; we can grow in the future whatever it may be used for.

Mr. Gould commented the county does own land at Caton Farm Road; this would add an additional 20 acres. The appraisal is about \$36,000 per acre and 4 or 5 years ago it was substantially higher. The question will come to the county board do we want to acquire property adjacent to the property we already own.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Ms. McPhillips, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.