

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

**July 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 8:36 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**Also Present:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Ms. Traynere 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 June 9, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CN Acquisition of EJ&E Railroad**

Mr. George Cutright came before committee to discuss concerns he and the residents of the Pinecrest Subdivision have regarding the impact of the CN Railway.

Ms Goodson stated we have been watching this issue. We are working with the communities and demanding additional mitigation money from CN. We appreciate that you have come here today to bring the issue of the CN impacts to us. Have you noticed a dramatic increase in train traffic?

Mrs. Hollingsworth stated we had six trains a day about ten years ago. Within the last two years that number has gone up to about 20-25 trains a day and they are double duty trains. The horn is blowing at all hours.

Ms. Goodson stated we have met with our federal legislators. We need to look federally for funding to help with mitigation and changing the legislation.

Mr. Cutright stated we must persist.

Mrs. Hollingsworth stated with the water in our subdivision, we feel we are another Rockford waiting to happen. The water must be addressed.

Ms. Goodson stated we will be more proactive then we have been. We may ask CN to come before the committee to answer some of these questions. We will let you know.

Mr. Friefeld stated there is much discussion regarding the crossings and noise. They are both serious issues. We have to address the hazardous material. The trains can be re-routed around these areas. We need to get the hazardous material out of the community.

#### **Criteria/Guidelines for Distribution of County Grant Funds**

Ms. Goodson stated I think in light of the budget issues we have encountered, I would like to postpone action on any guidelines and now set the money aside.

Ms. Konicki arrived at this juncture.

A motion was made by Ms. Traynere, seconded by Ms. Smith, to postpone the decision to prepare guidelines for County grant funds. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

#### **SB1607**

Ms. Goodson stated we had wonderful speakers and great attendance for our workshop last week regarding this issue. We need to drive this legislation by working with the lobbyist and our Waste Director. We need to put together language that we are comfortable with and propose it to our state legislature.

Ms. Traynere stated have we thought about being proactive not only on the legislation but proactive on what to do with this waste.

Mr. Friefeld stated it is not that they do not have an alternative. Most of this waste goes into sanitary landfills for which they have to pay. The problem is the 'fly by night' operators that just put up a sign that states fill and there is no inspection.

Ms. Goodson stated we will be working closely with Mr. Mahar. We do have a waste plan, they should take that into consideration and adhere to it. We do not have any authorization over these sites. We have to be able to test water near these sites so that we can watch those water supplies.

Ms. Smith stated I have spoken with Representative Kosel and Senator Rodogno about this bill since our workshop. They did ask for information and they do want to be in the loop.

Ms. Konicki stated if we propose the legislation once we get the wording we should send it out to each of the major groups that appeared before us to get their feedback. At that point we can have it reviewed by our staff and have some sort of composite brought forward.

#### **Other Old Business**

Ms. Goodson stated Springfield did pass a capital bill. Legislators will be meeting today to discuss the other six month budget. This will restore funding to human services to last year's levels. That is something that we will be watching.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **HB85-Creates the Internet Voting Commission Act**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Traynere, to remove the issue of HB85 from the agenda until further notice. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Other New Business**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Konicki, seconded by Ms. Traynere, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 am. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.