Tax Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2008

Called to Order: 8:30 AM

Members Present: Don Neushwander, Tom Poole, Lou Naretto, Willie Rodosky
Absent: Greg Redford

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Dave Henderson, Nancy Ammer, Missy Durkin, Susan Bates, Don Hammond, Ron Evenson

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2008 meeting was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by Tom Poole. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims was made by Tom Poole and seconded by Lou Naretto. Motion carried.

Susan Bates attended the meeting seeking direction as to the Three River Area tax coalition intergovernmental agreement for the Equistar and Aux Sable PTAB cases. Ms. Bates stated that the intergovernmental agreement was done for the payment of the attorney costs by the taxing bodies and was questioning whether or not the county wanted to join the taxing bodies in the current agreement or have their own. Upon further discussion on the matter a motion was made by Lou Naretto and seconded by Willie Rodosky to enter into the current intergovernmental agreement with the taxing bodies on the property tax issues. Motion carried.

Dan Duffy stated that there was an error in the legal description of the Northfield Block tax abatement and since has been amended. A motion was made by Tom Poole and seconded by Lou Naretto to recommend to the County Board the amended Northfield Block tax abatement. Motion carried.

Bryan Williams, Site Manager for Orica Nitrogen, LLC was present to discuss the potential of the Orica property (1,047 acres) becoming part of the proposed EDPA Zone 2. Also in attendance were two land owners, with 2900 acres of land that are also being considered for the zone. A motion was made by Tom Poole and seconded by Lou Naretto to begin the dialogue for the EDPA Zone 2. Motion carried. Nancy Ammer added that there is a 500 ft. strip of riverfront property in Seneca, IL, that was annexed to the city and will require the city's consent in order to be added to the EDPA Zone 2.

Dan Duffy informed the committee that True Partners Consulting, hired by a fuel sales company, is looking at the county for a point of sale site, as well as the Village of Minooka and Kankakee. The company's total sales is approximately $2million per year, generating $75,000.00 in revenue the first year, $97,000.00-10 years, $130,000.00-20 years. The county has not yet heard that a decision has been made.

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Dave Henderson presented the 2008 Supervisor of Assessments Equalization chart and district map with multiplier percentages. Henderson stated that he had raised the assessment 4.94% through township multipliers and will be publishing the figures on November 5, 2008 and December 5, 2008 being the last day to file complaints. The committee discussed having a workshop to include all of the board members to further discuss the issue. A motion was made by Lou Naretto and seconded by Willie Rodosky to schedule a special Tax Committee meeting/workshop for October 22, 2008 at 4:30 PM. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lou Naretto and seconded by Willie Rodosky. Motion carried.

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