

Planning, Zoning and Agriculture
Committee Minutes
March 15, 2006

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Stauffenberg

In Attendance

Mr. Kruse, Mr. McLaren, Ms. Bernard, Mr. Nicholos, Don Pallissard, Leigh Marcotte, Mike Lammey, Mike Watson, Donna Shehane, Keith Runyon, Michelle Sadler, and Frank Koehler

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Comment

Keith Runyon stated as far as he is concerned with the Solid Waste Plan it is "Solid Waste". The old plan has been gutted entirely. It is a way for the Waste Management to get a landfill. He would urge the County Board to move very slowly on this and move very carefully. There are certain provisions where the County is over reaching again. He thinks that the County is going to end up with more legal battles. He recommends going back to the old plan and adding alternative technologies to that plan.

3. Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2006

A motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2006 was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried.

4. Subdivision

5. Zoning

7. Solid Waste

- **Solid Waste Management Plan- Presentation**

Ms. Shehane gave a presentation on the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. A copy of that presentation is attached.

Ms. Bernard stated that she would like to see language in the Solid Waste Management Plan that landfills should be placed on sites that are deemed suitable by the Illinois Geological Survey.

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Ms. Shehane stated that it could be included. There is also a Citing Ordinance that includes those criteria.

Mr. James asked what the time table is on passing this ordinance. He is concerned that only four people showed up at the public hearing. He is not ready to vote on this and pass it at this time.

Ms. Shehane stated that the public hearing was advertised twice in the Daily Journal. She cannot answer why no one came to the hearing. The public comment period was advertised for two months. This is overdue at the IEPA; they are waiting for us to finish this plan.

Mr. Whitten stated that the County paid Patrick Engineering to do this study. Patrick Engineering knows what they are doing and the County should accept what they have put together.

8. Transportation

- **Commuter Rail- IDOT Grant**

Mr. Lammey stated that the State has agreed to fund the Phase II of the Commuter Rail Study in the amount of \$300,000.00, 80% of which will be State money, 20% will be local shared by nine Communities who are part of the Task Force. However, the Commuter Rail Task Force is going to have to re-interview the two consultants again because there was slight disagreement among the Task Force as to what it is looking for.

Mr. Nicholos stated that both the consultants were very qualified. Some of the Task Force was looking for a specialty in one area and the other part of the Task Force was looking for another specialty in another area. The payment for each local unit of government for Phase II will be the same amount paid for Phase I.

Mr. James asked if everybody has paid their share of the Phase I study.

Mr. Lammey stated that he cannot identify that but he thinks that everyone is paid up.

Mr. Nicholos stated that they have all paid up, to his knowledge.

Mr. Lammey stated that invoices are going to be sent out for the Phase II portion.

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Mr. Lammey stated that he will be looking for authorization to have staff work on putting together a contract and authorization for the Chairman to sign the contract once it is complied.

Mr. Olthoff stated that this will be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Lammey stated as of yesterday there was a slight issue with Metro. Six buses have been pulled off the streets for safety issues. He does not know what the safety issue is at this point. Metro is currently scrambling to get buses to continue along with services.

9. Planning

10. Executive Session – 5 ILCS 140/7 – Potential Litigation

None

11. Old/New Business

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Marcotte and seconded by Mr. Hess at 9:57a.m. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson,
Executive Coordinator

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