

Members Present

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Bertrand, Mr. Hess, Mr. James, Mr. Marcotte, Mr. Martin, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Whitten

Members Absent

Ms. Hertzberger

In Attendance

Mr. McLaren, Mr. Nicholos, Mr. Bossert, Mike Van Mill, Mike Watson, Eric Sadler, Leigh Marcotte, Mike Lammy, Delbert Skimmerhorn, Tim Schmidt, Brian Billingsley, Ed Smith, Brenda Gorski, Donna Shehane, Ken Nelson, and Bob McElroy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present

2. Public Comment

Mike Watson spoke on behalf of United Disposal regarding service which it provided the County that United Disposal has never been paid for.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Bertrand and seconded by Mr. Marcotte to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Transportation

• **Commuter Rail Phase I Final Report- Presentation and Recommendation**

Mr. Nicholos stated the commuter rail committee has worked very hard on this and have done an outstanding job. The full build out and minimum operable segment of this study has been deemed to be feasible.

Mr. Lammy gave a power point presentation regarding the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study. The goal of the study was to determine if the extension of the commuter service from University Park to Kankakee was feasible and to obtain "participation" from potential jurisdictions on service extension.

The overall process of the study is as follows:

- Ten year process of studies
- Three studies required of increasing complexity
- Each study will take 18 to 24 months
- First study at \$150,000.00
- Second study estimated at \$250,000.00
- Third study cost dependent upon hurdles encountered

Proposed Alternatives:

- Minimum Operable Segment (MOS)
 1. Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) Service 14.2 miles to just past County line
 2. Station Stops: Monee, Peotone, Manteno
 3. Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate: \$109 Million
- Full Build-Out (FBO)
 1. DMU Service 28.3 miles to south of Kankakee
 2. Additional Station Stops: Bourbonnais, Bradley, Kankakee, I-57 Exit 308
 3. Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate: \$298 Million
- Both
 1. 5 round trips per weekday
 2. Full double tracking of CN
 3. New yard & maintenance facility at end of line
 4. Revenue Recovery Ration (Revenue/ O&M Costs):
.6 to .8 is greater than Metra's goal of .55
- Other promising scenarios may arise from:
 1. South Suburban Airport (SSA)
 2. Midwest High Speed Rail (HSR) Service
 3. Metra's new South East Service (SES) line
 4. Metra's new STAR line

A motion to endorse the findings of the commuter rail committee was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried.

Mr. Martin asked if we will have to join the regional transportation authority. Mr. Nicholas stated that was not a part of the study right now.

A motion to authorize staff to begin applications for funding for the next phase of study was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried.

5. Subdivision

None

6. Zoning

• **Farmstead Exemption Application Fee Reimbursement**

Mr. Van Mill stated that there are farmstead exemptions where if a home is on a large farm parcel we have a zoning process in which they can divide the farm up with a small amount of acreage and then sell the balance of the farmland off. Recently the Planning Department went through this process with an individual in the Momence area. After they have applied and paid the \$100.00 fee for the farmstead exemption, it was found that the entire property was zoned residential. Prior to informing them of that, the check had been cashed by the County. Mr. Van Mill stated that they are requesting a reimbursement of their \$100.00.

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A motion to reimburse the individual the \$100.00 was made by Mr. Stauffenberg and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays.

7. Solid Waste & Environmental

• County Fair

Mr. Van Mill stated that last year the Planning Department, for the first time, participated at the County Fair and it was in their view a success. They were able to interact with the public and give them a lot of information about what their office does. Mr. Van Mill would like to do that again this year.

Mr. Van Mill stated that Donna is working on getting the actual contract together. It is a nominal fee to participate in the fair. He is looking to expand the booth to include a number of other things that he would like to present. He also stated that the fee is within his budget.

Mr. Scholl asked if the booth will cover alternative methods that the County is looking into. Mr. Van Mill stated that he could include the Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Scholl stated that at this point he is primarily concerned with alternative methods other than landfills.

A motion to allow the Planning Department to participate in the County Fair was made by Mr. Bertrand and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried.

Mr. Martin made an addition to the motion to have all the possible alternatives to energy displayed at the fair, the motion was seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

8. Planning

• County Impact Fees- Ed Smith

Mr. Smith gave a 54 slide power point presentation regarding Impact Fees.

If you would a copy of the power point presentation, please see the recording secretary.

Mr. Smith placed a copy of the power point presentation and a copy of a letter addressed to Brenda Gorski from himself with an attached proposed ordinance on file with the recording secretary.

A motion to have the county impose an impact all over the county on new homes was made by Mr. Whitten. Motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion to bring the ordinance to the next committee meeting was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried.

Mr. Martin would like to invite Bradley, Bourbonnais and St. George to attend that meeting.

8. Other

- **Reminder- Hazard Awareness Open House, March 10, 2005 at Quality Inn, 7p.m.**

Mr. Olthoff reminded the committee about the open house. Mr. Van Mill stated that it should be a very successful program; there are about 20 booths of information.

9. Executive session

A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded Mr. James. Motion carried by a roll call vote 12 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Mr. Marcotte and seconded by Mr. McLaren. Motion carried.

10. Old/New Business

None.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Tripp to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Gresham
Executive Coordinator