

Planning, Zoning and Agriculture
Committee Minutes
April 25, 2006

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Tripp, and Mr. Bertrand

In Attendance

Mr. Kruse, Mr. McLaren, Mike Van Mill, Mike Lammey, John Bevis, Don St. Germaine, and Bill Sawyer

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

None

3. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2006

A motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2006, was made by Mr. Stauffenberg and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

4. Subdivision

None

5. Zoning

None

6. Solid Waste

• **Recycling Recognition- Momence Lions Club**

Mr. Van Mill stated that Jim Vickery has nominated this group for recognition of its 30 years of recycling. In celebration of Earth Week, he believes that one entity should be recognized who has spent a considerable amount of time in doing recycling. The Lions Club has been recycling newspaper for over 30 years. The newspaper is picked up by a hauler for free and the proceeds for the program benefit the Community in many ways including college scholarships, kid care programs, Christmas baskets, and the Gladiola Festival. In 2005, the Lions Club collected over 80 tons of newspaper earning over \$4,000.00. He thought that the County Board should recognize the Lion's Club for their good work over the last 30 years.

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Mr. Vickery stated that the Lion's Club has done a great job over the years. He thought that maybe this would encourage others to do the same thing.

Mr. Van Mill stated that he would like to provide the Lion's Club with a certificate at the next County Board Meeting.

A motion to recognize the Lion's Club for their outstanding efforts in recycling was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried.

7. Transportation

- **Commuter Rail Study- Phase II- Contract with IDOT**

Mr. Van Mill stated that it was announced recently that Kankakee County has received the grant for Phase II of the Commuter Rail Extension. In the packet there are a number of items regarding this matter.

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract is attached to the packet. He stated that Phase II will work on the following:

1. Ridership Estimates
2. Environmental Impacts
3. Site Studies
4. Refined Cost Estimates
5. Line Capacity Analysis
6. Project Management

Mr. Lammey stated that the total grant amount is \$300,000.00. He was told by IDOT that the grant was 80/20, but the contract is actually 90/10.

A motion to send this item to Finance, authorize Chairman Kruse to sign the contract, and to not exceed the amount listed in the contract was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Stauffenberg. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays.

- **Commuter Rail Task Force Recommendation for Consultant for Phase II Study- Earth Tech**

Mr. Van Mill stated that after considerable amount of deliberations of the nine local units of government that are participating in the process they came up with a recommendation last week of the consulting firm Earth Tech to do the Phase II Study.

Mr. Lammey stated that this interview process was interesting. It was the first time that he can remember that there was a staff recommendation

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overturned by the Committee. The Task Force selected Earth Tech. He has no problems with that firm. The Project Manager that did the Phase I study now works for Earth Tech. Earth Tech does the work for the South Suburban Airport, also all the ridership projections for the South Suburban Airport.

A motion to accept the recommendation to hire Earth Tech and authorize Chairman Kruse to sign the contract was made by Ms. Hertzberger and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried.

- **FHWA Correspondence**

Mr. Van Mill stated that yesterday there was a press conference on this. He is happy to announce that Friday afternoon the Planning Department received notification from the Federal Highway Administration that they have accepted our concept for the 6000 Interchange. This is a huge step in the process of getting the interchange built, if they did not accept this concept we would have been back to zero. The County has spent a considerable amount of time on this project. There are a couple of things that the County needs to realize with this as well. As long as the engineering is favorable along the way, there are three phases of engineering to be done, that the County does have the justification to build the interchange at this location. The stars are in line for this. IDOT has also scheduled funding for Phase I in their next budget. Yesterday, it was emphasized that this wouldn't be where it is today unless the Municipalities and the County had gotten together and supported this whole heartedly. Mr. Lammey was very instrumental in getting this done. The studies that had to be done over the last four years in order to get this letter are very technical. The FHWA does not allow any community to put an interchange anywhere along their system. The community has to have a lot of data to justify an opening. Mr. Lammey went through all the land use projections in Kankakee County. The other thing that FHWA requires is that the community has to look at the entire transportation infrastructure in full build-out to see if that can adequately take care of the traffic needs. Mr. Lammey determined even if the County did expand the Manteno Interchange and the Bradley Interchange the 6000 Interchange would still be needed.

Mr. Whitten asked if all that would be done now would be putting in the interchange.

Mr. Lammey stated that he believes the interchange would be between Rt. 45 and Rt. 50. Other than that, nothing is budgeted for the rest of the 6000 corridor.

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Mr. Lammey stated that no money is budgeted for construction of this. Just Phase I of the engineering study.

Mr. Kruse stated that there is no funding for this right now, but it is nice that this process is happening right now. He believes that the next Federal Highway Bill is up four years from now. As Phase I is completed, it will put the County in a good time period so that funding can be asked for in the next Federal Highway Bill. This is a huge step even for the study that was completed a year or two ago for the 6000 corridor. It is now going to make that a viable corridor which now the County Board is going to have to look at preserving the rights-of-way along that corridor so that as this expands and develops out the County does not have to move houses. Hopefully this gives the County an indication of what is to come.

A motion to ratify this and send this to the County Board was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

8. Planning

9. Other

- **Interactive Workshop- “What’s your development plan?” at Olivet University’s Weber Center- April 25, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.**

10. Executive Session – 5 ILCS 140/7 – Potential Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (3) - Interviews

A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays.

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

A motion to reappoint Don St. Germaine to the Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 10 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Olthoff).

11. Old/New Business

Mr. Whitten wanted to know what is going on with the gun club.

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Mr. Olthoff stated that the ZBA met last night, in a very short meeting, did not reconsider and agreed to pass it back to the PZA as it is. There was legal representation there but they did not into executive session.

Mr. Van Mill stated that it was referred back to the PZA with its original recommendation. Since it has been a long time since this has been discussed he would suggest taking some time to review the transcripts and the ZBA's findings of fact. He will also provide the Committee with the transcripts from last night's meeting. This may not be on the next PZA agenda but may be on the agenda at the end of May.

Mr. Martin stated that he was told that Aqua Illinois was going to give a presentation regarding their rate increase. He would like to have a presentation and have some input as to that increase.

Mr. Kruse stated that he is still working on that. Everyone will be notified of that meeting.

Mr. Van Mill stated that he would like to have an additional PZA meeting before the next County Board meeting. He could not get a public hearing for the Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone matters that have to come before the Committee for consideration. The public hearing will be tonight. There are two things that are coming up with the River Valley Enterprise Zone. As you know, he has been the administrator since July. At that time, the map was reviewed along with the legal description. A number of issues and conflicts were found, approximately 37. The other item is the Village of Bradley is requesting the incorporation of 140 acres along Rt. 50 and St. George Road. The final item for consideration is the Revolving Loan Fund application of Dr. Rodney Alford. The RLF Committee will meet sometime at the end of this week. For expediency to get this matter to the May County Board Meeting he would like to have an additional PZA meeting.

The special PZA meeting will be held May 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Marcotte at 10:12a.m. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson,
Executive Coordinator

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