

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**April 14, 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 8:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent were Members:** Wilhelmi and Konicki.

**Also Present:** Bilotta.

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** Mary Tatroe and Melanie Manning.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Brooks, Jr. led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposed Ordinance Licensing Sale of Tobacco Products in Will County**

Joan Leigh, Cindy Jackson and Brittany Arnold, Sumaiya Saad, Ala Salameh, John Egner, David Gloria, Allan Baker, and Bryan Luna, students from Plainfield Central High School came back to committee to discuss the update on the proposed ordinance for licensing the sale of tobacco products in Will County.

Ms. Goodman stated this ordinance has been revised. It did go to Public Health and Safety Committee and it passed through there.

Ms. Leigh stated this smoking ordinance is modeled after the alcohol ordinance. The fee is \$100. Some things that were not addressed in the ordinance are: the minimum age to sell, signage, purchase and possession by minors, delivery of tobacco products to minors, tobacco samples, out of package sales and vending machines.

Ms. Goodson stated we only have a certain amount of authority.

Ms. Jackson stated we will do an education process before the ordinance goes into affect. It will be quarterly training.

Ms. Smith stated during these economic times, I do not think we should be imposing fines or fees on businesses.

Mrs. Tatroe stated we had many comments from the board members. We patterned this after the alcohol ordinance. There were some changes at Public Health and Safety Committee. We had inserted the fines and fees. I addressed a compliance provision that Public Health and Safety asked that I add which addresses the powers of Sheriff's deputies. It states 'all Sheriff's deputies shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this chapter which shall include the authority to conduct annual compliance checks subject to staff and budgetary constraints.'

Ms. Goodson stated it is permissible but not required. There will be a public hearing at the next Public Health and Safety Committee meeting, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Ms. Traynere, seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to approve the proposed ordinance licensing the sale of tobacco products in Will County as presented.

All in favor with Ms. Smith voting no.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta arrived at this juncture.

### **Metro County Initiatives**

#### **HB 1 Re: Motor Fuel Tax – Surcharge – Metro Request to Monitor**

Ms. Smith stated is a motor fuel tax. I researched what this money will be used for. They are proposing an 8 cent gas tax. That will generate ½ billion dollars in the capital fund. In addition to the tax they are planning on generating funds through driver's licenses fees, license plates fees and they will move the road fund into this. They anticipate generating one billion dollars that will be matched by the federal government to make \$2 billion and when bonded out will be \$20 billion. Our legislatures have identified roads such as Rt. 30, Rt. 59, I55, and I80. This can be used

for Ridgewood as well. I spoke with Senator Wilhelmi and he told me that each legislator needs to know what we want. I think we may need to regenerate our capital projects list.

Mr. Gould stated I can sit down with Mr. Bilotta and Mr. Ryan and talk with Mr. O'Hara at the Governmental League about this.

Ms. Smith stated it is back in Rules but it is something that we should watch.

**HB 61 Re: Public Building Commission – Metro Request to Support**

Ms. Smith stated this is for Public Building Commissions. They are giving them the authority to do build design.

Mr. Friefeld stated this exempts personnel from the civil service act. I am interested to know why this came up.

**HB146 Re: County CD-Law Library – Metro Request to Support**

Mr. Brooks stated I did not have time to look into the two bills assigned to me.

Ms. Goodson stated this bill authorizes the County Board to increase the fee for the law library.

**HB237 Re: Prompt Payment Penalty – Metro Request to Support**

Ms. Goodson stated this imposes a late payment fee for late payment of Medicaid. Can you confirm that Medicaid is up to date?

Mr. Cicero stated we are not there yet. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to get current. The state is almost caught up with their payments.

**HB347 Re: County Detention Homes – Metro Request Support**

Mrs. Rozak stated if we cannot support our detention home facility then we can spend the tax receipts for detention services.

**HB442 Re: Veh CD – Automated Traffic Law – Metro Request Support**

Mrs. Rozak stated we are already a part of this. This is to add some other counties. There were some amendments to it.

**SB49 Re: IDOT Road Salt Grants – Metro Request Support**

Ms. Goodson stated this provides eligibility for grants if we participate in the CMS bid. The grants will be given based on a formula.

Mr. Gould stated we would not be eligible for this because one of the provisions. Our bid for salt is too low.

**SB50 Re: IDOT Road Salt – Metro Request Support**

Ms. Goodson stated this appropriates the grant funds for SB49.

**HB62 Re: PTELL-Referendum-Metro Request Oppose**

Ms. Goodson stated this bill is dead.

**HB460 Re: Bonds Local Gov Wastewater – Metro Request Support**

Mr. Friefeld stated this bill gives the IEPA grants for waste water treatment in the unincorporated areas.

Ms. Goodson questioned is this something we would qualify for.

Mr. Friefeld stated this is something the committee may want to support.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rozak, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Jr., to support the concepts of HB460 Bonds Local Government Wastewater as presented. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**HB547 Re: Identity Protection Act-Metro Request Support**

Ms. Goodson stated the general assembly identified problems with how Social Security numbers were handled at various levels of state government. Local entities where disclosing social security numbers in documents and there was no policy for protection. That is why the legislation is proposed. We should continue to monitor this.

**HB652 Re: Local Gov Dist Fund Deposit – Metro Request Support**

Ms. Goodson stated I am not sure how this affects us. Mr. Rafac look at that, and we can revisit it. It is in Rules.

**SB89 Re: Property Tax-Petrochemical Value**

Ms. Goodson stated there is a letter that was passed out prior to the meeting. This bill allows power plants to have multi-year agreements. It is being worked on with Representative Gordon so it is changing. It suggests that in order for the power plants to negotiate, they have to be in litigation. They have to work through attorneys.

Mr. Friefeld stated it is an attorney protection amendment. This is in Rules and it may not go anyplace.

Ms. Goodson stated we will keep this on are list to monitor.

**SB722 Re: Regulation Tech**

Ms. Goodson stated this looks like a shell bill. We should keep this on our list to watch.

**SB125 Re: EPA-Debris Population**

Ms. Goodson questioned has there been any significant changes to this bill.

Mr. Olson stated it is in the House. Lake County asked us for a sponsor from our County. This allows our County to have a means to recycle this material. Right now the EPA will not allow us to do that. It puts in a permit requirement.

Ms. Goodson questioned will this be acceptable debris for our quarries.

Mr. Olson stated not really. You may have some bricks. The idea is to bring it to a place like this and sort it. This material is singled out. This will preserve space in our land fill. We do have a mechanism to enforce this.

**SB1346 Re: Airport Legislation**

Ms. Goodson stated this is still in the Senate.

Mr. Ryan stated it has extension. We anticipate another extension. The governor and the senate president have taken an active roll in this. We have heard that the governor wants to see a compromise with ALNAC and Will County. The governor has stated he believes in local control of the airport.

Ms. Goodson stated we are not on record supporting this bill.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brooks Jr., to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda supporting the concepts of SB1346 Airport Legislation, as introduced. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**HB237 Re: Prompt Payment Penalty – Metro Request to Support**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, Jr., seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda supporting the concepts of HB237 Prompt Payment Penalty, as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**SB1607 Re: Amends EPA-Construction/Demo Debris**

Ms. Goodson stated this will allow certain debris in quarries. We have been trying to work with the lobbyist on this bill. It is believed that the debris is for helping the city of Chicago with their Olympic bid. We are opposed to it as it is written.

Mr. Olson stated we have been trying to tell everyone about this bill.

Ms. Traynere questioned is there a position from the federal EPA.

Mr. Olson stated it is up to the state.

Mr. Brooks, Jr. left at this juncture.

Ms. Goodson stated we have been trying to work with our legislators. As far as our waste ordinance, can we charge tipping fees for this?

Mr. Brooks, Jr. returned at this juncture.

Mr. Olson stated it has to be a pollution control facility.

Ms. Traynere questioned can we initiate federal guidelines.

**Creation of Policy Establishing Criteria/Guidelines for County Distribution of Grant Funds for Numerous Entities Requesting Funding**

Ms. Goodson stated we talked about a task force.

Mr. Friefeld stated we talked about that as an option. You have two types of groups, charitable groups and ones looking for matching contributions such as United Way. It is the charitable groups that are the most difficult. We can create a group like the CDBG and have them make their pitch.

Ms. Goodson stated I think there still needs to be policy guidelines.

Mr. Friefeld stated I agree that there should be guidelines.

Ms. Smith questioned is this specific to the Waste Management money.

Mr. Friefeld stated yes but that money is only available for three more years.

Ms. Smith stated we do not need to give away all the money each year.

Mr. Friefeld stated you are talking about an endowment. That is something that we can investigate.

Ms. Smith questioned if we did not have this money from Waste Management, where does it come from.

Mr. Rafac stated once we start down this road, it is a very slippery slope.

Mr. Friefeld stated we can take Ms. Goodson's suggestions and put them into a draft policy. We are very limited in what we can give.

Ms. Goodson stated once the funding is gone the funds are gone and that should be part of the policy.

Mr. Friefeld stated you may want to limit it to charitable organizations.

Ms. Goodson stated I will work on a draft policy for next month.

**Other Old Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CMAP Draft Proposal for Developments of Regional Importance (DRI)**

Mr. Friefeld stated a memo went out to all the board members yesterday regarding a change to the proposed CMAP draft. The CMAP staff has modified the proposed draft that was discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting. Those recommendations were approved at committee.

Mr. Ryan stated we have reservations on how this legislation went regarding spelling out this process. We worked with the CED and others to make the best out of a bad situation. When we saw the CMAP staff email yesterday with their changes, we suggested that we reiterate our support of Version 2 of the CMAP plan and oppose the recommended changes by CMAP staff. We need to make sure that everyone understands that we oppose these new revisions. It will add a layer of oversight to the process. A lot of these issues will incur in Will County.

Mrs. Rozak questioned is there any recourse, are we stuck with it.

Mr. Ryan stated this legislation is an overreach by the general assembly. This went a step further and the only good thing is it is for a two year period.

Ms. Smith stated the biggest impact is the airport.

Mr. Friefeld stated it is a regional planning issue. We need to say we support Version 2 but oppose the changes made by staff.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, Jr., seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to support Version 2 but oppose the staff changes to the CMAP DRI proposal. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Other New Business**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.