

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

8:30 AM

Conference Room C

Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Flanigan-Bassi called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

Member Hewitt arrived at 8:37 a.m., Member Paxton arrived at 8:40 a.m. Member Nixon left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Also present:

*Amy McEwan, Sr. Assistant County Administrator
Suzi Schmidt, County Board Chairman
Barry Burton, County Administrator
Marty Buehler, Division of Transportation
Keith DeVore, County Administrator Intern
Gary Gordon, Finance & Administrative Services
Bob Skidmore, Treasurer
Jim McCullough, Treasurer's Office
Mary Otahal, County Board Office*

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Flanigan-Bassi led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Minutes - December 2, 2009**

3.1 **10-0043**

Minutes from December 2, 2009

Attachments: [RRL 12.02.09](#)

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Carey, that the minutes from December 2, 2009 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

Not Present: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Hewitt

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Added to Agenda**

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

County Clerk

7.1 **10-0002**

Report of Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the month of November 2009.

Attachments: [Clerk Report November 2009](#)

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Taylor, that this report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

Not Present: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Hewitt

Recorder of Deeds

7.2 [10-0003](#)

Report of Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Recorders of Deeds, for the month of November 2009.

Attachments: [SRDP36C209122310390.tif](#)

A motion was made by Member Nixon, seconded by Member Taylor, that this report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

Not Present: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Hewitt

Treasurer

7.3 [09-2196](#)

Joint resolution approving the revised Lake County Investment Policy.

Attachments: [INVESTMENT POLICY draft 1 21 10 amend.doc](#)
[INVESTMENT POLICY ORIGINAL 2002.doc](#)

Chair Flanigan-Bassi and Mr. Skidmore agreed that this item be postponed for a month to get additional information and to get some questions answered. (Member Hewitt entered the meeting at 8:37 a.m.)

Mr. Skidmore explained that they have been working on updating the Investment Policy for some time. One of the proposed updates addresses the releasing of collateral. The GFOA recommends that we have written authority to release those liens. We want to make sure that we are doing things properly. (Member Paxton entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.) Mr. Skidmore is also working on addressing internal controls at the department level.

Mr. Skidmore then reported that they received all of the money for the senior deferrals from the State. The program is still up and running for next year.

The recent Tax Sale went well, and Mr. Skidmore reported that they had approximately 180 more properties than last year. In addition, more parcels were not sold (600) at the

sale and as a result, at this time the county manages the properties. After three years, the county could own the property if the taxes are not redeemed. Most of these parcels are vacant land.

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Carey, that this resolution be postponed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

Legislation

7.4 Discussion of 2010 Federal Legislative Program

Amy McEwan presented the first draft of the Federal Legislative Program for FFY2011. She and various department heads met with Trent Lehman from the Ferguson Group last fall to discuss last year's proposals and what to propose for next year. Committee discussed the following:

Direct Sponsorship Initiatives:

Integrated Justice - request \$5 million to assist with the implementation of a multi-year technology plan to integrate the computer networks of all of the police departments in Lake County with each of the County's criminal justice departments and to provide a universal interface with the State of Illinois.

Watershed Plan Implementation Project - request \$900,000 from the Interior appropriations bill, EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG), USDA-NRCS Eligible Watersheds account, or other appropriate funding source, to implement high priority environmental restoration, ecological enhancement, water quality improvement, and stormwater infrastructure projects, identified in detailed, comprehensive watershed management plans for the upper Des Plaines and Fox River watersheds.

Specialty Care and Diagnostic Testing - request \$1.5 million in the FY 2011 Health and Human Services Appropriations, Health Resources and Services Administration funds to cover approximately 7,500 Specialty Care and Diagnostic Testing referrals for approximately 2,500 uninsured patients receiving care at HealthReach and the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center.

Supported Initiatives:

Community Development Block Grant Funding - support efforts to maintain or increase housing and community development funding provided through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Supportive Housing Program (SHP) programs.

Monitor Statements:

Strategic Objectives for Federal Transportation Funding - Ms. McEwan explained that the

federal transportation bill is re-done every 6 years. In order to get funding, you need to be included in this allocation. (Member Nixon left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.) Member Carey asked about the inclusion of the Rt. 120 project. Ms. McEwan stated that the fact sheet on Rt.120 is being re-written to include a request that the federal government use their influence at the state level to help move this project forward. Member Taylor asked about Rt. 53, and Mr. Burton stated that even though Rt. 53 is a State issue, it will need to be addressed at least from an alignment standpoint when the Rt. 120 project proceeds.

Lake County Transportation Priority Projects for IDOT SFY 2011 - requests had to be submitted last summer and the County had to identify that the project can proceed with less than the projected federal money. Mr. Buehler stated that the projects on this list are already in the pipeline and federally eligible. Member Paxton asked if requests for stimulus money can still be made for road infrastructure improvements, and Mr. Buehler stated that only 3% of the stimulus money was allocated for that purpose, and it is already in the process of being distributed. Mr. Burton stated that the county wants to know where the state used stimulus dollars for projects that were in their five-year plan, and how much of that was included in their capital plan. Mr. Buehler discussed some of the Lake County road projects that did receive stimulus funding.

Ms. McEwan stated that she is working with Mr. Lehman on some additional initiatives and will bring them back to this Committee in February.

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

Ms. McEwan reminded the committee that Friday's Committee of the Whole will be held at the University Center, followed by the legislative brunch at which the 2010 State Legislative Program will be presented to our legislative delegation.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Pedersen, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:38 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

Not Present: 1 - Member Nixon

Minutes prepared by Mary Otahal.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

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