Ogle County Executive & State's Attorney Committee Meeting
Tentative Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2009

1. Call to Order – by Chairman Rice at 4:15. Members present Rice, Horner, Saunders, Stahl, Kenney, Hopkins, Nye. Members absent: Bauer, Huntley. Also present: Lynne Kilker, Ron Colson, Jim Barnes, Larry Boes, Bob DeArvil, Becky Huntley, Greg Martin, Steve Rypkema, Lou Finch, Meggon McKinley, John Coffman, members of the public.

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kenney to approve the August 12 2009 Meeting Minutes. 2nd by Hopkins. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment – none

4. Sheriff & Coroner / Buildings & Grounds Committee Report – Committee Chairman reported we are progressing with the placement of the Spoor property fence by the Judicial Center.

5. Road & Bridge Committee Report – Committee member Hopkins reported that the Highway Department is applying for the $37 million, 100% federally funded TIGER grant for the Rochelle Southwest Truck Loop. Hopkins also reported that the Road & Bridge committee has recommended consent of IDOT for the reappointment of the County Engineer, Curtis Cook, keeping next year's salary at the current level (102% of the recommended salary for his 18 years.) The committee recommends that his salary be moved to 105% by the end of the 6 year term, but taking no pay increase in 2010. Hopkins noted that part of Cook's salary is funded by IDOT and part is funded by the state. Hopkins confirmed Cook's term would start Jan 1, 2010 and end Dec 31 2015. Hopkins motioned to reappoint Cook for 6 more years dated January 1, 2010 – Dec 31, 2015, with no pay increase for 2010. Horner 2nd. Motion carried.

6. Personnel Salary & County Clerk Committee Report – Committee chairman Kenney reported the committee spent most of their time reviewing next steps in the budget process and union discussions. No further updates.

7. Executive Committee – Chairman Rice reported that after the County Board meeting is over, we'll meet with unions to negotiate concessions. He indicated there will be lots of ground to cover, and that we'll report information as we have it. No further updates.

8. Zoning Committee Report – Chairman Hopkins reported there will be one amendment ordinance on the County Board agenda for Tuesday night for Dan Luepkes to rezone from AG-1 to IA Intermediate Agricultural District in Chana, Illinois. Hopkins also reported they reviewed the Zoning budget, which proposes taking out the Planning Commission to meet requested expense reductions. The Committee would like to see the Planning Commission stay in tact, but not pay any mileage or per diem in 2010 to manage the costs. Horner asked for an update regarding progress in monitoring green spaces, but Hopkins noted there were no updates. Hopkins also noted that the November committee meetings will be interrupted by the Wednesday Veteran's Day Holiday on 11/11. The Executive Committee then agreed they would move all committee meetings up one day, to 11/9 and 11/10, that Monday and Tuesday. This will be announced at the October committee and Board meetings

9. HEW & Solid Waste Committee Report – Committee member Horner indicated the committee recommends Elizabeth Mendeloff's appointment to the Board of Health. He also clarified the HEW funding recommendations were made at the HEW hearings and are ready for review and approval within the 2010 budget.

10. Finance & Insurance Committee Report – Committee Chairman Hopkins reported the Finance Committee reviewed the current 2010 department budget status and will be asking the County Board for approval to release the $655,000 funds to cover the buildings and grounds non-salary expenses (including Focus House utilities) for 2010.

11. Judiciary Committee Report – Committee Chairman Nye updated the group regarding the pancake breakfast to be held on Sept 20, 7:30 – 1:00 for the Focus House. She also reported that Marty Typer

received all of his self help fund grant monies, even a little more than requested. She noted that the Finance Committee motioned not to increase Marty's 2009 salary budget line item at the previous, Special Finance Committee meeting.

12. Long Range Committee Report –
    - Presentation and Approval of LRP bills – Nye motioned to approve bills in the amount of $406,246.55. Kenney 2nd. McKinley noted she will have a copy of the lien waver for the board's approval Tuesday night, as well as a copy of the schedule of values. Motion carried.
    - Project Update – Stahl reported that McKinley, Stahl, and Rice talked with Jeff Case of Holabird & Root to negotiate the amount of overage fees presented as a result of the project time line extension. She noted that we agreed we owe the $9,800, and that Mel Messer had suggested at the last LRP meeting that we try to meet in the middle on the remaining fees for a $5,000 agreement of the difference. Stahl reported that Jeff Case said he appreciates the business and is committed to fostering a continued, good working relationship, and he agreed to the offer. The LRP therefore recommends to the County Board approval of $14,891.82 in overage fees instead of the full $31,000. White asked if that could be pulled out of the LRP bills separately, and Rice said no. Saunders asked if they handled the bidding properly, and Rice reported that Case also reminded them that they did exactly what they were hired to do by contract. Colson questioned why the maintenance fees for roofs are on the LRP fund and Saunders and Kenney noted we discussed and approved this at a previous meeting. Horner suggested since we've already voted on this, it needs to now be voted on by the Board. Motion to approve $14,891.82 overage fees to Holabird & Root by Nye. Hopkins 2nd. Motion carried. Stahl then reported that we agreed with Case to also increase the current $9,000 out-of-pocket travel expense limit to $25,000 to allow Holabird & Root to be reimbursed for all the extra travel required to finish the contract, which has been extended by over one year. Motion by Nye to raise the expense limit to $25,000. 2nd by Stahl. Motion carried. Stahl then reported that Becky Huntley has been working to obtain a bid for cleaning the Soldiers & Sailors monument on the courthouse lawn, which is in need of restoration. Harry Spell of Art Castings in Oregon will perform the work for an amount not to exceed $7,500. Hopkins motions to approve the work with an amount not to exceed $7,500. Horner 2nd. Motion carried. Stahl then reported there will be a recap from the County Clerk's office in the board packets regarding the history of all the monuments on the courthouse lawn. She reported the VFW will be working to refurbish and enhance the north side monuments by adding Soldier and Boots statues. Stahl reported the committee voted no to hiring Holabird & Root to perform the generator and landscaping alternates because the proposal was too high. We're waiting on quotes from Ringland Johnson for working with them directly on these two new projects. Stahl reported McKinley is working with the Eagle Scouts to begin refinishing the Cannons towards the end of October, now that it has been confirmed there is no lead paint on the cannons. She reported that the Gazebo will be moved to the north end of the courthouse lawn, with construction starting in the end of October, and that Tony Kartsonas will be meeting with RJC 9/14 to provide contractors appropriate wiring and painting instructions for their work, and then beginning the mock up 9/28.
    - Construction Contingency Update - Jim Dobyns of RJC reported there are a number of change order items they've been coordinating with Holabird & Root which will need our approval to allow work to continue moving forward as planned. He noted concern with the pricing, and wanted to explain the details of each item so we could move it through our committee process quickly to keep the work going. While there are some price reductions in the works, there are price increases based on new needs that have arisen. Dobyns provided a detailed review of 10 change orders for a potential increase of $145,124, plus necessary plastering work that will have to be completed after the next round of lead abatement work is completed. The RJC plastering price could be an additional $20,000 - $126,000, based on the chosen option. McKinley reported we have two lead abatement quotes with a price range from $16,000 - $26,000 and that the Sheriff will be bringing the recommendation to the next LRP meeting. Discussion followed, with the committee expressing concern about change orders due to items that may have been missed on the drawings. Others noted they wanted to be sure the architect approves these bids, which may not be the best bids available. Dobyns noted he will be working with the architect and McKinley to bring a final recommendation of change orders, in priority order, to the next LRP meeting.
    - Special LRP Committee Meeting: The committee agreed we need to call a special LRP meeting to review and approve the change order recommendations in time for next week's board meeting. The special meeting will be held Tuesday at 3:00 at the old Courthouse, immediately following the OAC meeting at 2:00.

13. Appointment –
    - Interviews - Resignations and/or Recommendations – Board of Health - Elizabeth Mendeloff

14. States Attorney Report -
    - Approval of Bills- Motion by Hopkins to approve bills in the amount of $457.01. Kenney 2nd. Motion carried.

15. New Business – none

16. Old Business –
    - Responsible Bidder Ordinance – McKinley noted Ben Roe will provide an update at the next committee meeting.
    - Hearing Officer – Rice reported he and McKinley will be setting time with Ray Bachman of DeKalb to review how they manage their hearing officer role and processes.

17. Adjournment - by Chairman Rice at 5:56

Respectfully Submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator