

Lake County Illinois

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18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

10:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Public Works and Transportation Committee

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

Others present:

*Amy McEwan, County Administrator
Barry Burton, County Administrator
Suzi Schmidt, County Board Chair,
Pat Carey, County Board Member
Steve Carlson, County Board Member
Anne Bassi, County Board Member
Michelle Feldman, County Board Member
Susan Gravenhorst, County Board Member
Collin O'Rourke, County Board Member
Linda Pedersen, County Board Member
Marty Buehler, Division of Transportation
Peter Kolb, Public Works
Dan Jasica, State's Attorney
Walter Willis, SWALCO
Glenn Hodek, Lake Forest resident
Mike Mihaljevic, Lake Forest resident
Gordon White, Lake Forest resident
Marjorie Loizzo, Lake Forest resident
Hugo Steinith, Lake Forest resident
Paul Frisch, Lake Forest resident
Joyce Black, Lake Forest resident
Kent Street, SWALCO/Village of Deerfield
John Borowiec, Lake Forest resident
Kimberly Thoedo, Incinerator Free Lake County
Elizabeth Coyne, Incinerator Free Lake County
Barbara Klipp, Incinerator Free Lake County
Chris Pado, Sierra Club
Jeff Thalass, Sierra Club
Michael Flaws, Lake Forest resident
John Gledhill, Lake Forest resident
Cheryl Coughlin, Lake Forest resident
John Clark, Barrington
Jean-Alix Peralte, STV Inc.
Don Manak, Forest Haven subdivision
Susan McIntyre, Forest Haven subdivision
Rich McIntyre, Forest Haven subdivision
Robert Thompson, Forest Haven subdivision
Kristin Bleeker, Forest Haven subdivision
Pat Krantz, Forest Haven subdivision
Patrick Gulbranson, Forest Haven subdivision*

*Wendy Litwitz, Lake Forest resident
Drew Johnsen, Forest Haven subdivision
Richard Frigo, Forest Haven subdivision
Maureen McLaughlin, Incinerator Free Lake County
Wallace Winter, Grayslake
John Roskowski,
Jim Newton, News Sun*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the pledge.

3. Approval of Minutes

[10-0114](#)

Minutes of January 6, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Taylor, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Added to Agenda

None.

6. Old Business

PUBLIC WORKS

6.1 [09-2203](#)

Report to committee for formation of proposed SSA #15 for Construction of Sanitary Sewers in the Forest Haven Subdivision.

Presented by Director Kolb. Mr. Kolb noted that we had received a request from the homeowners association for construction of a sanitary sewer. Mr. Kolb gave a brief overview of what a special service area means. Mr. Kolb advised that we received the proposal in the form of a petition submitted on behalf of the property owners that wish to form the SSA. This petition is for the county's benefit; it is not part of the tax code. Lake County requires 62% of property owners and electors to be in favor of the SSA before proceeding with formation. Sr. Assistant County Administrator Dusty Powell distributed a map of Forest Haven Subdivision and the proposed SSA and noted there are 111 properties in this SSA. The lots in green signed the petition, the lots in the light red are those who did not sign. The number of electors in each lot are shown by numbers in the lots, with red showing electors in that location that have signed the petition; those numbers in blue represent those who have not signed. There are 180 electors; 113 have signed which is 62%. Chair O'Kelly explained why the County requires 62%. Member Maine recommended that there be a public information hearing prior to the public hearing

which is required. Member Maine reviewed some of the questions she had received on the SSA which included location, and are they required to hook up - 2 of the most common questions. Third was cost and will they have the ability to pay the full cost now.

Director Kolb noted that the prepared preliminary plan shows where the sewer lines would go - generally down public streets in front of the property. Also, cost estimate as we have it would also include a connection fee. Based on that, we need to secure bonds for \$3.2 million for these improvements. The estimated cost per lot is \$28,829 for a period 30 years - property owners would be looking at \$2095 per home per year on their property taxes. Mr. Kolb read the petition question at committee's request. Mr. Kolb noted that the amount of time for people to hook up is 90 days per County ordinance. There has been a request to extend that to five years. Mr. Kolb took questions from the committee. Mr. Kolb advised that we could work it into the schedule, if residents want to pay the full amount when we know what the actual project costs will be.

Member Carter stated that we need to stay consistent - have we given five years to hook up previously; she thought five years was excessive. Discussion followed on the issue of 90 days to connect. There was committee consensus and support to extend the time to 1 year to hook up. If property is transferred, payment is due immediately.

Gordon White gave a brief history of the SSA request. Members of the public addressed the committee regarding the SSA.

Director Kolb explained the tentative schedule for SSA. Chair O'Kelly noted that this SSA was something that the residents of the subdivision started. Those who oppose the SSA need to obtain signatures to stop it. A Public Information meeting is planned for sometime the week of March 22. The Public Hearing on the proposed SSA is scheduled for April 13, 2010.

This matter was presented.

6.2 [08-0785](#)

Director's Report - Public Works

Director Kolb provided an update of pre hearings with the IDNR for the Lake Michigan water project. Mr. Kolb, Chair Suzi Schmidt and Member Carter attended the hearing on 1/13 and 1/14 and it was a very good meeting. They asked questions about our submittal and we can make changes to our submittal. Final written testimony is due on February 26 and on March 12 we will go back for a final hearing.

7. New Business

TRANSPORTATION

7.1 [10-0090](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement between Lake County and the State of Illinois for the utilization of federal highway funds for the modernization and interconnection of the traffic signals along Lewis Ave (IL 173 to 14th St) including connection to Lake County PASSAGE and Phase III engineering services. This resolution appropriates \$2,000,000 of ¼ % Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety funds for this

improvement and Phase III engineering and designated as Section 08-00259-00-TL.

Director Buehler presented this item and noted that Item 7.2 was related.

A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Wilke, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

7.2 [10-0091](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Alfred Benesch & Company, Chicago, Illinois, at a maximum cost of services described of \$507,938.05 for Phase III construction engineering services for the modernization and interconnection of the traffic signals along Lewis Ave (IL 173 to 14th St) including connection to Lake County PASSAGE and designated as Section 08-00259-00-TL.

A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Wilke, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

7.3 [09-1424](#)

Director's Report - Transportation

Director Buehler noted that the Federal legislative package is moving forward. SAFTELU is expired and under reauthorization so as a County we have to have our requests in hand. Director Buehler presented an overview of the four projects in the federal project development pipeline and stated that if we get one of these projects, we'd be doing well.

8. Executive Session

A motion was made by Member Carter, seconded by Member Stolman, to go into executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

Discussion

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Stolman, to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

SWALCO

7.4 [09-2228](#)

Resolution adopting the 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan, as approved and recommended by the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO).

Chair O'Kelly asked that Water Willis, SWALCO Director and Kent Street, SWALCO

Advisory Board provide a basic explanation on where our garbage goes. Mr. Street advised that we are exporting about 35% of Lake County garbage now.

Mr. Street believed that this plan contains many different components for many different areas. He noted that the plan has been a 14 month process so far and there have been public hearings. The Advisory Board believes that the plan combines both the practical and the progressive. Mr. Street noted that there are about 9 years left at Countryside Landfill and 3 or 4 at the Zion facility. Chair O'Kelly asked for committee input on what we want to do.

Member Maine listed some options. 1) let our landfills fill up and then send it out somewhere else. 2) Open up for emerging technologies, however we should take the mass incineration out. Member Maine was also concerned that there is a lack of detail with the new technologies and suggested that we have more detail in our plan. 3) Recycling - although there is a concern that there are things that should be done at the State level. Member Maine also requested more details on the life cycle analysis.

Member Carter supported taking out incineration. She was not sure that we should take out future technologies but expressed concern about the control mechanisms in place and what policy makers would be approving. However, Member Carter stated that we can't say no to the future.

Member Bush definitely wants to take out the incineration and stated that we should start out with better recycling. Member Bush also suggested that we put in our plan what our goals are for the next five years.

Vice Chair Stolman was supportive of the goals and noted that there is no plan right now on the County doing incineration. The concept right now is not to eliminate anything. You have technology and scientists that are putting things together. Member Stolman stated that the Citizen Advisory Board that put this together did a great job. Member Stolman did not see why we would ever want to reduce an option, i.e. the concept of gasification is now light years ahead. Member Stolman noted that we have a set of goals here and everyone wants the right thing, so he did not want to eliminate any options.

Member Wilke wanted to take out mass incineration.

Member Taylor spoke about emerging technologies and asked what would happen if incineration is taken out. Mr. Willis stated that it isn't the end of the world, but we will be looking at smaller facilities. Mr. Willis responded to some of the previous comments. Member Maine expressed concern about a vendor presenting a plan that we would just accept. Mr. Willis suggested that they could run a model so that we would have a base.

Member Feldman was concerned about the process getting ahead of us. She was open to everything because that is what we are going to need. We don't have a lot of time. Member Feldman presented the following amendment. "Add language for 4-1-2; preferably at the end of the 2nd main paragraph: If it is determined that the science is not

available to accurately measure and evaluate proposed option's environmental impacts or there is no minimum Federal or State safety standards applicable to the option, the option should not be considered or go through the life cycle assessment process."

Member Bassi stated that she had learned a lot and this is a fabulous process. She also noted that there is really no good way to get rid of our waste - we need to select what is the least awful.

Chair O'Kelly stated that this plan is more important than any she has been a part of thus far. The clock is ticking - and these landfills are going to be closed.

Member Carey noted that SWALCO has made a recommendation to the County Board and this is a critical decision for us. This could define how we handle our waste for the next 20 years. Member Carey's issue is with the timing. If we approve this now and someone comes to us with something better. We need to focus on recycling. Member Carey's recommendation was to take out mass incineration, waste energy and transfer stations and push for zero waste and resource management.

Members of the public then addressed the Committee with their comments.

A motion was made by Member Bush, seconded by Member Taylor, that this item be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

7.5 [10-0085](#)

Ordinance amending the SWALCO Intergovernmental Agreement and the agency by-laws.

Committee will address this item at the next meeting.

9. County Administrator's Report

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Wilke, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Public Works & Transportation Committee