Tax Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: Greg Redford, Tom Poole. John Almer, Ron Severson

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Dave Henderson, Willie Rodosky, William Whitlock

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2008 meeting was made by Tom Poole and seconded by John Almer. Motion carried.

Chairman Greg Redford welcomed new committee members Severson and Almer.

A motion to approve the claims for the Assessor was made by John Almer and seconded by Tom Poole. Motion carried.

William Whitlock, Horizon Towers, attended the meeting to discuss the expansion of the enterprise zone. Mr. Whitlock stated that Phase I would not include Grundy County, however Phase 2 (next quarter) would and there will be 132 towers.

A motion to recommend to the Finance Committee the ordinance amending ordinances which established and expanded an enterprise zone within the County of Grundy, IL, said enterprise zone encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Ottawa, the County of LaSalle, the Village of Seneca, the City of Marseilles and the County of Grundy, IL was made by John Almer and seconded by Tom Poole. Motion carried.

Dan Duffy discussed the Northfield Block tax abatement amendment. He stated that the item may be stricken from the county board meeting agenda until further information has been gathered and discussed.

Greg Redford updated the committee on the progress of working with the City of Morris on the purchase of the Paper Mill property.

Dave Henderson stated that December 5, 2008 was the last day to file a complaint on the 2008 assessments with a current complaint count of 349. Tom Poole added that he has been receiving positive feedback on the service from the assessors office.

Redford also discussed the possibility of developing a brochure to further educate the public on reading their tax bills properly.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Severson and seconded by John Almer. Motion carried.

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