

## LAKE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, December 3, 1998

The Lake County Board met in Special Call Session held on Thursday, December 3, 1998, in the County Building in Waukegan, Illinois. Chairman Robert Grever called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked for a moment of silent prayer. The Chair led the Pledge to the Flag. County Clerk Willard Helander called the roll. Members present were: Buhai, Cole, Grever, Halas, Kyle, LaBelle, Leafblad, Marks, Martini, Mountsier, Neal, Nixon, O'Kelly, Schmidt, Spielman, and Westerman. Members Beattie, Calabresa, and Carter were late. Members Newton, Schulien, Stanczak and Stolman were absent.

1. The Clerk read into the record the Presentation of the Call of the Special Meeting and Certificate of Mailing Notice of the Special Call Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

2. The Clerk read into the record a Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to execute an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Lake County Board and the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois (SWALCO) for compensation to be paid the County by SWALCO for the effect of the expansion of the Countryside Landfill on Lake County; and request its adoption. (Agenda Item #35 tabled from the November 10, 1998 County Board Meeting.)

Mr. Andy Quigley of SWALCO spoke to the Board on the update of the resolution which included a letter from him to the County Administrator outlining where we are with regard to the Countryside Landfill. The package included an Amendment To Disposal Agreement as well as a memorandum from the Lake County Health Department which proposed additional controls to be placed on the landfill.

Member Carter asked for clarification on Page 4, letter E, the amount of \$1,118,750.00 which would be paid to the County. Would this amount be in addition to the original amount proposed? Mr. Quigley advised that this was not an additional amount.

Member Schmidt asked when we would see a change in the odor control problem. Mr. Quigley reported that their flare system was scheduled to start up on December 17 and we should get some improvement at that time.

Member Neal moved, seconded by Member Spielman to approve the Resolution. The Chair called for a Voice Vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

3. Report on the Sale of Series A of 1998 Revenue Refunding Bonds.

Al Galantha, Superintendent of Public Works presented the final report on the bonds. Member Buhai noted that the new refunding rate is 4.3977 and asked what the old rate was. Mr. Galantha reported that it was in the neighborhood of 5%. The total savings was over \$550,000. after all expenses.

4. A Resolution supporting the establishment of a local seasonal search and rescue facility by the U. S. Coast Guard, and specifically supporting a review of the Waukegan Regional Airport.

Member Martini moved, seconded by Member Halas to approve the Resolution. The Chair called for a Voice Vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. A Resolution authorizing a General Agreement of Indemnity with Safeco Insurance Co. for the issuance of a resident fund surety bond for Winchester House; and request its adoption.

Member Halas moved, seconded by Member Beattie to approve the Resolution. The Chair called for a Voice Vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. An Amendment to a Resolution designating banks and other financial institutions as depositories in which the funds and monies in the custody of Jack L. Anderson, as County Treasurer and as Ex-Officio County Collector may be deposited.

Member Mountsier moved, seconded by Member Schmidt to approve the Resolution. The Chair called for a Voice Vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. A Resolution establishing a Lake County Millennium Commission.

Member Kyle reported that he is on the NACO Millennium Committee and they have asked that our County establish a millennium celebration committee. Lake County government will be working with municipalities on this event which will focus on fostering the arts, building a strong community, preserving the environment and looking to the future. Anne O'Connell will be the staff person coordinating this event.

The County Board recessed into a Committee-of-the-Whole.

8. Committee-of-the-Whole discussion on the proposed Lake County University Center.

Mr. Barry Hokanson and staff of Planning and Development updated the Board on where we are with this project and stated that we would be talking today about location and siting and follow up with finance. He stated that there would be a site tour on December 9 at 1:30 p.m. to

visit the six proposed sites. Dennis Sandquist reviewed the map portion of the site selection. Criteria for analysis included location, proximity to mass transportation, and location within 30 minutes of where people live and work. As a result of the analysis the number of sites was reduced to eight and with two options removed by owners, the number was reduced to six.

Member Leafblad asked if North and West traffic patterns were taken into consideration. Mr. Sandquist responded that it had been taken into consideration.

Member Calabresa asked if there was any idea of the number of people who would attend this university and where these people were employed. Mr. Nollenberger responded that it is anticipated that there would be 3,000 to 4,000 students within a couple of years with the majority of classwork taking place between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. because 80% of students will be working full or part-time jobs. Mr. Sandquist stated that the information was available on the CATS study. Member Cole stated that she would like to see the employers data. Mr. Nollenberger advised that he would have Chapter 2 of this analysis available before everyone left.

Member Carter asked about McHenry County students who would come to this university. Mr. Hokanson reported that they have prepared requests from property owners and communities on potential university sites. Mr. Hokanson advised that the County farm site would be a County Board decision.

Member Kyle asked Planning and Development staff which location came out highest in the rankings? Mr. Sandquist stated that the Lakehurst property came out pretty high in some of the criteria. Member Nixon asked if the committee made a recommendation on the site and gathered information to submit to the Board of Higher Education. Chairman Grever stated that they would gather the information and that the task force would make a recommendation. The final decision will be from the Board of Higher Education. The original timetable had asked for a recommendation by the middle of December, however local legislators have asked for the date to be pushed back to a January or February timetable so that new officials will have taken office. This extra time will be valuable to come up with the best possible recommendation.

Member Leafblad asked if there were any indications of where the money would come from. Chairman Grever reported that a subcommittee was trying to hone in on this issue. Mr. Nollenberger asked for feedback from the Board on the County farm property. This would be a donation of 10 to 20 acres of the 100 acre plot. Chairman Grever was not sure what the County would be expected to contribute. Funding is not submitted at this time. Member Cole asked if the only land donations were the county farm and CLC. Member Grever stated at this time, these were the only indications we have had.

Mitch Hoffman of the State's Attorney's Office reported on funding. At the present time the County does not have any authority to issue bonds to pay for the construction of a university center. We looked at the possibility of doing this by Intergovernmental Agreement and reached the conclusion that for the County to expend funds or issue bonds, it would need legislative authority.

Chairman Grever stated that he would like to pursue the question of using the County farm. Member Calabresa expressed concerns she had received from the Village of Libertyville about traffic patterns and their impact. Chairman Grever responded that at all locations, all local governments will be involved in some way.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ralph Davis, Mayor of Round Lake Beach addressed the Board to request favorable consideration for the site in Round Lake Beach which he stated has all the necessary infrastructure, is 10 minutes from the train station, 10 minutes from CLC and 15 minutes from the tollway. He stated that he believes the site has everything to offer than the Grayslake site does and would like to add Round Lake Beach to the list of sites to tour on Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Sabonjian wanted to note his choice, the Lakehurst site. He stated that when you get free land it doesn't have the infrastructure and you end up spending more money on that. Lakehurst is not in a flood plane, doesn't have wetlands and he suggested a 1/4¢ sales tax increase for County tax for the university.

Gary Gibson of the County Administrator's Office advised that there are five options that the task force is looking at for financing including grants, sales tax increase, bond issuance. We are preparing all that information.

The Committee-of-the-Whole meeting was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

9. Member Neal moved, seconded by Member Halas that this Special Call Meeting of the Lake County Board be adjourned. The Chair called for a Voice Vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Willard R. Helander  
Lake County Clerk

Minutes approved:

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