

Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture
Committee Meeting
February 27, 2008

Members Present

Ms. Hertzberger, Mr. James, Ms. McBride, Mr. Marcotte, Mr. Tripp, and Mr. Washington

Members Absent

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Bertrand, Mr. Hess, and Mr. Scholl

In Attendance

Mr. McLaren, Mike Van Mill, Delbert Skimerhorn, Eric Sadler, Mike Martin, Mike Lammey, Leigh Marcotte, Michelle Sadler, Gary Phillips, Marc Wilson, Mayor Gael Kent, and Scott Boehmer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman of the County Board, Mr. McLaren, at 9:03 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes- January 23, 2008

A motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2008 was made by Mr. Marcotte and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

4. Transportation

• **Rural Transit Policy**

Mr. Lammey stated he has scheduled Laura Dick from SHOWBUS to make a presentation at the March 12, 2008, Planning, Zoning and Agriculture Committee Meeting about policy options for rural transit.

Mr. Lammey stated the County has never received funding from the State of Illinois through the Downstate Operating Assistance Program. In a recently passed transit bill, Kankakee County was given access to funding from the State of Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance Program. He in the recently adopted Transportation Bill the County of Kankakee got, depending on who you talk to, around \$300,000.00, whether the County gets the money is another story. The funding has not been allocated yet. There are couple issues he would like for the Committee to consider. One of them is the County currently has a service by itself. There are number of services in the County that are multi-County services. He would like the Committee to think about sharing transit service with McLean, Livingston, Iroquois, and Ford. One of the good things with that is all those Counties including Kankakee have SHOWBUS as a service provider. The good thing about this would be that people from Iroquois County who have trouble getting to Kankakee County could be brought here much easier. The bad thing is that Kankakee County would loose a little bit of control over the system.

Mr. Lammey stated as you are aware, the Governor decided to give away free rides to seniors in his Transportation Bill, which sounds like a great policy except that it is really causing some problems for transit operators around the state. The Governor has a sign-up program on a 800

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number and a number of people have signed up in this County for METRO Service. Unfortunately, most of the people who have signed for the program live in the County's service area. According to the rules under the Transportation Bill the free rides only apply to fixed route service. He would like the Committee to think about whether or not this is something they would like to talk about.

A motion to suspend the rules and move to agenda item "Village of Bradley Comprehensive Plan" was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Ms. McBride. Motion carried.

- **MPO Planning Fund Application- Grant**

Mr. Van Mill stated the State of Illinois has granted funding to the Kankakee County area for general planning studies, with the Policy Committee of the MPO to be the oversight committee for these funds. The program intends to fund one large project (in the range of \$20,000.00) each year and a number of smaller projects (in the range of \$5,000.00 each) with Kankakee County being the fiscal agent for grant administration. He would like to submit an application for funding of the Location One Information System (LOIS) in the amount of \$2,500.00. LOIS is a web-based tool that markets available sites and buildings, provides community profiles compliant with International Economic Development Council National Data Standards, and also provides County Profile information and data in one convenient package.

A motion to recommend applying for the grant was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

5. Planning

- **Village of Bradley Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Kent comprehensive plan is available online at <http://www.bradleyil.org/home.cfm>. Mayor Kent gave a presentation (See Attached) on the Village of Bradley Comprehensive Plan.

A motion to accept the Village of Bradley Comprehensive Plan was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

- **Economic Alliance 2008 Annual Work Program**

Mr. Van Mill gave a presentation on the 2008 Annual Work Program for the Economic Alliance.

A motion to approve the Economic Alliance 2008 Annual Work Program was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Ms. McBride. Motion carried.

- **2007 Year End Report for Planning Department**

Mr. Van Mill gave a presentation on the 2007 Year End Report for the Planning Department.

6. Old/ New Business

None

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7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried.

Kelly McLaren, Vice-Chairman of the County Board

Stephanie Jackson, Executive Coordinator

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