

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE STATED MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The stated meeting for the month of February was held in the Stephenson County Board Room, on the above date, with Mr. Graham, the Chairman, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Mr. Graham, Mr. Senn, Ms. S. Hooper, Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Detente, Mr. Mikkelsen and Mr. Kuhlmeier. County Board Chairman Blum was also present. Other County Board members present were Ms. Boynton, Mr. Kinney, Mr. Kuhlmeier and Mr. Wire.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Monday, January 12, 2009 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Detente.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The County has received another letter from the IMRF regarding their investment loss, of \$6.1 billion, in 2008. The IMRF Board has deferred its final decision, on the investment recovery process, until February 27, 2009. Employers will be given several options for phasing in the new higher rates.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McLeRoy explained that the UCCI membership dues are due February 15th. For the past three years, these annual dues have been refunded. He expects UCCI to also refund the 2009 dues.

Mr. McLeRoy reviewed the Statute allowing for a retail sales tax referendum for transportation. He explained that industrial development is difficult in Illinois because Illinois regulations are more restrictive than Indiana or Iowa. Illinois worker compensation benefits are among the highest in the country.

Mr. McLeRoy identified a number of House Bills that would have impact on the County. HB 1 would allow an \$.08 per gallon surcharge on motor fuel for debt reduction and capital improvements. HB 62 would allow counties not under PTELL to petition for a PTELL referendum. HB 146 would allow the Law Library fee to be increased from \$13 to \$18 in 2009, \$19 in 2010 and \$21 in 2011. HB 219 would increase the maximum income level, for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, to \$75,000. HB 222 would mandate counties, with a population of 75,000 or more, to publish the property assessments on their web sites. HB 223 would, beginning with the 2010 assessment year, index the homestead exemption to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. HB 329 would allow for a binding referendum to determine the size of the county board, whether members are elected from single-member or multi-member districts and whether voters have cumulative voting rights. Chairman Blum noted that HB 63 would require the prevailing wage to be paid on all projects receiving Enterprise Zone or TIF District benefits.

Mr. McLeRoy reported on the UCCI/U of I Institute of Government and Public Affairs all-day seminar, for new County Board members, on Thursday, February 5th, at Sauk Valley College. There were county board representatives from six counties in the area. Topics included budgeting, ethics, county board authority, Robert's Rules of Order and dealing with the media. The UCCI annual meeting, social with legislators and seminar is scheduled for February 24th and 25th.

Mr. Snavely said that he did not have a report.

The Committee reviewed the January 2009 revenue and expense amounts in the Employee Health Insurance Fund. There was a \$55,656.17 surplus in January. After the first two months of the 2009 fiscal year, expenses have exceeded revenues by \$29,390.08.

The Budgetary Status, Major Revenue Tracking, and Interfund Loan reports for January 2009 were distributed and reviewed.

The Supervisor of Assessment reviewed the proposed three-year renewal contract from DEVNET. He explained that the expired DEVNET contract had automatic 5% annual increases. The new contract, with an annual payment of \$38,640, does not have these annual increases. On a motion by Ms. S. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Kuhlmeier, the Committee recommended approval of the new three-year DEVNET contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Property – Mr. Senn reported that he did not have any action items. The Sheriff has served another non-wage garnishment on an inmate at the jail, for court ordered fines and fees. The Sheriff has taken possession of the four new Durangos and expects to get the Crown Victorias by the end of the month. No action has been taken on the proposal from Maximus, for a new fee study. The Work Release Fee issue continues to be studied.

Administration – Ms. S. Hooper noted that her committee reviewed the DEVNET contract, discussed earlier in this meeting. Her committee has asked the State's Attorney for an ordinance adopting, by reference, the State's "Fair Housing" statute.

Court Services – Ms. V. Hooper reported that she did not have any action items. The Work Release Fee issue continues to be studied. The Probation Department continues tracking its costs for the 17-year olds in the system, because they will be considered juveniles next year.

Nursing Center - Mr. Détente said that his committee completed the proposal process for refinishing the kitchen and dish room floors. His committee approved a 3% wage increase for Mr. Fortney.

Planning and Development – Mr. Mikkelsen reported that his committee heard a presentation by the Lena Park District regarding a recreational trail, from the Village of Lena to Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park. The Enterprise Zone Committee is discussing

when would be the best time to calculate and pay the EZ fee. The Enterprise Zone Committee has suggested that the host government should receive 100% of the EZ fee minus the EZ Committee's costs plus 10%, until an operating fund of \$25,000 has been established. The County has received a copy of the CVB's budget and marketing plan. He reported on the extraordinary efforts of Robert Skurla and Adam Holder to respond to a DCEO project inquiry. There was a discussion of the \$10,000 payment to NIDA, which is included in this month's claims.

Public Works - Mr. Kuhlmeier reported that his committee recommended approval of Tax Anticipation Warrants for the Highway Fund (\$450,000), the Matching Fund (\$150,000) and the Bridge Fund (\$150,000). The County Treasurer said that the best offer was from State Bank at 2.86% on the loan and 1.60% on the money market account. On a motion by Mr. Kuhlmeier, seconded by Mr. Mikkelsen, the Finance Committee recommended authorization by the County Board of the Tax Anticipation Warrants for the Highway Fund (\$450,000), the Matching Fund (\$150,000) and the Bridge Fund (\$150,000). He noted that his committee has a number of resolutions for the County Board meeting. His committee had further discussion on the IMRF ERI and would like all departments to generate a report on the impact that the ERI would have on their budgets.

On a motion by Mr. Détente, seconded by Mr. Mikkelsen, the Committee went into Executive Session, on a roll call vote, for Employment/Appointment Matters, Legal Matters and Business Matters. (Aye: Mr. Senn, Ms. S. Hooper, Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Détente, Mr. Mikkelsen, Mr. Kuhlmeier, Mr. Graham; Nay: None.) The Committee came out of Executive Session, on a motion by Mr. Mikkelsen, seconded by Mr. Senn. Mr. Graham announced that Employment/Appointment Matters, Legal Matters and Business Matters were discussed, but no action was taken.

On a motion by Mr. Kuhlmeier, seconded by Ms. S. Hooper, the Committee recommended approval of the lease for office space in the Stewart Centre.

Claims of \$567,161.82 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Mikkelsen.

The Committee recessed at 9:11 p.m., until Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Kuhlmeier.

Approved: March 9, 2009

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:
Monday, March 9, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Stephenson County Board Room