

## FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE STATED MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

The stated meeting for the month of July was held in the Board Room of the Stewart Centre, 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. Détente, Mr. Mikkelsen and Mr. Kuhlmeier. County Board Chairman Blum was also present. Other County Board members present were Ms. DeVine, Ms. Dotson, Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Kinney, Mr. Kuhlemeier, Mr. Parker and Mr. Wire.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Monday, June 8, 2009 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Detente.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McLeRoy reviewed some of the local government bills in the Illinois General Assembly. HB 242 would regulate debt service extensions under PTELL. HB 493 would authorize a change in the wording of the Truth in Taxation Notice. HB 585 would increase the non-competitive bid ceiling by \$10,000 to either \$30,000 or \$35,000 based on type of service and equipment. HB 883 would remove the requirement to dismantle a wind test tower within three years, of its construction. HB 3746 would regulate wind tower setback requirements for private end users. SB 74 would require 9-1-1 systems to comply with certain requirements of the Public Utility Act. SB 138 would require the adoption of local building codes and mandatory inspections; the State would train and provide the inspectors. SB 223 would require the prevailing wage to be paid on all projects funded through any type of governmental assistance program. SB 230 would allow counties to share the Public Safety Sales Tax with any fire district in the county. SB 1691 would increase the maximum income limitation, under the senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, to \$55,000. SB 1923 would allow wind tower developers, to receive Enterprise Zone benefits directly from the State and would require developers to pay the prevailing wage.

Mr. McLeRoy reported that House Speaker Madigan is hold up action on SB 43, which would require the prevailing wage to be paid on all projects receiving Enterprise Zone or TIF District benefits. The State salary subsidies for various county officials, such as, the State's Attorney and Public Defender may not be renewed. The State stipend for elected county officials may be suspended.

The annual UCCI meeting is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Ridge. A golf outing, winery tour and dinner are planned for Monday, with two seminar sessions on Tuesday. The seminar topics are the State of Illinois FY 2010 budget, including capital projects legislation and employee health insurance coverage, including catastrophic care. Final UCCI registration is due by July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The State Capital Plan was signed by the governor today.

Chairman Blum reported that he spoke with Mr. Snively earlier today. Mr. Snively is mowing now. There is a leaking chiller at the Jail. There is a Freon leak at the Courthouse.

The County Administrator reported that Mr. Beintema said that there would be an update next month on the Federally Qualified Health Center application next month.

The County Administrator explained that the June month-end reports have yet to be generated because the Accounts Payable file could not be closed. The A/P file is automatically closed after the checks are printed. The A/P checks could not be printed because the print stock has been depleted; new blank checks should be delivered later in the week. The usual month-end reports are not available: Employee Health Insurance Fund, Budgetary Status, Major Revenue Tracking, Cash Flow, and Interfund Loan reports.

The County Administrator distributed and reviewed the 2009 calendar for developing the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year budget and draft instructions for department heads. Budget presentations to the oversight committees will begin in September and this Committee will have the budgets in October. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Planning and Development Committee will have their budget presentations on the first Monday in October.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Property – Mr. Senn reported that SB 2095 would allow an inmate's commissary funds to be used for any outstanding fines and fees. The Sheriff was recently ordered by a judge to transfer \$50 from an inmate's posted bond to his commissary account. The Sheriff's Reserve Unit still needs \$15,000 for an engine and other equipment, for their new rescue boat. Mr. Snively is working on getting a backup generator for the Courthouse. Ms. V. Hooper and he are continuing to work with Courthouse department heads on reallocating space in the Courthouse.

Chairman Blum noted that Steve Holbert's name was misspelled in the Public Property Committee minutes. He explained that he will be meeting with County department heads on Wednesday. Funds are available, through Partners for Employment, until March 1, 2010, for many types of work.

Administration – Ms. S. Hooper reported that the administrative offices are evaluating records and files for possible destruction. The first tax distribution went well. A law suit has been filed against the County over a FOIA request. An organization, sponsoring a raffle without the proper license, has been referred to the State's

Attorney. Her committee discussed County service contracts and farming on County land at Mill Race Crossing.

Court Services – Ms. V. Hooper reported that detention costs are currently within budget. The two checks withheld last month were approved by her committee. The State's Attorney said that he may include memberships and dues in his new budget. Her committee continues to discuss hiring a financial compliance officer.

Nursing Center - Mr. Détente reported that he had one action item. The census is down and the Nursing Center is struggling with some serious financial matters. He distributed a report, previously shared with his committee, comparing the payrolls over the past two years. The cause and effect of the current financial problems will be discussed further in Executive Session.

Planning and Development – Mr. Mikkelsen reported on the situation surrounding a private off-road vehicle track. He explained his authorization of Mr. Skurla, to investigate a possible new funding source for companies moving into the County. The County will seek reimbursement from project "cat" for the work Mr. Skurla he did on their behalf.

Public Works - Mr. Kuhlmeier reported that the underground storage tanks, at the old Highway building, have been decertified by the State and must be removed. His committee is getting bids from contractors certified to remove underground storage tanks. The Cedarville bridge will be reopened later this year. His committee is seeking permission to open contract negotiation with Mr. Isbell.

Chairman Blum said that he did not have anything further to report.

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. (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. Senn, seconded by Ms. V. Hooper. Mr. Graham announced that Employment/Appointment Matters were discussed, but no action was taken.

Claims of \$676,171.18 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Mikkelsen, seconded by Ms. S. Hooper; the voice vote was 6 to 1.

The Committee adjourned at 9:38 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Mikkelsen, seconded by Mr. Senn.

Approved: August 10, 2009

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Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:  
Monday, August 10, 2009 6:30 p.m.  
Stewart Centre Board Room