

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, March 3, 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** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

**Absent** 1 - Member Carter

*Others present:*

*Amy McEwan, Sr. Asst. County Administrator*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Dusty Powell, Sr. Asst. County Administrator*

*Paul Frisch, Forest Haven Resident*

*Hugo Steinitz, Forst Haven Resident*

*Norman Mihaljevic, Forest Haven Resident*

*High Black, Forest Haven Resident*

*Marty Buehler, Transportation*

*Paula Trigg, Transportation*

*Peter Kolb, Public Works*

*Phil Perna, Public Works*

*Chet Balwierczak, Information Technology*

*Greg Benski, Thomas Engineering Group*

*Kristin Bleecker, Forest Haven Resident*

*David Serdar*

*Linda Wisch, County Board Office*

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Chair led the pledge.*

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*None.*

4. **Public Comment**

*None.*

5. **Added to Agenda**

*None.*

6. **Old Business**

6.1 **09-2203**

Ordinance proposing the establishment of Lake County Special Service Area No. 15 and providing for a public hearing, and other procedures in connection therewith.

*Presented by Director Kolb. Mr. Kolb highlighted the tentative schedule, proposed financing plan and annual taxes for the SSA. Mr. Kolb proposed that a letter be sent to the residents advising them of the public information meeting on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. The letter would also indicate that the public hearing date is Thursday, April 15. The panel for the public hearing will consist of County Board Chair Suzi Schmidt, the board*

*member for that area Ann Maine and members of the Public Works and Transportation Committee. Chair O'Kelly advised that at the public information meeting presentations will be made and all of the residents will be allowed to ask questions. No action will be taken at this meeting. Mr. Kolb noted that the revised schedule will be included with the letter to be sent to the residents. Mr. Kolb then took questions from the committee.*

*Chair O'Kelly opened up the meeting for public comment. Dusty Powell, Sr. Assistant County Administrator spoke about the process of moving forward with the SSA. Mr. Powell went over the current County process and the signatures required. Mr. Kolb noted that by using the Build America Bonds the difference is \$433,000 over the life of the loan which is \$130 per home per year savings. Debt reserve use would amount to \$100 per year per home. Chair O'Kelly asked if the SSA fails, how much have we invested that will be lost by Lake County. Mr. Kolb estimated that the loss would be approximately \$50,000 for the engineering costs. Mr. Powell stated that we will look at the difference in the signature requirement for the next SSA. He will check with committee at that time. Chair O'Kelly advised that she would get back to Kristin Bleecker on whether or not the petition can be withdrawn at the public meeting. Sr. Assistant County Administrator Dusty Powell will get information to Ms. Bleecker on the language for the petition against the SSA.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

**7. New Business**

**Public Works**

**7.1 10-0224**

Report on Public Works Water & Sewer Billing Enhancements

*Phil Perna, Chet Balwierczak, and Kathy Dalessandra gave a powerpoint presentation on the new e billing system and enhanced service to County customers and then took questions from the committee. It was suggested that this presentatin be provided to the Villages whose residents use the County sewer system.*

**7.2 08-0785**

Director's Report - Public Works

*Mr. Kolb reported that the JAWA Executive Committee has made a recommendation to the board for a rate increase. Member Maine, who is on the board highlighted JAWA's financial status and noted that water sales are down and will not come back soon. Discussion followed. Mr. Perna noted that 70% of their costs are fixed. This increase will raise the rates from \$2.32 to \$2.46 per thousand gallons.*

*Mr. Kolb advised that Chair Schmidt, Member Carter and himself will be attending a public hearing at IDNR on 3/11 and 3/12; this is when members of NW LC JAWA present their petitions and formal testimony for Lake Michigan water allocations. We have*

*submitted our final testimony and Chair Schmidt and Member Carter will testify on behalf of Lake County.*

*Mr. Kolb noted that the Wynstone property owners of North Barrington have completed their improvements and they are now on line.*

**Transportation**

**7.3 10-0207**

Committee Action Memo to approve the Spring 2010 Adopt a Highway Program

*Paula Trigg distributed a handout on the Adopt-A-Highway Spring 2010 Enrollment. Director Buehler presented highlights of the program. Chair O'Kelly asked about the organizations that have not responded to repeated staff contacts and suggested that perhaps they could be contacted by Board Members. Mr. Buehler will email the list out to the Board Members to see if they are able to make any contacts with these organizations.*

**A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Wilke, that this item be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

**7.4 10-0208**

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Alfred Benesch & Company, Chicago, Illinois, at a maximum cost of services described of \$371,545.57, for professional services for Phase III engineering services for the modernization and interconnection of the traffic signals along Grand Avenue (*Green Bay Road to Amstutz Expressway*) including connection to Lake County PASSAGE and designated as Section 08-00279-00-TL.

*Director Buehler noted that Items 7.4 and 7.5 are related.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

**7.5 10-0209**

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 Grand Avenue (*Green Bay Road to the Amstutz Expressway*) including interconnection with Lake County PASSAGE and Phase III engineering services.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

7.6 [10-0210](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for the use of federal highway funds between the State of Illinois and Lake County for the construction of a roundabout at Riverwoods Road and Everett Road and also for Phase III Construction Engineering services.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

7.7 [10-0211](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Transystems, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois, at a maximum cost of services described of \$467,815.40 for professional engineering services, utilizing \$300,000 of CMAP funding to develop the 2040 long-range Lake County Transportation Priority Plan addressing county roadway, transit and non-motorized modes of travel.

*Director Buehler presented the 2040 Transportation Plan. Paula Trigg was present to answer any questions.*

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

**Aye:** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

7.8 [10-0212](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$900,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds to provide for the removal, replacement or refurbishment of thermoplastic pavement markings on the bituminous pavements of various county highways and designated as Section 10-00000-07-GM.

**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:** 6 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Maine, Member Bush, Member Wilke and Member Taylor

7.9 **Director's Report - Transportation**

*Chair O'Kelly asked about the IL Route 60/Peterson Road project status. Paula Trigg advised that they are getting ready for a June letting pending final Right-of-Way acquisitions by IDOT.*

*Director Buehler reported that the IL Route 176/Fairfield Road Junction improvement public open house meeting was very well attended and staff was well prepared to answer questions. Mr. Buehler noted that the purpose of the meeting was for residents, businesses and other affected parties to get information. Discussion followed.*

8. Executive Session

8.1 Review of Executive Session Minutes

8.1a [10-0218](#)

Committee action regarding semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

**Member Bush made a motion, seconded by Member Stolman to accept the recommendations of the State's Attorney and the Directors of Public Works and Transportation on the Executive Session Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. County Administrator's Report

*Ms. McEwan asked if the committee wanted to meet on 3/31. It was the consensus of the Committee to meet only on April 6 and cancel the meeting scheduled for March 31. Ms. McEwan also advised the committee that Walter Willis will be sending out SWALCO information to members.*

10. Adjournment

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Public Works & Transportation Committee