

Tax Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Present: Greg Redford, Tom Poole, John Almer, Jeremy Ly, Ron Severson, Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Susan Bates, and Marcy Miller.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2009 meeting was made by Ron Severson, and seconded by Ly. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

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

Chairman Redford discussed the latest findings of the community needs survey and specifically the property taxes being at the top of the list of concern among residents, Redford suggested putting together a tax guide that shows the process of how property is assessed, taxed and who gets the money from a tax bill, suggesting that the county is a small portion of the bill. Severson stated that he agreed and for around 10% of the total tax bill, the county provides several services and is very efficient. Marcy Miller presented a brochure her office puts out and suggested she could add more information if the committee wanted her to. The committee wanted to put together a pamphlet that the average individual could understand.

Marcy Miller presented a new way to run here automated tax sales involving using Joe Meyers computerized tax sale software. The leasing of the system would cost a little more than what is in her automation fund and was asking the committee for their blessing. Miller stated the new system would make her tax sales more efficient and help keep order in the bidding process. A motion to by Poole to recommend Miller to try the new system was made, and seconded by Almer. Motion carried.

Duffy presented Senate Bill 89, a bill that amends state statute 35 ILCS 200/ 9-45 to allow petrochemical processing facilities to be able and set tax assessment settlement agreements. Duffy stated it was an important component to working with the Equistar tax settlements. A motion was made to support amending 9-45 by Almer and seconded by Poole. Motion carried.

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiation issues was made by Severson and seconded by Poole. Upon roll call, motion carried.

A motion to return to Open Session was made by Almer and seconded by Ly. Motion carried.

A motion to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Committee the action discussed in Executive Session was made by Poole and seconded by Almer. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Almer and seconded by Poole.