

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 7, 2009**

Will County Office Building  
County Board Room  
302 North Chicago Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

**8:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bilotta called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta.

**Absent were Members:** Singer and Goodson.

**Also Present:**

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** Phil Mock.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2009 meeting. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to approve the executive session minutes from the February 3, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING: Will County 2030 Transportation Plan**

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to open the public hearing for the Will County 2030 Transportation Plan at 8:39 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Heavens, Executive Director with the Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living addressed the committee regarding public transportation for citizens with disabilities. Some cities have paratransit service for their roads but nothing outside of the boundaries of the municipality, which is something that needs to be rectified. There are many different ways that public transportation can be increased. Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living would be pleased to help find solutions on this important issue.

Mr. Bolton, Pace Deputy Executive Director for Strategic Services expressed appreciation for being part of the planning process and the ability to provide comments at this critical time. Your plan was running parallel with the South Cook Will County plan, which we implemented Phase I in November. We have a new service for western Joliet for a call and ride service where people can be picked up and taken where they need to go; it seems to be working well. We are currently working with the RTA on an I-355 express service from Plainfield to Chicago. The other things that are consistent with this plan is Route 45 being identified as a route that will need transit service; Route 45 is part of our long term route network. We have an RTA grant to study from I-55 to I-80, which will begin next year. The work that is in your plan is consistent with the long range plans of Pace; we are here to support your efforts in the plan.

Mr. Durkin, Crete Village Administrator expressed concern regarding the Illiana Expressway being part of a future corridor but there is no representation of any location. There is a new 4 lane freeway from I-80 down towards the proposed airport. We do not think that is a viable option any more and suggest some updated information. He questioned the ranking on the Beecher Bypass; it is hard to believe it ranks higher than Route 30 and some other projects that are greatly needed in the county today. He asked for clarification on what went into the ranking procedures for these projects. Another observation is the extension of southeast rail service to Beecher; they have been very opposed to that line. The Illiana is an extremely important corridor for Will County and something that needs much more attention with respect to this plan.

Ms. Gibson, Manhattan Village Administrator thanked the county for all opportunities we have had to come up with this plan. We appreciate the modifications that were made due to the input provided. We have a great concern about the Illiana corridor being preserved and locating a corridor for that now. We believe there will be a great need for that road from Indiana over to I-55. We would encourage some more importance given to the Illiana and perhaps a corridor being formulated.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to close the public hearing at 8:54 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta stated some valid questions were brought up. Kankakee County is working with Will County to bring forward some sort of corridor; this was tied into the future airport.

Mr. Gould indicated a feasibility study is being conducted in cooperation with Indiana regarding the corridor; it was supposed to be done by the beginning of the year. We do not know what they will arrive at regarding the corridor – we do not know specifically where it will go. We do know the corridor is necessary to get traffic off of the Borman Expressway. We have tried to show that it is needed but that we do not know where it will end up.

Mr. Dardis stated he would like to make sure that is something that continues to get attention in the future and all the proper language is included in the plan

Mr. Bilotta commented this is a guide that will change constantly. These comments are definitely worth noting. The County Board will support the corridor; we need to find out what is the most feasible route. We will be starting the 2040 Transportation Plan in about 5 years; when we started the 2030 plan, I-355 did not exist – the RTA funding mechanism did not exist.

Mr. Gould stated there were 2 sets of municipal meetings held last August in various parts of the county; data from all of those meetings was compiled and utilized as part of this plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda adopting the 2030 Transportation Plan. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Revisions to the WCDH Permit Regulations & Access Control Regulations**

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to open the public hearing for the revisions to the Will County Department of Highways Permit Regulations and Access Control Regulations at 9:07 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta asked if there were any comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to close the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould stated the major change was the temporary access.

Mr. Bilotta questioned the change in the threshold between a minor access and major access from 150 vehicles to 300 vehicles per day.

Mr. Ronaldson replied the increased number is a more accurate breaking point when a left turn lane is needed; we can still require that turn lane on a minor access.

Mr. Gould commented it is more of a working tool so when a developer comes forward they have some number they can work out and see what our minimum requirements are, based on our ordinance.

Mr. Bilotta indicated he does not want this to impair our ability.

Mr. Ronaldson stated if the traffic study warrants the left turn lanes, they will be required to do so.

Mr. Bilotta indicated there were changes made to the temporary access permit from 6 months to two years. This should help the development community in light of the economy.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the revisions to the WCDH Permit Regulations and Access Control Regulations. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request by Cross Point Church for Temporary Access onto North Briggs Street (CH 62) North of Oak Avenue within the Fox Hollow Subdivision Development – Tabled at March 3, 2009 meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to table this issue until the next meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Intergovernmental Agreement for the Installation of a Storm Water Drainage System along Cedar Road (CH 4) as Part of the New Homer Elementary School Facility**

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for the installation of a storm water drainage system for the new Homer Elementary School on Cedar Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Resolution Authorizing Approval of a Will County Roadside Memorial Program**

Mr. Gould stated this program was signed into legislation in January of 2008 and the state has just implemented it recently. We are adopting their policy. Family members who have lost a relative due to an accident involving an impaired driver, can pay for a marker to be placed at the site of the accident in memory of that relative. The sign stays up for 2 years and then the family receives that sign. Will County may be the first in the area to begin this program.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing approval of a Will County Roadside Memorial Program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request by Midwest Property Development for an Extension to the Temporary Access Permit A-04-0003 Granted for Hanover Estates on Cedar Road (CH 4)**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda granting an extension to the temporary access permit for Midwest Property Development for Hanover Estates on Cedar Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD**

1. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Supplemental Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase I) with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for the study of CH 4 (Cedar Road) over Spring Creek, Section 01-00051-04-BR, County Board District #7

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Resolution for Additional Design Engineering Services (Phase I) by County under the IL Highway Code for the study of CH 4 (Cedar Road) over Spring Creek, Section 01-00051-04-BR, County Board District #7, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$18,607.00)

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

3. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Supplemental Joint Agreement for improvements to the section of CH 4 (Cedar Road) over Spring Creek, Section 01-00051-04-BR, County Board District #7

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould asked that Resolutions 4 through 7 be voted on after the executive session.

4. Resolution Authorizing the Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with a Condemnation Case Regarding the County's CH 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) (Bell Road to Will Cook Road) Project, Parcel 0001, Section 01-00169-08-LA, County Board District #7

5. Resolution Authorizing the Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with a Condemnation Case Regarding the County's CH 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) (Bell Road to Will Cook Road) Project, Parcel 0003TE, Section 01-00169-08-LA, County Board District #7

6. Resolution Authorizing the Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with a Condemnation Case Regarding the County's CH 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) (Bell Road to Will Cook Road) Project, Parcel 0004TE1 & 0004TE2, Section 01-00169-08-LA, County Board District #7

7. Resolution Authorizing the Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with a Condemnation Case Regarding the County's CH 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) (Bell Road to Will Cook Road) Project, Parcel 0006, 0006TE1, 0006TE2 & 0006TE3, Section 01-00169-08-LA, County Board District #7

8. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Supplemental Agreement for Additional Design Engineering (Phase II) with Smith Engineering Consultants, Inc., for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 74 (Laraway Road) at CH 86 (Cherry Hill Road), Section 03-00138-19-EG, County Board Districts #6 & 8

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

9. Resolution for Additional Design Service (Phase II) by the County under the IL Highway Code with Smith Engineering Consultants, Inc., for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 74 (Laraway Road) at CH 86 (Cherry Hill Road), Section 03-00138-19-EG, County Board Districts #6 & 8, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$11,962.01)

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould asked that Resolution 10 be voted on after the executive session.

10. Resolution Authorizing the Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with a Condemnation Case regarding the County's CH 14 (Plainfield-Naperville Road) noise wall construction project, Parcel 0007, Section 01-00036-21-LA, County Board District # 3

11. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 330REV CH 36 (Renwick Road) From Old Renwick Trail to CH 88 (Weber Road) Length 1.50 Miles Proposed Speed - 50 MPH, County Board Districts #5, 7 & 9

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

12. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to VCNA Prairie Aggregates ILL (\$5.45 per ton) – Let on April 1, 2009 – Florence Township Road District, Section 09-05000-00-GM, County Board District #6

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

13. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to VCNA Prairie Aggregates ILL (\$ 5.65 per ton) – Let on April 1, 2009 – Wilton Township Road District, Section 09-24000-00-GM, County Board District #6

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

14. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to "D" Construction, Inc. (\$99,081.64) – Let on April 1, 2009 – Manhattan Township Road District, Section 09-12000-01-GM, County Board District #6

Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

15. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation (\$893,863.60) – Let on April 1, 2009 – CH 24 (Indiana Ave) from Illinois Route 1 to the Indiana State Line, Section 09-00042-08-GM, County Board District #1

Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

16. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code, CH 24 (Indiana Avenue) from Illinois Route 1 to the Indiana State Line, Section 09-00042-08-GM, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of MFT & Matching Tax funds (\$475,000.00 & \$475,000.00)

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

17. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation (\$542,997.11) – Let on April 1, 2009 – CH 58 (County Line Road) from the SE corner of Section 34 to the Indiana State Line, Section 09-00093-06-GM, County Board District #1

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

18. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code, CH 58 (County Line Road) from the SE corner of Section 34 to the Indiana State Line, Section 09-00093-06-GM, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of MFT & Matching Tax funds (\$300,000.00 & \$300,000.00)

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Mock left at this juncture.

### **Other Business**

### **COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Gould stated they had submitted to the federal government for disaster areas in Will County from the effects of Hurricane Ike. They have received \$59,186.46. He has been interviewing for entry level engineers for positions that are vacant in his budget; those hires will be going to the board in May. In the past, the consulting companies would take most of the

entry level engineers but this economy has really changed things. He reviewed the resumes for entry level and maybe two years beyond that – that was 60 resumes. We received 270 resumes total.

Mr. Wisniewski asked the starting salary.

Mr. Gould answered they are all paid \$50,000 per year. Now that these positions are completed, he will begin the process for the Assistant County Engineer.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION**

**MONTHLY WORK REPORTS - Attached**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Bilotta stated at the next meeting he will do a quick summary and put together a short presentation on the Build Will Program; he will also do this at the full county board in May. We hope to have an ASA – someone full time for the right of way issues. Rozeta Johnson resigned from the State's Attorney's Office, which creates a setback.

Mr. Wisniewski suggested looking at outsourcing on a temporary basis with a private firm.

Mr. Gould commented the fees are rather high if we were to use a private firm. Hopefully we will get someone quickly. They will be working on other issues besides right of way. The Build Will program could suffer because of this setback.

Mr. Bilotta asked for an analysis of the projects to determine if we can outsource any of them.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bilotta stated an executive session was necessary to discuss right of way acquisition.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss right of way acquisition. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to come out of executive session at 9:58 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

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Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

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Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

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Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

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Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

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Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.