

**MINUTES**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 16, 2006**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Members:

Frank Koehler, Dave Bergdahl, Ralph Paarlberg, Dennis Peters, Chad Miller and Mel Blanchette

Others:

Mike Lammey, Kankakee County

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Paarlberg moved approval of the January 19, 2006 Minutes, and Mr. Miller seconded. Unanimous vote.

**AIRPORT UPDATE**

Chairman Koehler led the Subcommittee in a general discussion of recent events relating to the airport issue.

**6000 N. ROAD INTERCHANGE UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey reported that the recommendations from FHWA are currently sitting on the FHWA Regional Administrator's desk waiting for his signature. Mr. Lammey distributed a page from the IDOT Highway Improvement Program for FY 2007-2012, which shows a Preliminary Engineering I study for the Interchange, and stated that this would seem to indicate some good news.

**COMMUTER RAIL**

Mr. Lammey stated that the funding for the Phase II study has been approved by IDOT. He stated that the state share of the funding was 80% of the \$300,000 amount, with the remainder being picked up by the 9 units of local government participating in the project. Chairman Koehler summarized the results of a consultant interview session and a Task Force vote, which recommended a second round of interviews. Mr. Lammey stated that the second round of interviews will be held on April 18. The Subcommittee held a general discussion on the growth dynamics of the Will County – Kankakee County area at present.

## **INTERSTATE 57 CORRIDOR STUDIES**

Mr. Lammey stated that he had no report on this issue.

## **ILLIANA DISCUSSION**

Mr. Lammey stated that there has been some interest at the staff level from Will County to continue discussions on this issue. Chairman Koehler stated that it would be his recommendation to make sure that Will County knew of our concern about this issue at the political level, and stated that he would urge Chairman Kruse to pursue some level of discussions with County Executive Walsh in Will County so that we continued to be involved.

## **6000 N. ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN**

Mr. Lammey reported that one of the key issues of the Tri-Village Plan would be agreement among the communities on the function and location of the 6000 N. Road Corridor. He stated that the impending decision on the Interchange will highlight this issue, as well.

## **WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Paarlberg asked Mr. Lammey to make sure that the change had been made on the joint Will/Kankakee County project. Mr. Lammey stated that he would check again.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Chairman Koehler stated that the next meeting date would be May 18, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Peters moved adjournment, and Mr. Bergdahl seconded. Chairman Koehler adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M.