

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

**May 11, 2010**

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 8:34 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent were Members:** None.

**Also Present:** B. Friefeld.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mrs. Rozak led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Continued Discussion Re: SB1607 – EPA Construction & Demo Debris; SB3721 – EPA Construction & Demo Debris**

Mr. Mahar stated there has been movement over the last three years to put dirt in our quarries; this year it has been very contentious. The IEPA assumed leadership on this issue. Their plan has been over the next two years to come up with rules how this material will be put in quarries around the state; the first year they will devise the rules and another year for the PCB to adopt the rules. In the final analysis the sticking point was whether the debris was clean and how to determine what clean is, which is very complicated and very difficult. SB3721 passed both chambers. We remained in opposition - do not dump until you figure out what

clean is. There are lot of things in the bill that we negotiated. It could have been a lot worse; we get money to cover our costs.

Ms. Goodson commented we negotiated the amount of tipping fees from .04 to .10. We did not get everything we wanted; this will force the clean sites to register with the county.

Mrs. Traynere asked what if the test proves there is something contaminated.

Ms. Goodson answered they are not allowed to dump. There is a reporting process that has to be done and they have to notify EPA.

Mr. Friefeld stated we ought to be involved with the rule making process. This committee should request the Governor veto this bill. There are other alternatives; they are just more costly alternatives. We ought to request the State's Attorney's Office look at state and federal regulations to see if this bill even complies. We are talking about water – serious stuff; we should not just sit back and do nothing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Traynere, second by Mrs. Rozak, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda requesting the Governor to veto SB3721. All in favor.

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Mr. Mahar commented this will have to be done quickly.

Mr. Friefeld stated hopefully the Forest Preserve District will add this to their agenda for Thursday. Short of a resolution – leadership should send a letter.

Ms. Goodson indicated we have continued to oppose this; Metro Counties cannot take a position on it. The DuPage County Chairman supported the bill.

Mr. Wilhelmi commented this is already happening all across the county with no regulations; it is supposed to be clean fill.

Mr. Friefeld stated they have never defined clean fill.

Mr. Wilhelmi questioned if we do take contaminated soil what is the remediation process.

Ms. Goodson replied we have a long way to go. When they begin the rule making process we will request a seat at the table for someone being a part of it – giving our input

Ms. Konicki arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Mahar provided an overview of his May 2010 report.

Ms. Goodson commented overall this has been one of the busiest sessions ever for Will County. Our departments have been incredible in communicating with us and making sure we were aware of their issues.

**HB6239 Re: Administrative Adjudication**

Ms. Goodson stated this bill has passed both houses on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This gives Will County the authority to administratively adjudicate certain moving violations.

Mrs. Traynere questioned how this was previously handled.

Ms. Goodson replied they would have to go to court; with adjudication you do not have to have a judge.

Chief Deputy Maher stated right now we have to cite state charges and it has to go through the state process; this gives us a little bit of a leverage to adjudicate certain types of complaints and tickets. Currently we do not have the administrative process in place. We have county ordinances but we do not have a real mechanism to enforce them.

Ms. Goodson commented you would use a hearing officer.

Ms. Smith indicated this brings the Health Department, Sheriff's Department, and Land Use together and then they will put together some rules. This will allow us to enforce our ordinances without going to court.

Ms. Goodson commented once this is signed we should have joint meeting with judicial committee to work on the policy.

Ms. Konicki asked if there has been a problem with the inability to write certain tickets.

Ms. Goodson answered yes.

Ms. Konicki expressed concern that the public will see this as they do the red light cameras as way to look for additional money.

Ms. Smith commented we are trying to streamline it for the residents.

Mr. Friefeld indicated the judicial committee has been working on this for months. The legislation is new and it is appropriate that we look at this.

Ms. Konicki commented she is not supportive of it.

Chief Deputy Maher stated this will give our personnel the ability to enforce the ordinances if they deem it necessary.

Ms. Konicki indicated if this is taking the place of going to court that is one consideration. She is not interested in ticketing people for things that we have not been ticketing in the past.

Chief Deputy Maher stated it is not a method to generate revenue.

**Continued Discussion Re: SB2529 Re: Possible Increase of Coroner's Fees**

This item was discussed later in the meeting.

**Continued Discussion Re: HB4650 – Prisoner Census Addresses**

Ms. Goodson stated this bill is in rules; it is not an issue.

**SB3464 Amendment #2 – Cell Tower Legislation**

Ms. Goodson indicated this legislation has been all over the map. It was stopped in the House, ultimately amended to another bill and was passed. The down side is we had been led to believe we would have more time to discuss some additional things that would be put in the legislation but we did not have the opportunity. County Board districts will be notified prior to a telecommunication tower being built; this will give us some advance notice, which previously they did not have to notify us.

**Continued Discussion Re: SB2529 Re: Possible Increase of Coroner's Fees**

Mr. O'Neil stated the Coroner and Medical Examiner's Association has been discussing how expensive it has been to run the offices. None of our fees that we collect for our documents have increased and the fees have not been increased statewide since the early to mid 1980's. The legislation just passed a fee increase for us. He reviewed increases for various reports. We are currently doing about 1,200 cremation permits annually in Will County. That generally increases about 100 per year. Last year with the fee at \$10, the office collected \$11,870; with the increase we would collect \$59,350. That is a significant increase.

**HB1075 Amendment #3 Re: Illiana**

Mr. Mahar indicated Senator Hutchinson carried this issue; this establishes the Illiana and the public private partnership to build it between I-55 and I-65.

**Other Old Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HB6440 – Amendments to IL Act on Aging**

Ms. Goodson commented the new bill is SB326 and is currently being held until the fall session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Brooks, second by Mr. Wilhelmi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am. All in favor.

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