

Tax Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Ken Iverson, John Galloway, Ralph Wagner, Frank Halpin

Also Present: Ron Severson, Dan Duffy, Sandy Pommier, Susan Bates, Dave Henderson, John Watters

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting was made by Halpin, seconded by Galloway. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

A motion to approve the claims as presented Henderson was made by Galloway, seconded by Halpin. Motion carried.

For informational purposes, Susan Bates updated the committee on a memorandum from the GEDC in regards to the Clorox property tax abatement. The GEDC received formal notification on December 20, 2010 stating their departure will occur September 19, 2011. In the agreement, under early closure of applicant's abated facility, it states that Clorox agrees to remain fully operational at the Grundy County property for a term of at least three full years beyond termination of the third tax abatement year. If not, they shall repay the total sum of all previously abated taxes. Prologis, the landlord for the building and signor on the agreement, are actively marketing the building and have provided assurances that they will work to expedite the repayment of the abated taxes.

Dan Duffy discussed the Enterprise Zone reduction for the Top Crop Wind project. A copy of the Grundy County ordinance and of the amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, City of Marseilles, Grundy County, and the Village of Seneca was provided for the committee's review. A motion was made by Wagner, seconded by Galloway to recommend the ordinance to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Iverson told the committee that Chris Balkema had asked him to communicate to the committee the subject of proactive communication to municipalities in regards to communicating the projection of future tax assessments for planning purposes. Henderson added that this was already being done. A discussion was held.

The committee discussed the Equistar and Collins Station tax challenges.

Severson updated the committee on his recent tour of the Save-A-Lot property.

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