

WILL COUNTY BOARD
LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

September 8, 2009

8:30 a.m.

Will County Office Building
County Board Committee Room
302 N. Chicago Street
Joliet IL 60432

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Goodson called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Brooks, Jr., Rozak, L. Smith, and Goodson.

Absent were Members: Wilhelmi, Konicki, and Traynere.

Also Present: Moustis.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Melanie Manning.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Tuskey led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Jr., to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rozak, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Jr., to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Other Old Business

Ms. Goodson stated I would like to take this time to introduce Anastasia Tuskey the County's communications director to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

HR3410 Re: Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act

Mr. Friefeld stated we should have a letter of support for this act.

Ms. Goodson stated we did have a group here the last time we met that spoke to us about the impact to their community with regard to the CN. We did try to get the rules updated prior to the transaction last year. There was not a lot of support in Congress. This bill is taking a softer approach. I think anything that we can do to support this would be good.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda supporting HR3410, as presented, as well as writing a letter of support. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

HB4590 Re: Transportation Planning

Ms. Goodson stated this is a rewrite of another bill. This proposes that IDOT chooses the programs. The committee would have 21 members and they would prioritize projects throughout the state. I am not sure if this is a repeat of services that we already get from CMAP. This is in Rules.

Mr. Friefeld stated CMAP is still looking for funding. It is all about regional planning. Even if they do not get their funding, they would not go away entirely.

Mr. Mahar stated I think that SB404 is like that. We talked about opposing it but it never went anywhere. Do they have a say so to taking money that would go to Will County and send it somewhere else? They want to prioritize funding regionally.

Mr. Friefeld questioned why is this necessary. We will work with the Governmental League for funding. IDOT sets the priorities.

Mr. O'Hara stated we do not see why this is necessary.

Mr. Mahar stated the sponsor is no longer there.

Ms. Goodson stated they are looking for a sponsor. We need to bring this back.

Ms. Smith stated I would oppose this as it is.

Ms. Goodson stated we will monitor this and work with the Governmental League on this.

Other New Business

Ms. Goodson stated the cell tower bill has been signed by the governor. I will put this on the Executive Committee agenda to update our policy on cell towers.

Mrs. Rozak questioned will the hearing be held at Land Use.

Mr. Palmer gave the committee an update regarding the congressional visit of Congresswoman Halverson and Senator Durbin's staff last week; the tour of Ridgewood; and the energy efficiency block grant.

Ms. Goodson stated what is being done at Ridgewood.

Mr. Palmer stated the water and sewer. The money would complete running the lines. We have been working with the city regarding the tap on fees.

Ms. Goodson questioned where are the earmarks for Ridgewood at this point.

Mr. Palmer stated they are still working on them.

Ms. Smith stated the SSA would be to pay back the loan for the tap on fees.

Mr. Palmer stated it is for the line.

Mr. Moustis arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Palmer stated this could get people hooked in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Goodson stated veto session starts October 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.