Community Relations Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Ann Gill, Dick Joyce, Frank Halpin, Teryl Lundeen, Harold Vota
Also Present: Ron Severson, Chris Wittkamp, Sandy Pommier, Ken Buck, Sherey Zerbian

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2013 meeting was made by Joyce, seconded by Lundeen. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

GCVAC:
Ken Buck updated the committee on the status of the FY2013 budget, the increase of veterans being served and the application for a new bus through the 5310 Grant. The committee also discussed the status of pending litigation of the court case with Elton Monson.
Claims: A motion to approve was made by Vota, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

Transit:
Claims: A motion to approve was made by Lundeen, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.
Director Sherey Zerbian discussed the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Program. The mission of the program is to increase the capacity of low-income people to improve the condition of their lives by working 40 hours per week with local leaders on community and economic development initiatives within a rural community. In addition to Zerbian's request to utilize a volunteer in her department, she outlined the details in regards to the county's role for hosting a member, training and benefits. The committee also addressed the issue of office space. A motion was made by Vota, seconded by Joyce to authorize Zerbian to proceed with the VISTA program. Motion carried.
Zerbian updated the committee on the awarded funding from the Capital Grant Program and how the funds will be utilized.
Zerbian provided a projected part time employee cost for the Transit Department. She stated that in working with the County Administrator, a formula was designed to use county contribution funds to enable the Transit to draw additional funding which would be paid back to the county in a form of payment for Transit office space, phones and IT services. A motion was made by Joyce, seconded by Vota to recommend the request to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.
Zerbian updated the committee on her quest for local fund matching and the multi modal transportation center planned for downtown Joliet in 2015.

Public Recognition:
The committee discussed honoring retiring Braceville Superintendent Monferdini, Veteran Marvin Decker and retiring County Board member Boggs.

A motion to adjourn was made by Halpin, seconded by Vota. Motion carried.

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