

CHAIRMAN'S ADVISORY LEGISLATIVE FORUM (CALF)
McHenry County Government – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koehler at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Koehler; Don Brewer; Tina Hill; Virginia Peschke; Dan Shea; John Hammerand; Jim Heisler, as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee; Marc Munaretto; Mary Lou Zierer; and Lyn Orphal. Perry Moy was absent. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Marlene Lantz, Coroner; Phil Ulmer, Court Services; Barry Valentine, EMA; Pat McNulty, Health; Lou Czarny, Court Administration; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health Board; Donna Mayberry, Assessments; Matt Hansel, Planning and Development; interested public; and the press.

Don Brewer	Ann Gilman
John Hammerand	Tina Hill
Perry Moy	Marc Munaretto
Lyn Orphal	Virginia Peschke
Dan Shea	Mary Lou Zierer
Kenneth D. Koehler, Chairman	

MINUTE APPROVAL

Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Munaretto, to approve the May 2, 2006 CALF meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consideration of FY 06/07 Supplemental Budget Requests: Mr. Austin reviewed the work of the County Board in developing a healthy fund balance with the use of a Financial Model. He reported that there are a number of capital projects planned for 2007 that are built into the Finance Model but are not included in the FY 07 budget. Those projects include Phase 5 of the Courthouse remodeling (\$750,000); Archives/Business Continuity (\$500,000); Integrated Justice System Interface (\$500,000); and Radio Communications (\$2,100,000). Mr. Austin stated that after reviewing all supplemental requests, Administration has ranked the following as priority (#1) requests for FY 06/07:

Additional Staff for the following departments – GIS; Auditor; Building Operations (Housekeeper); Planning and Development (a water resource manager); I.T. (Deputy Director); Sheriff (Correctional Officers); Criminal Justice; Public Defender; State's Attorney (Secretary and part-time inspector); Probation Officer (Mental Health Court); Planning and Development (Inspector); and Animal Control (2.5 Officers).

Commodities - Vehicle requests; GIS mapping software and hardware; resealing of parking lots; re-signage; new lifts for the Sheriff's garage; Software for the HR department; and a compensation study.

Ms. Zierer asked if electrical costs would impact the proposed budget. Mr. Austin responded that the County has signed a contract to lock into a 10.2% increase and the County would not be affected by a freeze or increase in rates.

Ms. Zierer asked if consideration could be given to the purchase of a decimeter to address noise complaints. Mr. Austin stated that he understands that noise and nuisances are timely issues and such a request would need to come from the Sheriff. Chairman Koehler agreed that this is an issue that the County Board needs to take a serious look at along with leaf burning.

Ms. Peschke asked if consideration had been given to hiring a veterinary for animal control. Mr. Austin stated this will be readdressed with the new facility.

With no additional comments, Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Orphal, to approve the supplemental list as presented for FY 06/07 and move it forward to the Finance and Audit Committee. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all eyes.

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

Mr. Brewer stated he was pleased with the presentation at the County Board by the Division of Transportation on "Blending Systems." He noted although the County is not on the cutting edge, it was good to know we have something marketable that may provide the opportunity to bring business to the County. Ms. Hill stated that some individuals are of the opinion this should remain in the market as it is not a part of government. Mr. Brewer disagreed noting that the largest patent staff is the Navy.

Ms. Orphal announced that ComEd is providing bus transportation to Springfield on Monday if anyone is interested in attending a special meeting on the proposed rate freeze.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Hill motioned, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

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