Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Eric Rasmusson, John Almer, Dick Joyce, John Roth
Members Absent: Ann Gill
Also Present: County Administrator Shawn Hamilton, Board Secretary Sandy Pommier, Assistant States Attorney Susan Bates, Transit Director Sherey Zerbian

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2011 meeting was made by Almer, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

Reappointments:
Mazon Fire Protection District
*Darryl Punke
*Daniel Gonnam
A motion to recommend the reappointments to the County Board was made by Almer, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

Resolution-FY2012 Holiday Schedule:
A motion to recommend to the County Board was made by Joyce, seconded by Almer. Motion carried.

Animal Control Patrolling Services to Kinsman:
The committee was updated on the situation with the Village of Kinsman not being current on the payment for patrolling services and the county not responding to a recent call from Kinsman in regards to a dog bite. Bates told the committee that the Education Committee had made a decision not to provide services until the contract was signed and the outstanding debt was paid.

Contract with Standard Shuttle:
Transit Director Sherey Zerbian told the committee that the current contract had been revised due to lack of reporting requirements, loose stipulations and issues with the provider. Bates stated that she had reviewed the contract. A motion to recommend the amended contract to the County Board for approval was made by Almer, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.
Zerbian then discussed the resolution that will accompany the Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Agreement with the State of Illinois. This agreement will provide grant funding to the county in the amount of $230,000.00 to be used for the Transit System. A motion to recommend County Board approval of the

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resolution authorizing execution and amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement was made by Almer, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

Resolution Requiring a Referendum for Any County Project that Utilizes Bonding and with the Public Building Commission Controlling the Project:
The committee discussed the first two draft resolutions that included minimum dollar amounts, the most current version with no minimum amount. Bates explained the bonding process to the committee. Hamilton told the committee that Severson had asked that an emergency clause be added to the resolution with a two thirds or three fourths vote to pass in case of a situation where the county cannot wait for an election in order for a referendum to be placed on the ballot. A motion was made to table the matter by Roth, seconded by Almer. During discussion Rasmusson stated that he was not in favor of tabling the matter and would like to get things done. Upon roll call vote, three ayes, one nay (Rasmusson). Motion carried to table the matter.

Committee Consolidations:
A lengthy conversation was held in regards to combining some of the County Board Committees in an effort to save tax payers dollars due to decreasing per diem and mileage. The consensus of the committee was to reduce the number of committees by three and create an annual one member rotation of committees. Almer requested that Pommier, Hamilton and Roth work on combining Advisory with Media Relations, Procurement with CBA/Elections and Facilities with Education.

A motion to adjourn was made by Almer, seconded by Roth. Motion carried.

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