

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014
NINE-THIRTY A.M.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WILL

Executive Walsh called the meeting to order.

Member Izzo led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Member Izzo introduced Reverend John Doyle from St. Anne Catholic Church, Crest Hill, IL, who led the invocation.

Roll call showed the following County Board Members present: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

Absent: Freitag. Total: One.

EXECUTIVE WALSH DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT.

Member Babich made a motion, seconded by Member Ferry, the Certificate of Publication be placed on file.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IS PLACED ON FILE.

Member Winfrey made a motion, seconded by Member Traynere, to approve the Minutes for the December 19, 2013 Meeting.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 19, 2013 MEETING ARE APPROVED.

Elected Officials present were: Auditor, Duffy Blackburn; County Clerk, Nancy Schultz Voots; County Executive Larry Walsh; State's Attorney, James Glasgow; State Representative, Larry Walsh, Jr.; Joliet Township Clerk, Beth Ann May.

News media present: Alice Fabbre, Chicago Tribune; Nick Reiher, Farmer's Weekly; Susan Lafferty, Southtown Star; and Monica DeSantis, WJOL.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Executive Walsh stated citizens to be heard....we have speakers from Enbridge Pipeline to give us an update and Ms. Jennifer Smith; do you want to give us the update?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated her name. I am the Community Relations Advisor with Enbridge Energy. Thank you very much Executive Walsh, Chairman Brooks, as well as the entire membership of the Will County Board and State Representative Walsh. We're very excited to be here to give an update on our Line 78 project. So, just a quick overview, Enbridge Energy, we are an energy transportation company. In this area we have crude oil pipelines. We do operate the world's longest liquid pipeline. We transport Canadian Crude as well as crude from North Dakota from the Bakkan region. Right now we have about two point two million barrels a day coming through our system and being delivered to our local refinery's in the Midwest and beyond. We handle about five billion cubic foot a day of natural gas through partners in the County and as well as our Vector Pipeline that originates in Joliet, Illinois, and then we have about over ten thousand...we're approaching or just about over eleven thousand employees, actually employees and contractors between the US and Canada at this point. We also have a significant in growing green energy portfolio with ownership in wind farms, solar farms, and some geothermal activities going on up in Canada and we are recognized as one of the global one hundred most sustainable corporations in the world. So, recently, over the last year or so, you may have heard about the prolific production that we're now seeing in the both Bakkan area in North Dakota and as well as in Alberta, Canada. Due to the increase in supply, and we've got some charts here that show, due to the increase in supply from these two areas, we have a shift in where refineries and where our customers would like to transport their oil from. This shift has caused the need for an increase in pipeline infrastructure throughout the US. Attractive pricing and security of being able to get their product from North America versus importing from other countries, external countries around the world is driving the demand here. It's a little more economical for the refineries to pull from these areas; and again, we want to reduce the imports from outside North America and create jobs here in our Country, right here at home in the US. A little better picture here of our system; in this region here we are a vital link. We transport about seventy percent of the crude oil that's coming in to the region and being refined by our customers here in the Midwest. And that is about fifteen percent of the total US energy consumption that's coming in on Enbridge lines. So today we're here to talk about our Line 78 project. In Will County, we have an existing line, we call it Line 62; it originates at our Flanagan Terminal, which is just outside of Pontiac, Illinois and the line comes up to feed into our Griffith/Hartsdale facilities right in northwest Indiana, just right over the border. Our Line 78 project, we'd like to parallel the existing line as much as we can and increase the capacity. The existing line 62 transports about two hundred and thirty-five thousand barrels per day. This new line, once in service, would carry about five hundred and seventy thousand barrels per day, so that would be in addition

to what the current line is transporting. It's about seventy-nine miles from, again, the Flanagan Station up to our northwest Indiana facilities, and the estimated cost is about four hundred ninety-five million dollars, and we've got a little better map coming up to Will County. Our project timeline, early last year, hopefully you all started receiving notifications, initial letters of the project, we hosted a series of open houses along the line, including one here in Peotone that was in Will County; that was in March. Over the last year, we've been out there doing environmental surveys, design, trying to procure materials, and really getting input from our land owners and our stake holders, trying to refine the exact route that we're going to be taking. The plan with all of our permitting and land acquisition...if everything falls into place, we're hoping to start right away preparation this fall, and then have the actual construction take place in the spring of 2015, with the Line going into service in Fall 2015. So here's the current map and our current route of our Line 78. As I said, you'll see the blue route is the existing line and the red route is the current proposed route that we're going to be taking. As you can see, the majority of the route, we want to follow the existing easement that we have but there are some deviations either do to development that's come in the area, trying to avoid environmental areas, different things like that. We've been, again, working with all of the land owners trying to refine the route to be as least impactful as we can. In Will County we have just over a hundred land owners that we've reached out to, that we're working with. Right now, about ninety-five percent of those have given us the approval to come on the property to do a survey. We've got about fifty-four tracks already signed and acquired. When we're working with the landowners, and I'll kind of get in to this in the next slide too. So, we're looking to acquire easement both additional permanent easement as well as temporary work space. Total on the entire routes, the entire 79 miles has about two hundred seventy three landowners with just under four hundred individual parcels that we're looking at. So, before pipeline construction, as I said, we're working with each individual landowner to come up with an easement; new easement for the new line, as well as temporary work space and it really depends on where their property falls along the line to determine how much of that we're typically looking for. We do have an application in to the ICC, the Illinois Commerce Commission is who we're regulated with at the state level, and the ICC, when they review that application, they're looking to determine, is this in public needs, they'll issue hopefully a certificate of good standing, and then also with that comes the right of eminent domain. Now, I want to let the Board know and everybody that it is Enbridge's goal and we strive to come to an amicable and fair agreement with every single landowner. We want this to be a win-win situation. In a project such as this though, when it comes down to the wire, companies have to have that eminent domain to help them negotiate and come to a final resolution. Typically, it's a very low number of parcels that end up going that far, and even that process, there's a prescribed process of notifications and different activities that have go on. Once that's been initiated, we will still continue to work with the land owners to try and come to a resolution without having to follow that through completion.

Member Ogalla stated, Ms. Jennifer Smith, I was wondering, could you go back to the slide before this and explain why the...most people don't know there was a change in the route. So could you explain that please?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated sure, so, there's a couple of big deviations here that you'll see in Will County and also up into the northern Will County / Cook County area and the

footprint that you'll see is some possible development that is being planned for here in Will County, and just as we deal with every parcel owner. We have been dealing with the landowner who wants to acquire the large, green outline there, so those parcels, many of which have already been acquired by the state and we continue to work to make sure that we have a viable route that will be able to get to where we need to be, but will also, again, we are looking for win-win on both sides. So, whether that be a government entity or a private landowner, we need to work together and come up with that. Up on the northern side, the original Line 62 went in, in the mid-fifties, so back then we weren't as sensitive to environmental areas and other high consequence areas along the route, so we've now been able to utilize existing utility corridors so that we can minimize again, the impact to stakeholders as well as to the environment; and that's always our goal to do that. Any other questions? So, here we have some pictures. Pipeline construction is done in a series of phases, starting again with the clearing of the right-of-way, this is a photo of the right-of-way's been cleared, we've got the pipe's strung out, the next photo shows the actual laying-in, so the pipe will be well and above ground, and then they'll go ahead and lay it in. We get in to restoration, there are a lot of public benefits to the project, when the crew's are in town, any spread of construction on a pipeline could have about six hundred or more employees and those employees are staying in our hotels, renting houses in some cases, they're eating, they're doing laundry at laundry mats, they're doing everything that you need to go about your business every day. These crew's are going to be in town doing that. Typically, we do hire a general contractor who will be in charge of the hiring and will be doing the work, but typically, about fifty percent of the workers on these types of projects will come from the local areas, they will be looking for assistance. Another thing we wanted to mention, is we do have an agricultural impact and mitigation agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture and that covers every landowner that we have along the route and that prescribes different techniques that we need to do and we would do anyway for restoration. That includes having the pipe be about five foot depth of cover over that. When we are pulling the trenches, we keep the top soil separate from the sub-soil and then we have to be sensitive to that when restoring and I think actually the next...I have a really nice picture of a recent restoration, a couple years ago that we did in northern Illinois. And then, once the line is in service, we have an ongoing public awareness program, so, that entails continued letters, contact with land agents for the land owners, stakeholders continued contact with myself and others on the team. So, just to show everyone all of the different permitting, we like to say, over side authorizations, concurrents, approvals, we have a number of different levels as a hazardous material interstate pipeline operator, we're regulated by the United States Department of Transportation and their Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, or PHMSA as we refer to them. They oversee our ongoing operations as well as construction and design of new projects such as this. US Core of Army Engineers and US Fish and Wildlife Services; looking at our water crossing and different environmental impacts that way. Again, the Illinois Commerce Commission, we filed our application in February of 2013 for their certificate of good standing. Hopefully, we'll see that coming soon this year. Illinois Department of Natural Resources, there's an application that goes in to them, that talks about any wetlands or different high consequence areas and how we're going to mitigate that and what we'll do to lessen those impacts. And then of course we reach out to our Counties and Townships and municipalities to gain feedback, and again, we have a lot of little deviations along the route that come from the feedback because no one knows the area best than the local folks. Public outreach, so I mentioned, we had a series of open houses last year, we've

been sending letters and newsletters, we actually have another open house that we've invited the landowners here in Will County to come on January 22nd, hopefully you've all gotten a postcard inviting you to that over at Village Woods and the reason we're doing this open house is because we have had some significant route deviations since the first time that we came through. Thanks to Board Member Ogalla for recommending that we do this. So, hopefully we've sent out, actually over a hundred invitations, hopefully we'll see some of you and we will have a similar type of format map that we had before but we will have representatives here...again, Mr. Mike Murray, our project director will be there, we'll have our land folks there, we'll have construction environmental representatives...we can really get into some details and look at individual parcels when we get all the experts in the room. Notifications went to Federal/State as well as local officials. Emergency responders, Mr. Harold Damron is just a wonderful contact here with Will County and we remain in touch with him. Also, our local fire departments continue to make sure that they're engaged and they'll be enrolled in our public awareness program as well which includes annual trainings on emergency response for pipelines and then affected and general public, we have an ongoing toll-free number, email address and a website. The website is updated as frequently as possible as there are large changes and different things that happen with the route and the phone number and email address if someone calls or sends an email, we'll respond within twenty-four hours during the business week. If there's something going on, we may check that more frequently or keep people checking it over the weekend but our goal is to get back to everybody in about twenty-four hours. So, that was all the information I had to share.

Member Howard stated I have a couple of questions on this. You compensate the governmental bodies and you actually go through their property whether the State owns it, County, or whoever might be compensated for that or...

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated so there would be an easement negotiation with the landowner whether that be a government agency or a private landowner.

Member Howard stated okay but you compensate the governmental agencies or...same as the landowner? Is the treatment the same as a private landowner?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated yes.

Member Howard stated so there's actually some sort of revenue from that, for Governmental Agency.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated would you like to answer that.

Mr. Mike Wortham introduced himself.

Mr. Mike Murray introduced himself. Project manager for Line 78.

Mr. Mike Wortham stated the best answer that I can give you right now is "it depends". I know that doesn't go into a lot of detail, but I'd be happy to sit down with you and talk about specifics.

Member Howard stated okay and then how deep would the 78 be and what type of product (inaudible) this project.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated the depth to cover is generally going to be about five foot but that will it may be deeper in areas where we're doing horizontal directional drill such as under roads, large river crossings. What was the last question?

Member Howard stated what happens to the abandoned pipeline then? Do you go in there and move it?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated no, the existing line is going to remain in service so the capacity that we're looking for in the new pipeline is to be an addition to. So the existing pipeline will continue to run at its capacity of about two hundred thirty-five thousand barrels and then when this line goes in to service this would be additional capacity that would be moving.

Member Howard stated in the future if it was abandoned, how do they do an abandoned pipeline, I'm just curious.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated well typically Enbridge, we don't abandon pipelines, we deactivate them which there is a PHMS prescribed process for that where the line would be cleared of product, it would be filled with an inert gas such as nitrogen and then that would remain on our maintenance logs and we would keep our cathodic protection which is like a light charge to help with external corrosion. That would continue to stay on our maintenance logs and that would continue to remain in our public awareness program for anybody that lives along that; which would also mean that it would be part of the one-call system here with JULIE.

Member Howard stated in the last part just for clarity, I've heard different versions of why there is hesitation as far as trees, that type of thing, why you don't have trees above it, can you explain what the reason is?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated sure, so, over the pipeline itself, we restrict any building of permanent structures, trees as you said, and that's a safety issue because the roots of the trees can get down and start to...if it starts wrapping around the pipe it could cause some integrity issues. There's a coating, we use an epoxy bonded coating on the pipe that also helps with external corrosion. Now you are still able to farm on it, people have gardens on it; we've also given approval to have access roads over the pipe, but yes, anything...no permanent structures and then that also, so we're required to do pipeline monitoring aerial patrols, so we need to keep the easement clear as our pilots are going by so they can see and make sure that there's no encroachments on there. That people aren't building permanent, and if in the rare event there was an emergency that we needed to get out there, we can do what we need to do if that easement is already clear versus having to come in and clear the easement before we can get our folks in there to see what happened.

Member Howard stated thank you very much.

Member Ferry stated I have a couple of questions. How many full-time jobs with this pipeline yield to Will County?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated well, there will be about six hundred construction jobs that will be on there, as I said, typically about fifty percent of those come from the local area. I can't give you a good number as of yet right now.

Member Ferry stated once it's installed and running, how many operators will monitor it?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated there will result in a few additional staff that will need to monitor for our operation's group but I couldn't tell you exactly how many that is.

Member Ferry stated do you know how many isolation points you'll have running through Will County?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated Remotely Operated Valves...do we know exactly how many...

Mr. Mike Murray stated there are seven valves over the seventy-nine miles and I believe there's maybe two in Will County. Two valve sites.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated and there will be what we call a mid-point monitoring station which also includes one of those valves.

Mr. Mike Murray stated it's a valve site with some added monitoring equipment on it.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated exactly and that's in the southern tip right by where Will and Kankakee County meet.

Member Moran stated on the slide we had that showed the South Suburban Airport footprint, the existing line runs through there. The State's going to allow you to leave that existing line in there? Are you going to have to go back and sleeve that or...

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated well that's the discussions that are going on with the landowner right now.

Member Moran stated because when Member Ogalla asked you what was going to happen with that existing line, and I know the new line is detoured around the inaugural footprint, at least it's on the full footprint, but the existing line runs right smack dab through the inaugural footprint and you don't know what's going to happen. I believe it's going to have to be moved.

Mr. Mike Murray stated we're currently in discussions with IDOT and hopefully we'll be able to come to a conclusion in the near future.

Member Bible stated when you lay this pipe, do you have to, when you're finished with your project, file with local government authorities perhaps emergency management

agencies the maps of the location of your pipeline? And your maintenance plans and regularly update these plans with these agencies?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated we do have emergency responder maps that are provided to the emergency management agencies. And we also have what we call ERAP or Emergency Response Action Plans that we share with them and then annually we have pipeline awareness trainings. A lot of times in conjunction with other pipeline operators, but then again occasionally we'll have tabletops too to sit down and talk about it in a case of an emergency. These other resources, we have in the capacity and this is what your roll would be, so that's an ongoing conversation. And, yes, once this new line is in service, emergency maps are updated, and then will get a copy of that.

Member Ogalla stated I just want to make a couple of comments and then I was going to ask a question. So what you guys saw up there when we had her go back to the slide, that blue line currently runs through my property is not owned by IDOT, they don't own my property yet. So, IDOT doesn't own everybody, all the land set along that line. Originally, this line 78 was going to run parallel to that. And all the landowners in that were contacted regarding that. Since then, I've heard, and that's why I asked you guys to come, wanted you to come, was that I heard that IDOT was requesting them to reroute around where the runway was and that's what you saw in that red line going North and around the footprint. So, that's the difference for you guys to know. So, originally everybody along that existing blue line was contacted. Now people don't know that you have the new red line except for people that have called and said I got something from Enbridge, what's going on with that? So, is there going to be a point in time where you guys make the decision that you will choose definitely the red line because the airport is most likely going to go in? What if it would be come to be determined that the airport would not go in, would you go back to the blue line or what would be that. And then also, that's my first question, the second question is, so the people who live where the blue line is right now, they've received letters, they attended meetings and everything, but they don't know yet they're not part of this other line...because they had thought that. And they had received, because we are in the footprint, they received a letter about the upcoming meeting, so I guess you would say they're...and one more thing I want you guys to know, what they have when a landowner goes there, they have really good maps so the landowner can see exactly where on their property where the line is going to go. They go by your address, they have large maps of every single person's property, so that really helped clarify people who knew it was coming through but they didn't know anything else. So, that's been very helpful to the landowners to come too and see that.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated and we'll have those maps there again with a lot of the land agents so they can ask specific parcel questions. The property owners along that blue route will continue to get our newsletters and our letters and then, yes, at the point in time that is finally determined and locked in that we're going to be using the alternative route, that would be communicated at least through one of those newsletters.

Executive Walsh stated any other final questions?

States Attorney Glasgow stated I was just wondering if there was any advancement in the technology to detect a leak. If you get a leak half-way between the check valve and

it's a relatively slow leak, are your instruments sophisticated enough to detect a drop in pressure and know where that is before it bubbles up through the ground, like bubbling crude...or whatever?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated actually, I'm glad you asked that. Over the last two years, actually Enbridge has upgraded the entire system here in the US with new technology for leak detection. It's a redundant system so we do monitor through monitoring the volumes of product that are going through the lines. We have pressure sensors and different flow meters along the line that are also monitoring 24/7 from our control center which is located in Edmonton, Canada. One of our best defenses to that too is our public awareness program and our landowners and our aerial flights constantly getting eyes on the right-of-way to make sure that they don't see anything. But, the remotely operated valves that we use these days. They can shut down and isolate a section of line within minutes. So, the technology has definitely improved just like in other areas that we've seen.

State's Attorney Glasgow stated I'm not an engineer but you have seven valves on this quite lengthy line. Is there a reason there's not more? Because the more valves you have, obviously the quicker you can shut down a section and the less oil that would leak out. Obviously there's determinations that are made by your engineers as to what's the best way to do this, but at the same time, we've had to deal with leaks from various pipeline companies in Will County over the years and some them, literally until it bubbled up through the ground, nobody knew it was there. So, we're just trying to...since this is a new project, anything we can do to be assured that won't happen.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated there are a lot of variables that go into determining where the valves are going to be and that's the topography and the environment that it's going through, where the pump stations are, where your high consequence areas are, such as any rivers. I will say, and I don't know if Mr. Mike Murphy wants to add on to this, but Enbridge and the projects that we started and are working on now over the years, we've increased the valve placement and the number of valves on the line...I don't know if you have anything...

Mr. Mike Murray stated well, there's actually an engineering group in Canada that actually does the hydraulic study for the line and they place the valves pretty specifically where it's supposed to go and it's really based on some of the concerns you've just mentioned.

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated and so on the existing line, one of the ways we mitigate risk or prevent leaks too is we have inline inspection tools that we run through them and the technology. Those tools have increased so dramatically; we can now detect the smallest hairline fracture and nick of coating on the outside of the pipe from the testing on the inside. And we have a whole department, we call them our Integrity Group and that's what they do. If there's an inline inspection to run, and there's any anomaly or something detected in that, we'll send a crew out to dig up that section of pipe, daylight it, do a visual inspection, do other testing that they can do onsite. We can fix that particular anomaly that was found. Sometimes that just requires a recoating of that area if it's a larger one, we may even replace that whole segment of the pipe.

Member Traynere stated just a couple of quick questions. Is this crude oil coming through; tar sands, anything? Does it get mixed up depending on what your...

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated it is crude oil. Mainly it's part of our Light Oil Market Access Program coming out of the Bakkan region. We do transport Canadian oil sands crude as well. We transport over eighty different varieties from your very heavy to your very light. But, this project here is part of the light oil access program.

Member Traynere stated and then two more quick questions. Are the EPA or safety regulations different in Canada than they are in the US? Are they more strict, are they more lax or the same? I'm kind of curious too about our State's Attorney's question why are the valves only every ten miles. Were you guys the pipeline company involved in the spill in Romeoville a couple of years ago?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated yes.

Member Traynere stated and has that pipeline been replaced recently or technology changed in that pipeline recently?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated that was our pipeline. It was external damage that caused the release in Romeoville and it was, that segment of pipe was replaced immediately after that incident and has been in service again under our monitoring program. We have had some other integrity digs on that line where we've replaced different segments of it. To the question of the regulations in Canada versus the US...US regulations are actually more stringent than they are in Canada, but even Enbridge being in both Countries, we follow the more stringent regulations, but we actually exceed a lot of the Federal regulations that are imposed on us. One being, we are required on new construction to only x-ray or ultrasonic test ten percent of the welds, field welds, that are done. We do that on one hundred percent of the welds. Before the line is in service, we also do what's called hydrostatic testing and that is when you fill a segment of line with water, run it at higher pressures than you would ever run the line above maximum operating pressure. And that again, is another way to verify the integrity of the welds, the pipe itself, and then once that's passed, it's commissioned in service. And all of that is overseen again by US Department of Transportation's PHMS and department.

Member Ogalla stated could you please explain too how working with IDOT, where this line crosses, where the proposed Illiana Expressway would be. Explain to them what process you're going through because currently all that land is owned by private property owners and there's a pipeline going through there now so how's that with the Illiana Expressway?

Ms. Jennifer Smith stated so our land group has been working with and is contacting the private landowners on getting permissions for survey. Our Government Affairs and other project team members have been meeting with people at IDOT, as well, talking about how we can navigate around this area.

Member Howard stated the interesting point is, now with the red line, and then you've got the blue line. I can see where the blue line and where it's going through. The

property owner receives compensation for, okay. With the red line now, where that is, are you going to negotiate with the current landowner or are you going to negotiate with the State of Illinois; because the State of Illinois is going to purchase that for the additional...

Mr. Mike Murphy stated along the northern route that's showing there above the blue line...the Department of Transportation doesn't control all of those tracks at this moment, so there's a mixture of private landowners and the DOT that we're working with to secure that route.

Member Howard stated okay, so you're going to purchase from private...

Mr. Mike Murphy stated there's a fair amount of private landowners along that route, right now.

Member Howard stated okay, so they'll receive compensation?

Mr. Mike Murphy stated yes. Correct.

Member Howard stated and then along the blue line then those particular landowners will not receive any additional compensation?

Mr. Mike Murphy stated if we decide to take the northern route, we'll probably pull back from our parallel path with the blue line there.

Member Howard stated thank you.

Executive Walsh stated thank you Ms. Jennifer Smith, Mr. Mike Wortham and Mr. Mike Murphy thank you...very thorough discussion. Our next speakers are representatives from the Explorer pipeline update.

Ms. Karen Kennedy stated thank you Executive Walsh and the rest of the Board Members. I'm here on behalf of Explorer Pipeline. I'm actually the Project Manager for a project that we've got going in Will County and that is called our Manhattan Extension Pipeline. First, and I'm sorry, I'll apologize ahead of time, I'm used to walking around, so I'll try to stay in front of the microphone so everyone can hear me. Explorer pipeline was commissioned initially in 1971. We have a twenty-eight inch line that goes up from Port Arthur in Texas through the State of Texas and Oklahoma. We have a major location in Tulsa; that's where our headquarters are. We then re-originate material in Tulsa to go up into the Chicago area. The products that we have in our major pipelines are all refined products. Including gasoline's and jet fuels and diesels. The new project that we've got will create what is called diluent which is also a natural gasoline. This particular project includes approximately eighteen miles of twenty-four inch pipe. The pipe itself will go through Will, Peotone, Wilton and Manhattan Townships. As we go forward, we will talk a little bit about the two additional valve sites that we'll be putting into that. The pipe will actually connect our existing mainline twenty-four inch pipe at where we call our Peotone Station, which is actually in Will Township, two (inaudible) Manhattan Terminal that is currently located in the Manhattan Township. So, specifics about the construction itself, I could almost say "ditto" to a lot of the things that Enbridge has just talked about here. We

do have our Agricultural Mitigation Impact Agreement with them, which again, requires the five feet of cover. We will double-ditch the line as we're doing construction to ensure that the topsoil quality is maintained throughout the system, there are requirements in there of course for us to go back in and disk and make sure that the soils are in good condition when we finish construction on the actual project. A little bit about timing...our current startup is targeted for the third quarter in 2015. From that, if we work back from our construction schedule, we're hoping to start construction sometime at the end of 2014. Again, similar to Enbridge, we do have an Integrity Management Plan that's in place once the pipeline is started up. We have extensive monitoring that we do internal to the pipeline. We do have, of course, what we call our Leak Warn System that monitors every barrel that goes in, every barrel that goes out to make sure that we've got a balance on the pipeline at all times. And, actually, we've got a very short window that if we do see a discrepancy there; we immediately shut the pipeline down. But, again, as was mentioned before, our goal is to never have anything get out of the pipeline so run integrity tools initially to make sure if there are any anomalies, we go in, we do have an integrity department as well that targets anything that looks unusual, so that we go look at any dents any potential corrosion we see out there and just anything that looks different from the time that we had run the tools before. In terms of the route that we've got, I have several maps here that we'll leave and certainly will work with you all and if additional ones are needed, be more than happy to provide those that shows our current route. Again, we're at the same place, we're working with landowners now. Several of the route modifications that we've made, we've worked with the Illinois Department of Transportation to minimize the impact on the future Illiana Corridor, so we've made some significant route changes from what we originally had. When we did the preliminary engineering, we started out with the route; we refined that again, to avoid ecologically sensitive areas. I believe there was a tree farm along one of the routes that we initially had that of course we wanted to avoid to make sure we weren't negatively impacting that kind of landowner. Other than that, the one thing that I'd like to stress...we do have safety measures that do exceed that's required by the Department of Transportation. We pride ourselves on being good neighbors, and we are working to chemical bulk conclusion of negotiations for all affected landowners. There are sixty-two private tracks that we are currently working with right now along the eighteen mile route.

Member Ogalla stated hello Ms. Karen Kennedy, I represent that area out there and I was just wondering, are you planning any type of a public hearing or anything?

Ms. Karen Kennedy stated an open house? Yes, we are planning one. We were hoping to get the route a little more defined so we're targeting the right folks, but yes, we definitely plan some time in the first quarter.

Member Ogalla stated and you'll let the County Board know so that we can all know...

Ms. Karen Kennedy stated absolutely.

Member Ogalla stated okay thank you.

Ms. Karen Kennedy stated thank you.

Executive Walsh stated any other questions? I guess we asked them all in the first one.

Ms. Karen Kennedy stated I got off easy.

Executive Walsh stated well thank you very much Ms. Karen Kennedy. Keep us informed.

Ms. Karen Kennedy stated thank you for the opportunity.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Executive Walsh stated moving along, County Board Member Denise Winfrey. Will you come forward to present a Proclamation...Martin Luther King Day.

Member Winfrey stated good morning Mr. Executive and fellow Board Members. We are very pleased to be hear today in recognition of the King Holiday. As many of you know, yesterday was Dr. King's actual birthday and on Monday we are going to celebrate "Day of Service". I have with me with me this morning our Mr. Dale Evans and Ms. Beth Ann May for the Committee Service Council of Will County and it's through their effort and your support that we're able to have a day of service on Monday. The Proclamation reads:

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Act, enacted in 1994, is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service, "a day on, not a day off", and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is a way to transfer Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and teaching into community action that helps solve social problems; and

WHEREAS, this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will be held on January 20th, and calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to strengthen communities, bridge barriers and move us closer to Dr. King's version of a "Beloved Community;" and

WHEREAS, service projects are being organized by a wide range of local non-profits including the Community Services Council of Will County, Inc., National Hook-Up of Black Women, the University of St. Francis, Joliet Job Corps, the United Way of Will County, Inc., and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board and the Will County Executive do proclaim the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday as a Day of Service in Will County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Will County Board and the Will County Executive encourage residents of Will County to fulfill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of serving the community with "a day on, not a day off" and give back to the community.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

ATTEST:

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Member Winfrey made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Martin Luther King Day of Service.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE IS APPROVED.

Mr. Dale Evans stated now that it's been proclaimed, I would request that the County Board Members consider volunteering on that day themselves. Of course, there are some that have already called in to say that they will be there. What better example of public service than on that day, being there with some of those folks who gave you votes. So, I would encourage you all to join us on that day, you can dial: (815) 724-1142. We'll put you assigned to a team that day and you can go out and do service with us. Right now, we're looking at four hundred volunteers; two hundred of them being high school students; and Joliet West that will join us on that day of service. I want to really give a special thank you to organizers. Not the individuals of Joliet, but companies that have stepped up to assist us to make this happen. We have Great American Bagel and Milano's Bakery that will be providing our breakfast in the morning. Babe's Hotdog's has stepped up to provide lunch for all of our volunteers on that day and a group called Project Pride gave us a nice donation to help toward those meals for our family. So, there are not many places that you can go volunteer, get community service hours, and get breakfast and lunch. Thank you all so much for your Proclamation and your support of the Martin Luther King Day in Joliet. It's happening all over the County you all. We want to make it a day on, not a day off; and what we do here in Joliet; our goal is to see that happen in Lockport, Plainfield, Bolingbrook...every city in our County; together we can make it happen. Let' do it.

Executive Walsh stated thank you Mr. Dale Evans. Okay, next item is Public Comment. We do have a couple of speakers signed up to make comments today, so our first speaker is Mr. Robert Buonadonna.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Buonadonna stated his name and address as 791 Wildwood, New Lenox, IL. Before you, again, is the Ordinance about the open burning. Last month it was tabled for relook or some more input is before you today with some minor modifications in it. What it boils down to is public health. It is a pollutant and to let this continue in the more developed areas of Will County, there are a lot of rural areas that this probably wouldn't apply to, but there are many where you have people living hands on with each other, relatively small lots. We have the hidden incorporated areas that are surrounded by unincorporated areas, and unfortunately, the smoke doesn't stay in their backyards. It permeates the area, if any of you again, have been to Jewel on Route 30 during the fall, it's always like you're running into a fog and this is really harmful to kids, my wife who couldn't be here today, works at a pediatrician's office, and asthma is on the rise. Other difficulties: the elderly...I'm not there yet, but soon. They have trouble. They have to be shut in for a couple of months in the fall and one month in the spring. And I do urge this Board to pass it, and then down the road, maybe even make it more stringent, two, three years as more facts come out the harmfulness of releasing many of these pollutants into the air. Thank you for your patience.

Executive Walsh stated thank you very much Mr. Robert Buonadonna.

Mr. Robert Buonadonna stated thank you.

Executive Walsh stated our next speaker is Ms. Maraline Mattke.

Ms. Maraline Mattke stated her name and address as 2892 Hoberg Drive, Joliet, IL. "And Justice for All"; those are the words we all said for the Pledge of Allegiance. But, unfortunately, there isn't justice for all in Will County unless you vote in this Ordinance. The numbers of people affected by pollution are large. It is a huge population. It includes; pediatric asthma: thirteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine; adult asthma: thirty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine. COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: twenty-eight thousand; Diabetes: forty-five thousand; adults sixty-five and over: sixty-six thousand; children under eighteen: one hundred ninety-three thousand seven hundred thirty-seven thousand. This is not a situation that just affects a few, and it's not a situation that just affects a few over a brief period of time. The burning in November has continued to cause me havoc in my health. I would encourage you to follow the ADA guidelines and put this Ordinance into affect in order to save a lot of people a lot of pain and suffering. Please vote with your conscience, not necessarily with your party. And I'd like to give a couple of minutes for State's Attorney Glasgow to explain the ADA portion of this Ordinance.

State's Attorney Glasgow stated the nice lady came up to me before the meeting and talked to me about the ADA portion. There isn't a legal requirement that we comply with the ADA with this Ordinance. Other than that, I really don't have anything more to add.

OLD BUSINESS

**STATUS OF UNSIGNED OR RETURNED
RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Executive Walsh stated all Resolutions from the December 19, 2013 County Board Agenda have been signed by the County Executive.

NEW BUSINESS

**LAND USE PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tom Weigel, Chair**

Member Weigel stated good morning everyone.

Member Weigel made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, to open public hearing for all Land Use Cases.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALL LAND USE CASES IS OPENED AT 10:45 A.M.

Executive Walsh announced we are in Public Hearing. Please be advised that absolutely no new evidence or information will be allowed once this Land Use Public Hearing is closed. Two cases to be heard today; first case is 6149-M, second case is 6155-MV. Anyone here from the public wishes to discuss either one of these zoning cases?

Member Weigel made a motion, seconded by Member Maher, to close the Public Hearing.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALL LAND USE CASES IS CLOSED AT 10:46 A.M.

Member Weigel stated the first Case #6149-M was not actually heard at Land Use, it was held up at the PZC, so we do not have to hear that Case today. We will not take any action on it.

Member Weigel presented Case #6155-MV, Zoning Map Amendment from A-2 to A-1 in Washington Township.



ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS ZONING ORDINANCE”
Adopted and Approved September 9, 1947 as amended

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Will County, Illinois has recommended the reclassification of a certain area within the County as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, it appears that such recommendation was based upon a duly advertised hearing by said Planning and Zoning Commission of Will County affecting property located in Washington Township where such area is situated; and

WHEREAS, it appears that due notice of the time and place of such hearing was published in a paper of general circulation in Will County, Illinois; that such hearing was duly and properly held, and that report thereof has been made to this Board within thirty days after such hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Will County, Illinois that:

Section 1. That the “Will County Zoning Ordinance”, approved September 9, 1947, as amended, is and the same is hereby amended by reclassifying the area described as follows:

MAP AMENDMENT FROM A-2 TO A-1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PART OF THE WEST 665 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING SOUTH OF THE LAND CONVEYED TO COMMONWEALTH EDISON, BY DOCUMENT R70-6605, AND LYING NORTH OF A LINE 273.94 FEET SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SAID QUARTER, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 22-29-300-009. CONTAINING 5.02 ACRES MORE OR LESS

Section 2. That the County Clerk shall alter the map of said territory described in Subsection 3.1, Section 3 of said Will County Zoning Ordinance to indicate such revised classification and shall certify such alteration by her signature and the date thereof, file the same and make available for public reference.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law (or passage, approval and publication as provided by law).

CASE NO: 6155-MV

**APPELLANT: James F. and D. Kelly Padden, Owners of Record
Casey McCollon, PE; Christopher B. Burke Engineering,
LTD.; Agent**

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes ___ No ___ Pass _____

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Weigel made a motion, seconded by Member Howard, to approve Case #6155-MV.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

CASE #6155-MV IS APPROVED.

Member Weigel stated we do not have to act on the variance on this case; it was approved by the PZC. As far as Resolutions, we have one Resolution on the Agenda and that is also being pulled from the Agenda. The Committee asked for additional information concerning this matter, so we did not have to take action on that. Our next Committee meeting will be February 11, thank you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Stephen Wilhelmi, Chair

Member Wilhelmi stated good morning, Happy New Year fellow County Board Members, Executive Walsh; how is everybody today? I, fortunately, do not have much of a report, but I do have several reports to be placed on file.

1. Report from the Illinois Department of Revenue showing sales tax remitted to Will County for the month of November 2013 to be \$1,435,122.66. The RTA Tax received is \$1,737,664.97.

$$\$1,435,122.66 + \$1,737,664.97 = \$3,172,787,63$$

2. Will County Monthly County Treasurer's Report from Will County Treasurer Steve Weber dated November 30, 2013.

3. Will County Annual Report from Will County Treasurer Steve Weber dated 12/01/2012 thru 11/30/2013.
4. Will County Semi-Annual Report from Will County Treasurer Steve Weber dated 06/01/2013 thru 11/30/2013.
5. Will County Quarterly Report from Will County Treasurer Steve Weber dated 09/01/2013 thru 11/30/2013.

Member Wilhelmi made a motion, seconded by Member Traynere, to place the above Reports on file.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

REPORTS ARE PLACED ON FILE.

Member Wilhelmi stated thank you very much. Again, like I said, I have no business to transact; our next meeting will be February 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and I hope you all have a great January.

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE **Walter Adamic, Chair**

Member Adamic stated good morning Mr. Executive and fellow Board Members. We did not meet this month due to lack of any Resolutions, however, I would like to take a little bit of time to thank a few people. Last month, I was not here due to a death in the family and I'd like to publically thank our Vice-Chair Member Moran for taking our Agenda forward last month at County Board as well as all the help of other Committee Members as well too. I would also like to thank our employees that work at our Highway Branch, and their efforts to keep our roads clear; they have had quite a bit of inclement weather with the extreme cold and a little bit more snow than we're used to. I want to thank them publically as well for keeping our roads clear and safe. We do have a Public Hearing coming up on January 29th for 143rd Street between Lemont Road and Bell Road, and I want to make everybody aware of that, and if anybody's interested can attend from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Hadley School at 15731 Bell Road in Homer Glen, Illinois. That's pretty much all I have. Our next meeting is February 4, 2014. Thank you so much and enjoy your day.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE **Reed Bible, Chair**

Member Bible stated good morning Mr. Executive, County Clerk Voots. Due to an abundance of frigid weather this month, the Judicial Committee did not meet. So, therefore, we do not have a report to offer this month, however, we will be back on track next month on February 4th at 8:30 a.m. and that is all I have to offer today.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
Joseph Babich, Chair

Member Babich stated good morning Mr. Executive and fellow Board Members; today I'm going to be presenting Ordinance #13-312. This Ordinance has been going through Committee, the process, going through Committee, I cannot count all the time on one hand. It's been here forever. So today, this morning, I received some amendments that did not go through this process of going through my Committee.

Member Babich made a Motion, seconded by Member Zigrossi, to remove Ordinance #13-312 from the table.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

ORDINANCE #13-312 IS REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Member Babich presented Ordinance #13-312, Ordinance Amending Will County Code of Ordinances Chapter 93 Pertaining to Open Burning or Nuisance Fires.

Executive Walsh stated discussion?

Member Maher stated we are going to propose an Amendment. We understand that this is an issue that has been discussed for a long time in Committee this year. This is an issue that has been discussed in this County for decades. And, it's an issue that we feel is one that has been discussed and answered; understanding that we want to be sensitive to the folks that are having medical issues. I have a number of folks up in my area that do burns and have properties that are a lot smaller than one thousand feet and this Ordinance would infringe their rights to be able to do the things that they need to do to keep maintenance in their yard and things that they have been doing for decades. This is not something that has just happened over the last year, this is something that has been going on for a long period of time. So, with this Amendment, we would like to do some restrictions of time; the Amendment is out in front of folks, but I move that this Amendment be added, taking out the one thousand feet identified in the original and adding to it the language herein.

Member Maher made a motion, seconded by Member Fricilone, to amend Ordinance #13-312.

Executive Walsh stated discussion on Member Maher's Amendment?

Member Babich stated our meetings, every month, we have invited every member of this County Board to our meetings to discuss the process and today...I think this has been

done about twenty-four hours ago; all these amendments. I do not approve of just throwing something on the desk and saying, here vote on it in my favor. Thank you.

Member Adamic stated thank you Mr. Executive and fellow Board Members. I would say we had a fairly lengthy discussion on this in Caucus. I, myself, believe that as human beings on this Earth we should have fresh water and clear air as a right. I know there has been a number of people who have burned their leaves and so forth and perhaps for some of them this may be a hardship but medically if you're in a hospital because of that, that's a greater hardship and I'm a little more sympathetic to that. Could there be some common ground that could be worked out in some of these other lots? There possibly could. But we have a committee structure and we've always been encouraged to work through the committee structure. I believe we should; I think it's a good process and when you don't follow process and procedure, that's when you sometimes you maybe not make the best decision, so I would encourage to work through the process. Everybody was invited to come to the Committee meetings, like we have always been over the years is to work through a Committee process. If it's a minor tweak here or there, I don't personally mind it, that's the prerogative for every Board Member to make that decision, of course. But, I think there could still be some common ground to try to work out some of things that maybe Member Maher and maybe some others that have some issues in some of these rural entities of the County. So, why not pass this today, come back to the Committee structure, if we need to tweak something, at least we have something enforceable on the books.

Member Moustis stated I too believe in the Committee structure, and what went back to Committee for some additional consideration, I thought was going to be existing language and you were going to look at it and perhaps modify it. You made a major change to this. You've added one thousand feet; within a thousand feet of anyone who has any respiratory problems, well that in affect, bans all burning in the unincorporated area. And because you made a major change, we didn't have a chance to respond. We're responding now because we just got it. That thousand feet was not in there prior. So when you make a major change, and then you bring it to the Board, don't act like "well, you could have come". You made the change that I think is substantial. So, in effect, you made it more restrictive when it went back to Committee, when it was here prior. So, the thousand foot was added; that's a game changer, and we didn't have a chance to respond to it until it came out of Committee. So, that's why we're responding now. So that's why I think we're having a little bit of a debate today and suggesting alternatives to the thousand foot restriction, which in effect, bans all burning. Because, as you heard the lady give statistics, of everyone that has these respiratory ailments and heart ailments...well, I can't think of anybody that's not within a thousand feet. And I do think there are other things that come into affect. If I lived on my property for the last forty years and I live in a suburban rural environment, and you move next door to me Member Babich, and you have a respiratory problem, or...then I, all of the sudden have to stop everything? Your issues trump my property rights? And many of these issues, by the way, were self imposed on many people through their own personal habits; their smoking, or whatever, so some of these people have these problems because of their life-long habits and I want to also point out that nobody has demonstrated to me that a seasonal burning of leaves has ill-effects on majority of people. I know they say it affects them, but I haven't seen any real scientific evidence that this in itself is going to cause super hardship on these folks. This really comes down to neighbor disputes very often, and now you want to legislate neighbor

disputes. I will tell you that you want to pick one class of people over another that you have more rights than I have. And let me say that these are historical practices, historical traditions; especially in the rural areas. Then I say, if you're going to do this, then exempt nobody, including the farmers. Why should they be exempt then? Then just make it across the board, you exempt them because you've got the pressure from them, that's why. For us who represent rural areas, and the state residential areas, and rural suburban areas, we oppose this thousand foot. So I'll let these amendments go through, but I'm going to offer another amendment if this fails, just so you know. Deal with the thousand foot directly.

Member Howard stated this is an interesting conversation. Actually at the Caucus this morning it was interesting also, and what I will say is that as Elected Officials we represent everyone and many times it wasn't a personal life choice that made this problem as far as a respiratory problem, they might have worked in a steel mill their whole life and developed emphysema or something like that. So not necessarily what somebody does privately or their job, I don't think we should actually get in to that, but the issue was this morning, was basically that a major amendment came through...it was after the Committee progress, and I suggested that maybe we needed to go back to the Legislative and Policy Committee and just discuss whether we want a Committee process anymore or not. Because what's happening here is basically issues are being changed at the eleventh hour, and what we want to do in the future is basically say okay, if we do have a Committee process, we do hold something through on the committee process that we actually disrespect that and at this point in time it was decided that what we need to do is pass the original Resolution and then we can amend it in the future. Now, today, actually at the Caucus, the Sheriff's Department came in and said this is basically; we don't have the resources to enforce this. We don't have the resources to enforce the prior one also. I think this, in my view, needs a lot more thought. And actually, I talked to the Farm Bureau prior to this meeting because I can't contact everybody in a moment's notice to find out what their actual input is. And, I think as Elected Officials, we need speak to our residents and find out. Neighbor A might want this and neighbor B might want this, but we represent both of them and I think at this point in time we need to figure out the balance of this and look forward we are going to have to tweak this Resolution in the future; that we can all agree on. We might not agree on anything else but we will agree that basically this is a work in process and I haven't been here that many years to know the history of it, but apparently this thing has been kicked around a long, long time and all we're doing is looking for a starting point today where we can actually pass something, get it through and actually work it forward in a positive manner at that point. Thank you.

Member Weigel stated this has been before the Committee for several months and the thousand feet discussion has been in the Committee for at least three months. It was in there last month; it was in there the prior month. The reason that it was sent back to Committee last time, we had in there a hundred feet from any structure. The Committee changed that back to fifty feet from any structure. This was changed back to what was already in our Ordinance. The only new change was the thousand feet and this was brought fourth, citizens contacted me, they had respiratory problems. I told them I would bring it forth to the Board and try to get them some relief and I suggest we vote against the Amendment and for the original Ordinance presented.

Member Zigrossi stated thank you. We've heard from both sides, and again, I hate to use the pun "it's a burning issue", but it's gone beyond the just the months that it's been in Committee with this current Board. This goes on for years. The one thing that's happened here, as has been said, very eloquently by Member Howard, this is a Committee structure. I know Member Maher has told me before "well, it's just seven people". This is the structure that we operate within. There's not only one Committee, that it gets betted through with issues before it comes to this Board for a vote. It also goes through Executive Committee, which is thirteen members, which all of those pretty much are sitting Chairman of each Committee before it gets moved to this Board. There is a procedural issue; we do need to follow proper procedure. I would entertain the Resolution that's currently on the floor, which was betted properly through the Committee, and then if there are additional changes once it's gone through and if it goes through, then we can make those changes and bring those changes forward. Proper procedure needs to be followed.

Member Traynere stated I just wanted to mention, there's this really new tool out there; it's called Google. When checking Google and burning leaves, it was very clear to me that they are an issue and that there are definite health problems and it's been documented by not only Government Agencies but by Universities. So if anyone is in question about whether or not burning leaves cause problems for people in terms of breathing, Google will give them the answer that they're looking for.

Member Maher stated well please don't believe everything that you read in Google. I think that's the first thing I teach my students when I teach them. But anyway, this is absolutely a Committee structure...it has been. And when good policy comes out of a Committee and everybody agrees that that policy is good, we vote on it. When policy comes out that people are questioning whether that is the appropriate policy, it is the right, no, it is the duty, of the Elected Official to stand up and say "I don't agree"; that your constituents might have a different point of view than mine. And, that when we have different points of views, we don't necessarily create policy that is going to have to be revisited. We don't need another Obamacare here. We don't need to pass policy that then starts a process of writing regulations that then have to be rewritten if that policy changes. To Member Howard's point, he doesn't even agree with all the pieces that are here and he thinks there are things should be changed, so why are we passing this to start with? So don't tell me, let it come out of Committee, and just go with it without any changes, but also in the same breath Member Howard, tell me that you think there are things that need to be changed; that we should change them back in Committee. That's ridiculous. That is not the way Government should work and it's not the way I'm going to vote in this particular situation.

Member Balich stated Mr. Chairman I am unable to make that particular Committee and I try to go to almost every Committee meeting and that one I can't make and I am adamantly against this Ordinance and if I was able to be there and speak, they would hear a lot of reasons why that are very logical.

Member Fricilone stated and I agree with Member Maher. I believe in a Committee structure, but I believe that Committee is supposed to bring policy forth that we understand how it's going to be dealt with, how it's going to be enforced, and what questions are going to be asked. And we just heard from Member Howard that the Sheriff's Department

doesn't know how they're going to be able to enforce this and we are going to have questions from the people who can no longer burn as to what do I do with my leaves and twigs and branches now? We haven't answered both of those questions and yet we want to bring a policy forth. So I think all three of those things have to be answered not just come up with new policy.

Member Howard stated as I stated earlier, this is a start, this Resolution and the problem with this is basically, the amendment, you're along the same line also as far as saying, this is the end-all of this whole issue and I don't think it is. We are a very diverse County; we have rural areas, semi-rural areas, we have urban areas and suburban areas, we have all those different areas and it's very hard to get a one size fits all. I would also like to compliment Member Maher on Member Maher goes to Washington speech, so good luck in the future Member Maher.

Member Winfrey stated thank you Mr. Executive. We've heard quite a bit of discussion on this issue and I believe we're at a point now where we may call the question.

Member Gould stated there's a lot of opinion on the Committee Mr. Executive and some issues; I think this is one of them needs to be discussed at the Board level. We need to have that discussion that we're having today. As a practical matter, I think we're going to have problems with that thousand feet. It's problematic. In terms of enforcement, we'll have problems, but as a practical matter, for those residents that live in the unincorporated areas, if you live on those long, narrow lots, what are you going to do if you live within those thousand feet? A lot of these small Townships, they don't have budgets to obtain leaf collection equipment. Townships can't pick them up. The County is not going into the business of leaf collection. So, I think a lot of our residents are going to have to deal with something they haven't had to deal with before. The last thing is, keep in mind that our Public Hearing was held on September 12th, and this Ordinance has changed quite a bit since September the 12th, and we've had no Public Hearing since then. A lot of provisions since the thousand feet have been added, so there's been no Public Hearing since September the 12th for residents. Thank you.

Executive Walsh stated motion on the floor is Member Maher's Amendment. Does everybody have the Amendment? Everybody has the Amendment Member Babich. Everybody has the Amendment...is what Member Maher is presenting, correct? The motion is to approve this amendment to Ordinance #13-312, everybody understand? County Clerk Voots call the roll. Voting Aye is to approve the Amendment.

Member Maher made a motion, seconded by Member Fricilone, to amend Ordinance #13-312.

Voting Affirmative were: Moustis, Ogalla, Izzo, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Hart, Maher, McDermid and Collins. Total: Eleven.

Negative votes: Zigrossi, Howard, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Weigel, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Fourteen.

ORDINANCE #13-312 AMENDMENT IS DENIED.

Member Moustis stated I would like to offer another Amendment to the proposed Ordinance #13-312; 93.018 location of fires. And I would strike the portion that says: "Fires shall be located not less than 1,000 feet, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, from any school, park, hospital, nursing home and/or residence of a person with a Chronic Respiratory Disease." I'm making a motion to Amend the Ordinance as presented by Committee. Second paragraph Mr. Executive where it says "Location of Fires".

Executive Walsh stated yes that should all be (inaudible) the whole paragraph is...and your motion is to be deleted. Is that what you're saying?

Member Moustis stated yes.

Executive Walsh stated and nothing more put in?

Member Moustis stated nothing more put in.

Executive Walsh stated deletion of that two sentence paragraph in section 93.018 Location of Fires.

Member Moustis stated yes.

Executive Walsh stated okay.

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Maher to delete "Fires shall be located not less than 1,000 feet, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, from any school, park, hospital, nursing home and/or residence of a person with a Chronic Respiratory Disease." from Section 93.018 of amended Ordinance #13-312.

Member Maher stated I would also like to ask for a friendly addition to that Amendment if I could. With the 93.02 making sure...because I'm not looking at the current one, that we added Recreational Fires and designated Conservations as an exemption. Was that put on to the final one?

Member Ogalla stated no.

Member Maher stated I think that was recommended by the State's Attorney in Caucus.

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated that was to the amendment.

Member Maher stated right and what I'm saying is I want to add that to the...

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated (inaudible) the amendment that was put on the desks because you banned burning except in the three months, but no longer banned burning in the three months, rather it's...

Member Maher stated so we don't need to worry about that even with the thousand foot rule Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe?

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated well you can make it an exception.

Member Maher stated that's what I'm saying. Recreational fires...I think if this thing is going to pass, I want to make sure the right language is in here and I'm asking that we add that as an exemption, the recreational fires and the designated conservation areas, like the farms are not included, they're exempted. Because, that's not the burning of the leaves, that's someone having a fire pit in their backyard; and burning wood...and the conservation is to control burn that we do in our forest preserves all the time. So I want to make sure that gets added. Would you accept that as a...

Executive Walsh stated it's a very, very, very sensitive issue and we have to make sure that (inaudible) as the record is correct.

Member Moustis stated I think the only thing that would maybe need some attention is that the conservation...does the conservation areas, I don't think it was addressed in the Resolution, it came out of Committee and certainly they should be exempt also. But, everything else is addressed; is in this Resolution as coming from Committee. But if I may, I would add for exemptions, under Exemptions, the Conservation Districts also be included in the exemptions. That would be my...strike paragraph two of 93.018 and add under Exemptions, "designated conservation areas".

Executive Walsh stated that's your total Amendment?

Members' Moustis and Maher stated yes.

Executive Walsh stated okay.

Member Maher stated and I'm seconding that.

Executive Walsh stated okay. Discussion?

Member Howard stated County Clerk Voots can you read that back to us?

Member Ogalla stated I just want to remind Member Howard that this is not a start. We already have a Burn Ordinance on our books today. What's been proposed here is going and talking about for a long time now. Our changes to our existing Burn Ordinance, which will, in effect, limit people from burning; and I understand everybody's concern about people with chronic lung diseases, I do really care for those people. It does impact their lives. But, as a Board, of the majority of the people who don't want our constituents to burn, support putting an Airport in Eastern Will County. And that will significantly impact the quality of air from my constituents. So you guys have got to think about this, and we want to protect people to have nice air. If you look at the Suburban O'Hare Commission, there is all kinds of data out there about the impact of the jet fuel that comes out of the Airport to the surrounding communities. So, and that is an every day occurrence. Not just when leaves are falling from the ground. So, you guys support an Airport, but you don't want people to

burn a couple times a year when the leaves fall. I am so confused by where you stand on trying to protect people with chronic lung diseases.

Member Zigrossi stated thank you. Member Ogalla, I understand everything you said as far as we do have a Burn Ordinance that's on our books. The issue has always been it is unenforceable, which is why it is back out there now. The changes that are being suggested now on the floor that everyone is somewhat confused about, I'm still going to suggest they go back to the Committee and then people that want an audience to be heard on those issues at least can be heard. So, again, take it back to the structure. There's too much confusion right now centering around what's even being offered up to put in to this. But again, this is a matter of enforceability. We have no enforcement with what we burn, so it's a lot of words with no meaning. Thank you.

Member Fricilone stated then I think this should go back to Public Hearing because a thousand feet in paragraph that was just suggested was not brought forward in the Public Hearing back in September. So it needs to go back. We have this much difference of opinion, we aren't going to let the public weigh in on this?

Member Weigel stated we have had opportunity for citizens to come at all of our meetings, last month they came and this month they came to talk about it; the public was here and they talked about it. This is on our website, people can look at what we're doing and if they want to come out and make comments, they can do that.

Member Maher stated but we've had new ideas and thoughts come out on this Board floor today. So, because new ideas have come out, it's not part of that Committee structure that we've been talking about this morning? We're just going to negate that and not allow the public voice their opinions? I think that's wrong and I think and as I'm taking a look at the...relooking at the original, I'm not seeing recreational fires as one of the exemptions on here either on page three under Exceptions 93.020, and, I really think recreational fires need to be on there as part of Exceptions. It's not on there.

Member Howard stated Mr. Executive, just for clarifications, so that it's correct in the minutes, Member Howard doesn't want to see anybody burned. I think we're talking about burning leaves and that kind of stuff so, that's the way it was presented.

Member Hart stated my comment is going to be a little bit more elementary and simple. Bottom line...one thing I've gotten being on this County Board in three years, is that when people go and move in the unincorporated areas, they do it for a reason. So we don't put these restrictions on so they can burn. I'm in the City of Naperville, we can't, but the unincorporated can. The other point I want to make, our District, Member Maher and I, Naperville versus Peotone, I still go back to this, should be by Townships. I know you can't, I've asked that question, but this County is so huge but what we have is okay, but would be completely different in say, another part of the County. That's all I want to make. Maybe I'm with Member Zigrossi on this and having to go back because I'm a straight no.

Member Weigel stated in the Section 93.018, it says legitimate recreational fires shall be located no less than fifty feet from any structure. So, recreational fires are included.

Member Moustis stated how do you define legitimate?

Member Weigel stated definition for recreational fires, fires being used for entertain, cook, burn sticks, limbs, logs, charcoal cooking and camping fuel; under Definitions, first page.

Member Balich stated what Member Weigel just read was fifty feet. I know at my house with that kind of a rule, I couldn't have a little, bitty barbeque going because it would be fifty feet from a structure and most of the places in Will County you're going to find that the lots aren't big enough to be fifty feet from a structure. So right there we have a problem.

Member Weigel stated under Section 93.018, fires contained in a patio burning unit shall be at least fifteen feet from any structure. So, you can have these little patio units, little, round table of rocks or whatever you can burn those within fifteen feet of a building.

Member Collins stated I'm on this Committee and I've been hearing about this for the last thirteen months. I've got so many different versions of this; I have no idea where we're at on this right now. So I think it needs to be cleaned up, and I don't know if that means it has to go back to Committee or have a Public Hearing or both or all of it but I don't know which ones we're talking about when we have this many copies in front of us.

Member Brooks stated Mr. Executive whether we can make a Committee meeting or not, if our schedule does not allow us to be at Public Hearing, every one of us on this Legislative Body have an opportunity to participate in this vote. Whether County Clerk Voots does her best to explain it, the best way we can be there by being here today and vote it. So, Mr. Executive, County Clerk Voots, would you help us understand so we can make an intelligent vote on whatever is on the floor.

Executive Walsh stated lets give Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe our attention okay.

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated if I understand your Amendment, Member Maher and Member Moustis, it is to remove the second paragraph on 93.018. I think that it would also require the removal of 93.999 penalties; you would have to remove that paragraph because that deals with penalties for having a fire within one thousand feet of those various chronic respiratory disease group. I'm also hearing that we want to have designated conservation areas under 93.020 so that it would be an exception. What I am not clear of is whether or not we want recreational fires which are defined as fires used to entertain or to cook, burn sticks, limbs, logs, charcoal cooking and camping fuel only. Do you want that to be an exception as well or not? I'm not clear on that.

Member Moustis stated yes.

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated okay, so you want 93.020 to include as exceptions recreational fires and designated conservation areas.

Member Moustis stated correct.

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated I believe those are the amendments that have been proposed.

Executive Walsh stated that was Member Moustis' motion and seconded by Member Maher. Are there any questions for Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe?

Member Moran stated I just want to make sure I understand this. Under Exceptions then, recreational fires of all types would be under exceptions if they're fifty feet from something...?

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated I believe the fifty feet would stay, but they would be an exception.

Member Moran stated can I ask for an explanation (inaudible). If I have a barbeque grill on my deck behind my house and I'm cooking with charcoal, does it have to be fifty feet from my house?

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated as the Ordinance has come forward from the Committee, you would be banned from that charcoal grill. It would have to be fifty feet, because it does not fall under the definition of patio wood burning unit. It falls under the definition of recreational fires. So yes, you would have to have your charcoal grill more than fifty feet from your structure.

Member Rice stated I just remember asking that question several months ago and that we were given different information as far as what a grill was considered.

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe stated I'm not sure who you ask the question of or where you got the answer. I'm reading what's in front of me and I just read the definition of recreational fire and it says: "Fires used to entertain or cook and it includes charcoal cooking". That to me sounds like a charcoal grill; I'm not sure what else it could refer to. And then if I read Patio Wood Burning Unit that's a chimnea, patio warmer, or other portable wood burning unit.

Member Rice stated thank you I was really just wanting to clarify as I said prior different information.

Member Brooks stated Mr. Executive, in all do respect, Member Babich's Committee worked very hard on this. We've been dealing with this for many, many months. We thought we were at a point right now where we can say aye or nay and obviously that's not going to happen. Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe will be up here the rest of the afternoon explaining to us what we have on the floor, when you finish, you have got to explain the next one and may I suggest Member Babich, that we send it back to your Committee. Let's show up one more time and get an understanding and bring it back to this floor in February. I hate to do it, but we're not going to get anywhere here. Thank you.

Executive Walsh stated are you moving this back to Committee?

Member Brooks stated I'm moving Ordinance #13-312 back to Committee.

Member Moustis stated let's vote on the Amendment.

Executive Walsh stated (inaudible) unless they vote to table. If they vote to table then that's...

Member Brooks stated then may I rephrase then? May I motion to table and withdraw my motion to send it back to your Committee.

Executive Walsh stated move by Member Brooks to table and send it back to Committee.

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Member Zigrossi, to table Ordinance #13-312.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Hart, Maher, McDermid, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-one.

Negative votes: Rice, Harris, Wilhelmi, Weigel. Total: Four.

ORDINANCE #13-312 IS TABLED.

Member Zigrossi stated one thing that I am going to strongly recommend is obviously this has been going on for such a long time, especially diverse opinions that surround this Ordinance. Please make every effort to come to the specific Committee that this is held at and voice your opinion so it can be heard. We cannot have things like this coming at the tenth hour coming back before a vote. It's just inappropriate to have things handled that way. Obviously, there are a number of diverse opinions that are on this County Board. Let your voices then be heard.

Member Moustis stated if I could make one other suggestion perhaps when the Committee finalizes what they think would like to bring forward, I would suggest that we do have a Public Hearing before it comes back to the Board.

Member Weigel stated this Ordinance was for nuisance fires not for barbequing in your backyard that is still permissible under our Ordinances. You are carrying this out to something that's beyond what's in our Ordinance.

Member Babich presented Resolution #14-02, Renewing Contract for Pharmaceutical & Consulting Services at Sunny Hill Nursing Home.



Public Health & Safety Committee
Resolution#14-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RENEWING CONTRACT FOR PHARMACEUTICAL & CONSULTING
SERVICES AT SUNNY HILL NURSING HOME**

WHEREAS, the current contract for pharmaceutical and consulting services for Sunny Hill will expire on February 28, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the current contract with United Rx LLC, Villa Park, IL, for pharmaceutical services allowed for two (2), one (1) year renewal options, if the County desired to do so, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director and Sunny Hill Administration have recommended, and the Public Health & Safety Committee has concurred, that the contract for pharmaceutical and consulting services with United Rx LLC, Villa Park, IL, be renewed for an additional year, until February 28, 2015. The contract amount shall remain the same as the first year, i.e., based upon maximum bed capacity and maximum annual hours for IV Nurse and RN Staff. Additionally, the per diem amendment will continue through the term of this contract unless facility requests to switch back to a fee for service payment structure. A new performance bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 is also due with the new contract year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby renews the contract for pharmaceutical and consulting services for Sunny Hill Nursing Home with United Rx LLC, Villa Park, IL, until February 28, 2015, with the contract amount to remain the same as the first year, i.e., based upon maximum bed capacity and maximum annual hours for IV Nurse and RN Staff. Additionally, the per diem amendment will continue through the term of this contract unless facility requests to switch back to a fee for service payment structure. A new performance bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 is also due with the new contract year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such purchases shall be funded through the Sunny Hill Nursing Home Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Pass _____ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Babich made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, to approve Resolution #14-02.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #14-02 IS APPROVED.

Member Babich presented Resolution #14-03, Renewing Contracts for Disposable Incontinence Supplies for Sunny Hill Nursing Home.



Public Health & Safety Committee
Resolution#14-03

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RENEWING CONTRACTS FOR DISPOSABLE INCONTINENCE SUPPLIES
FOR SUNNY HILL NURSING HOME**

WHEREAS, the current contracts for disposable incontinence supplies for Sunny Hill will expire on January 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the current contracts with Medline Industries, Mundelein, IL, and McKesson Medical Surgical, Golden Valley, MN for incontinence supplies allowed for two (2), one (1) year renewal options, if the County desired to do so, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director and Sunny Hill Administration have recommended, and the Public Health & Safety Committee has concurred, that the contracts for incontinence supplies with Medline Industries, Mundelein, IL and McKesson Medical Surgical, Golden Valley, MN be renewed for an additional year, until January 31, 2015, pursuant to the terms of the original bid documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby renews the contracts for incontinence supplies for Sunny Hill Nursing Home with Medline Industries, Mundelein, IL

and McKesson Medical Surgical, Golden Valley, MN for an additional year, until January 31, 2015, pursuant to the terms of the original bid documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such purchases shall be funded through the Sunny Hill Nursing Home Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes___ No___ Pass_____ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Babich made a motion, seconded by Member Bible, to approve Resolution #14-03.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Rice, Harris, Traynere, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #14-03 IS APPROVED.

Member Babich stated that concludes my report Mr. Chairman, and February 13th we'll start all over again at 8:30 a.m.

Executive Walsh stated thank you very much Member Babich.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Diane Zigrossi, Chair

Member Zigrossi stated thank you. This particular month we did not have any issues that were coming before Insurance & Personnel Committee. Our next scheduled meeting is on February 11th at 9:30 a.m. And, as always, with all of our meetings, everyone is invited.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE
Robert Howard, Chair

Member Howard stated good morning Mr. Executive and I'd like to wish our fellow Board Members a Happy New Year and a safe New Year. Our next Legislative & Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2014, but I do have a thirty minute before right here but I will surrender that time to Member Hart.

Member Hart stated and I'll have a thirty second report...thank you, really quick we talked about our State Agenda, and had a nice discussion for the hour, then we moved it on with Mr. Nick Palmer with our Federal Agenda which we are going to put up for approval for February, for next month. I cannot stress enough, that anyone has any issues with the (inaudible) or have anything to add/delete, anything. We are not going to have any discussion on this. We like to discuss it at Committee, which will be on the eleventh. So that's just the big...and I will make phone calls in the mean time between then. Thank you.

Member Howard stated that concludes the Legislative & Policy Committee.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
Denise Winfrey, Chair

Member Winfrey stated good Morning Mr. Executive and fellow Board Members. Capital Improvements Committee did not meet. The next meeting will be February 4th. In December though we did have a tour of The Dora Holdings Property and some people were not able to attend and expressed an interest. If you would let Ms. Beth Adams know in the office, she is going to arrange another tour for that facility. In the mean time, (inaudible) will also be walking through that facility to give us some ideas on what could happen for us (inaudible). And that concludes my report.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE
Don Moran, Chair

Member Moran stated let's see, on the ninth of January the Airport Committee met (inaudible) Resolution meeting, but it was after Executive Committee, so the Resolution we brought forward (inaudible) Land Use Department. The history of the work that they've done related to the Airport. On the thirteenth of January, IDOT posted a public meeting for public officials at Governor's State University which was well attended by many local officials and State Representatives and Senators. Our next meeting will be scheduled for February 6th at 8:30 a.m. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Herbert Brooks, Jr., Chair

Member Brooks stated good morning Mr. Executive and County Board Members.

Member Brooks presented Resolution #14-04, Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Establishing and Designating an Enterprise Zone for a Portion of the Former Joliet Arsenal.



**Executive Committee
Ordinance #14-04**

**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND DESIGNATING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE FOR
A PORTION OF THE FORMER JOLIET ARSENAL**

WHEREAS, On September 19, 2002, the County Board of the County of Will adopted Ordinance No. 02-431 (The "Designating Ordinance") designating a portion of the former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant as legally described therein, consisting of approximately 1,791 acres (the "Enterprise Zone") as an enterprise zone pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.3(e) of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/1, *et seq.* (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that the boundaries of an enterprise zone may be amended to include additional territory, remove existing territory, and allows for the expansion of available incentives to be offered within an enterprise zone, among other activities, subject to the applicable requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Designating Ordinance has been amended on several occasions in the past, expanding the boundary of the Enterprise Zone to include land within the corporate limits of Wilmington, Illinois and Joliet, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the County of Will held a duly noticed public hearing on the current boundary amendment of the Enterprise Zone, to include property within the corporate limits of the Village of Channahon, the expansion of incentives to be offered within a portion of the Enterprise Zone, and for the removal of certain property currently within the Enterprise Zone, among other activities, as herein provided on November 21, 2013, and said public hearing was and conducted in all respects in a manner conforming to law; and

WHEREAS, the County finds that the boundary modification of the Enterprise Zone, to include property within the corporate limits of the Village of Channahon (in both Will and Grundy Counties), as hereinafter provided will serve the best interests of the County and the region by promoting economic development; and

WHEREAS, the County and Village of Channahon finds that the expansion of potential economic benefits to be made available to certain areas of the Enterprise Zone as hereinafter provided, will serve the best interests of the County and the region by promoting economic development; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 18-170 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/18-170, the property tax incentives implemented by this amendment to the Designating Ordinance will first affect taxes extended on the assessment of the 2014 tax year for taxes payable in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Designating Ordinance has been or will be duly certified by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the territory proposed to be added to the Enterprise Zone is an area of land contiguous to the present Enterprise Zone, and the addition of such territory will not cause the Enterprise Zone as amended, to exceed 15 square miles in area and is as described legally on the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the territory to be removed from the Enterprise Zone is not and will not be used for economic development purposes and the removal of this territory will allow the acreage to be redeployed to areas where it can be used to foster regional job creation and investment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County of Will as follows:

Section 1. The facts and statements contained in the above and foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby found by the Village to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Subject to the approval and certification by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the "Department"), the County hereby joins in the amendment of the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone (hereafter, the "Enterprise Zone") by adding the territory legally described in the application (represented in Exhibit A hereto) and shown in the application maps attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof, consisting of approximately 449.59 acres of additional land and removing approximately 486.66 acres of property that is currently within the Enterprise Zone.

Section 3. The Designating Ordinance, as previously supplemented and amended, is hereby further amended to provide that, consistent with relevant provisions in the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the Illinois Administrative Code:

Upon each parcel of property located within the portion of the Enterprise Zone in Grundy County upon which new nonresidential improvements are constructed or upon which existing non-residential improvements are renovated or rehabilitated, to the extent of the amount attributed to the construction of the improvements or the renovation or rehabilitation of the existing improvements on such parcel the following property tax abatement shall be available: an abatement of up to 100% of the annual property taxes due and payable to the various applicable taxing districts in Grundy County that choose to participate in the abatement, including but not limited to the Morris Community High School District 101, the Saratoga Community Consolidated School District 60C, Grundy County, and the Village of Channahon.

Section 4. The County hereby finds as follows:

- a. The Enterprise Zone, as amended by this Ordinance, is a contiguous area comprising more than one-half (1/2) square mile and less than fifteen (15) square miles in total area;
- b. The territory proposed to be added to the Enterprise Zone will provide a substantial and immediate benefit to the existing Enterprise Zone;
- c. The territory proposed to be removed from the Enterprise Zone will no longer provide any immediate or long-term economic benefit to the Enterprise Zone, the Village or the region, as it is being used for water retention and/or other non-economic development purposes, along with property that has been transferred to public ownership, and its removal will allow the acreage to be deployed to other areas where it can provide an immediate and substantial benefit to the Enterprise Zone;
- d. The addition of potential ad valorem tax benefits to qualifying Enterprise Zone residents in Grundy County will provide a substantial and immediate benefit to the existing Enterprise Zone because it will enable the development of a project(s) in the County that would likely not otherwise be possible, as evidenced by the strong support provided by Morris Community High School District 101, the Saratoga Community Consolidated School District 60C, Grundy County, and the Village of Channahon, among other entities;
- e. The Enterprise Zone, as amended herein, meets all other qualification, conditions and criteria established by the Act and the regulations promulgated by the Department; and

- f. The immediate certification of the amendment to the Enterprise Zone will carry out and fulfill the policy of the State of Illinois as set forth in Section 2 of the Act.

Section 5. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered severable, and the declaration of invalidity of any section, clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of the Ordinance which can be give effect.

Section 6. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Ordinance, all other provisions of the Designating Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect and shall apply in all respects to the territory subject to this Ordinance.

Section 7. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Director of the Department for certification according to law and to request immediate certification thereof.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and recording according to law; provided, however, that this Ordinance shall have no force or effect unless and until the Department has certified the original enterprise zone.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes___ No_____ Pass___ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this___ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, to approve Resolution #14-04.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-two.

No negative votes.

Voting abstain: Winfrey. Total: One.

RESOLUTION #14-04 IS APPROVED.

Member Brooks presented Resolution #14-05, Authorizing the Will County Executive to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Channahon to Provide for the Expansion of the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone.



**Executive Committee
Resolution #14-05**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**Authorizing the Will County Executive to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with
the Village of Channahon**

WHEREAS, the Village of Channahon is a Municipal Corporation situated in the County of Will (hereinafter referred to as "Channahon"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Will is a body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as the "County"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 05-551 the County has expanded the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/1. et seq. within the corporate limits of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 5, Section 220/1 et seq.) authorizes municipalities to exercise jointly with any public agency of the State, including other units of local government individually, and to enter into contracts for the performance of governmental services, activities, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7, Section 10 of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Wilmington and the County are empowered to contract for the purposes set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City desire to enter into an intergovernmental agreement so as to provide for the expansion of the Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone and to set forth the rights and responsibilities of the parties with regard to said expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Will County, Illinois that the Will County Executive is hereby authorized to execute an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Will and the Village of Channahon in substantially the same form as is hereby attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to take such action as is necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Pass _____ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, to approve Resolution #14-05.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-two.

No negative votes.

Voting abstain: Winfrey. Total: One.

RESOLUTION #14-05 IS APPROVED.

Member Brooks presented Resolution #14-06, Replacement Hires for Sunny Hill Nursing Home.

Executive Committee
Resolution #14-06



**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**REPLACEMENT HIRES FOR
SUNNY HILL NURSING HOME**

WHEREAS, in accordance with 55 ILCS 5/2-5009, the County Executive shall "appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board, such subordinate deputies, employees, and appointees for the general administration of county affairs as considered necessary, except those deputies, employees and appointees in the office of an elected county officer", and

WHEREAS, the Will County Executive has presented the attached personnel list for the Sunny Hill replacement hires to the Executive Committee of the County Board, and

WHEREAS, that list has been approved by the Executive Committee in the appropriate manner and now the committee recommends the list to the full Will County Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board, in accordance with 55 ILCS 5/2-5009, does hereby concur with the action of its Executive Committee and the County Executive and gives its consent to the list of names attached to this Resolution for the Sunny Hill Nursing Home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes___ No___ Pass___ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Adamic, to approve Resolution #14-06.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-three.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #14-06 IS APPROVED.

Member Brooks presented Resolution #14-07, Designating the County Highway Department as the Will County Division of Transportation.

**Executive Committee
Resolution #14-07**



**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**DESIGNATING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS
THE WILL COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Will County has experienced substantial growth in its population during the past decade, and

WHEREAS, the official 2010 Census revealed a population of 677,560, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 605 ILCS 5/5 - 201.1, in which each county of more than 600,000 inhabitants but less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, there shall be a County Division of Transportation with a County Director of the Division of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Will County Board, that the Will County Department of Highways is hereby renamed the Will County Division of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes___ No___ Pass___ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this___ day of_____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Adamic, to approve Resolution #14-07.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-three.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #14-07 IS APPROVED.

Member Brooks presented Resolution #14-08, Appropriating Grant Funds in the Health Department Budget for Outreach and Enrollment Assistance.



Executive Committee
Resolution #14-08

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**Appropriating Grant Funds in the Health Department Budget
for Outreach and Enrollment Assistance**

WHEREAS, the Will County Community Health Center has been awarded a grant through HRSA, US Department of Health and Human Services. This supplemental one-time funding is to provide support to health centers to meet increased demand for enrollment assistance, and

WHEREAS, the following appropriation adjustments are requested in the FY2014 Health Department Budget to carry out this program:

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| <u>Revenue:</u> | | | | |
| From: | 207-00-000- | 39996 | Anticipated New Revenue | \$85,536.00 |
| To: | 207-00-000- | 33124 | 330 Grant (Supplemental Funding) | \$85,536.00 |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | | | | |
| From: | 207-41-245- | 6999 | Anticipated New Expenses | \$85,536.00 |
| To: | 207-41-251- | 1010 | Full-time Personnel | \$42,000.00 |
| | | 1530 | FICA | \$ 3,213.00 |
| | | 1550 | IMRF | \$ 5,158.00 |
| | | 1565 | Health Insurance | \$25,650.00 |
| | | 2140 | Computer Supplies | \$ 6,202.00 |
| | | 2180 | Operating Supplies | \$ 2,112.00 |
| | | 3752 | Mileage | <u>\$ 1,201.00</u> |
| | | | | \$85,536.00 |

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has recommended approval of this request, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/6-1003,Transfers from one appropriation of any one fund to another of the same fund, not affecting the total amount appropriated, may be made at any meeting of the board by a two-thirds vote....By a like vote the board may make appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Will County Board hereby amends its 2014 Budget by increasing appropriations in the Health Department Budget as described fully above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Will County Finance Department is directed to make the necessary line item and fund adjustments, in accordance with the above-referenced statutory authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes_____ No_____ Pass_____ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Ferry, to approve Resolution #14-08.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-three.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #14-08 IS APPROVED.

Member Brooks presented Resolution #14-09, Authorizing County Executive to Execute Necessary Documents for Delinquent Tax Program.



**Executive Committee
Resolution #14-09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

***AUTHORIZING COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS
FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROGRAM***

WHEREAS, the County of Will has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real estate in cases where the taxes on the same have not been paid pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/21-90; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this program the County of Will, as trustee for the taxing districts involved, has acquired an interest in the real estate in question; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Will County Board that it would be to the best interest of the taxing districts of Will County to dispose of this interest in said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby authorizes the Will County Executive to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or authorize the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase, as the case may be, on the real estate in question for the sums shown on the attachment and to be disbursed as shown and according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes___ No___ Pass_____ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this ____day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Wilhelmi, to approve Resolution #14-09.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-three.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #14-09 IS APPROVED.

Member Brooks presented Resolution #14-10, Transferring and Increasing Appropriations in Various County Budgets to Fun Year End Shortfalls.



Executive Committee
Resolution #14-10

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Transferring and Increasing Appropriations in Various County Budgets to Fund Year End Shortfalls

WHEREAS, as preparation begins to close the fourth quarter books of Fiscal Year 2013, various departmental budgets are experiencing line item shortfalls, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to fund these shortfalls, the Executive’s Office has requested to fund said shortfalls with internal transfers, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has recommended approval of this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby amends its 2013 Budget, by transferring and increasing appropriations in the various departmental budgets as fully described in the document attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Will County Finance Department is directed to make the necessary line item and fund adjustments, in accordance to statutory authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set herein. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 16th day of January, 2014.

Vote: Yes___ No___ Pass_____(SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2014.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Wilhelmi, to approve Resolution #14-10.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-three.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #14-10 IS APPROVED.

Member Howard stated I just have a question for informational purposes. In the future when we have question regarding this item or something like that, who is the replacement for Mr. Paul Rafac? Before, we always talked to him about these things.

Executive Walsh stated Ms. Karen Hennessy has stepped up and her title is basically interim County Financial Director. Ms. Karen Hennessy has done an excellent job, so anything you need in that regard; just go see Ms. Karen Hennessy. She's got the same office, so not hard to find.

Mr. Brooks stated and she's available back there right now. Our next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. and I invite all to be there.

Member Brooks presented the Appointments by the County Executive.



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APPOINTMENTS BY THE WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 2014

Will County Director of Transportation
(605 ILCS 5/5-201.1) (from Ch. 121, par. 5-201.1)

Bruce Gould – Will County Highway Engineer
Will County Highway Department - Administrative Office
16841 W. Laraway Road, Joliet, IL 60433

Statutory references

(605 ILCS 5/5-201.1) (from Ch. 121, par. 5-201.1)

Sec. 5-201.1. In each county of more than 600,000 inhabitants but less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, there shall be a County Division of Transportation with a county director of the Division of Transportation.

The chairman of the county board, with the advice and consent of the county board, shall appoint a director from a list of qualified applicants. The appointee shall have demonstrated experience in the area of management and administration.

The county board shall notify the Department of the appointment of the director.
(Source: P.A. 84-756.)

Submitted to County Board December 31, 2013

Member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Member Adamic, to approve the County Executive's Appointment.

Voting Affirmative were: Zigrossi, Moustis, Howard, Ogalla, Izzo, Moran, Harris, Bible, Goodson, Gould, Balich, Fricilone, Winfrey, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Hart, Maher, McDermed, Weigel, Collins, Ferry and Brooks. Total: Twenty-three.

No negative votes.

APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE IS APPROVED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNTY BOARD SPEAKER
Herbert Brooks, Jr.**

Member Brooks first let me thank Enbridge, Ms. Jennifer Smith, Mr. Mike Wortham and Mr. Mike Murray that came and made their presentation today, along with Explorer, Ms. Karen Kennedy that shared with us about Explorer pipelines and such a thorough presentation today. Also, to the Services Council, Dr. Martin Luther King weekend, as Member Winfrey had presented that certificate to them this morning; the Resolution. Let me also remind you that many, many of the activities that Member Winfrey mentioned that are going on all of this weekend on that holiday. One of the things Mr. Dale Evans talked about, Monday is not a day off but a day on; day to give back to the community and what a wonderful thing that is, so congratulations to them and Ms. Beth May for those that received that this morning. It's been a very tough winter. It's been cold and a lot of our Committees have been slow because of the weather, but from this day on, it's getting better. So, hopefully the month of February we all can come out to all of our Committees, Public Hearing and Ad Hoc. We have nine standing Committees, we have Ad Hoc

Committee, and everybody in this room know they are open to the public, and I know everybody's schedule doesn't allow them to be there, but we do have Caucus' we can share that information and we also have a right to vote so please, if you can, make it to all of our Committees and Ad Hoc. And lastly, remember Ms. Melissa Johanssen and the home going of her husband Mr. Fred Johanssen. Continue to keep her in your prayers. Last week when I had the Executive Committee Meeting and I sat there Mr. Executive, where you are, there was a void with Ms. Melissa Johanssen being absent, but I'm sure there is much more void at her home in Crete. So continue to pray for Ms. Melissa Johanssen and her family and we're praying that she comes back really soon. We also and Mr. Friefeld told her to take her time. Thank you so much, have a good day ladies and gentlemen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR
Dianne Zigrossi

Member Zigrossi stated thank you. I'm going to try and make this as brief as possible. I share in the pride we were able to display today in accepting the Resolution on behalf of Dr. Martin Luther King and our Service Day which is going to take place on Monday. The accomplishments that this man shown in the Civil Rights Movement is truly amazing and it's affected not only our African-American community, but all of us as individuals. So again, this is something to be celebrated and I hope everyone remembers this. I, too, want to extend my gratitude to our Highway Department and the fine job that they did, as Member Adamic mentioned earlier, in clearing the snow, when we got this, I'm sure we're going to get more before the season is over. So again, they've done a wonderful job and I hope they continue to do that. I believe Member Brooks mentioned the passing of Ms. Melissa Johanssen's husband. We've had several deaths unfortunately within our County Board Family. I know Member Ferry recently lost a very close and dear family member and I, too, lost a family member recently, and I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who reached out to me as well. As we know, the cold weather is still upon us, if you look at anything that's going on, it's going to reach once again in the very, very low temperatures by the end of the week. If you have elderly family, friends, relatives, neighbors, please check on them. Make sure that they're being taken care of. I would also like to extend some thought over to Member Moran and Member Goodson. We had a very, very productive, I would say second meeting, not first one, the first one was the Organization Meeting of the South Suburban Airport. I believe the two of them in concert with the other Members on this Committee are going to do amazing work. They know what needs to happen and they certainly do have everyone's best interest in Will County in hand, so, thank you. And on that happy, wonderful day, stay warm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CHAIR
James Moustis

Member Moustis stated good morning County Executive, County Board. I also want to, of course, give my deepest sympathies and condolences to Ms. Melissa Johanssen and her children, her family; such a tragic thing for that family. But I think it gives us all pause, give a little reflection in our own lives. A forty-nine year old, strong, healthy, vibrant man suddenly is taken from us, taken from family. So, none of us know how long we are going to be on the face of this Earth. So, be kind. I try always to be kind and thoughtful even if

we don't agree, and hopefully we do decide to keep nothing but love in your hearts, and make sure you hug your family members and let them know you love them. Having said that, I do think that we're one step closer to Spring Training and think spring and thank you all for all the work you put in, in the last month. And, Member Babich, I'm not so sure you want me at your Committee, but I'll be there. Have a great day.

Executive Walsh stated I would like to conclude in echoing all the comments in regards to the tragic death of Mr. Fred Johanssen. And our good Friend Ms. Melissa Johanssen, and please keep her in our prayers and I too, would like to personally thank the Will County Highway Department, Mr. Bruce Gould, all of his supervisory people and most importantly, all the employees out there that spent many, many hours this past month on the roads and in some very difficult situations in keeping the roads open. A lot of our roads are the first ones opened up in the morning. Employees start at 4:30 a.m. if they're on-call out and some days when the wind was blowing and it was forty-five below zero, they were putting twelve and fourteen hours a day in and we had to give them a break and make sure they could go home and get some rest before returning to the same routine. So, I think we were successful in getting by without much in the line of any kind of damage or accidents or anything like that. All of our equipment is in good running order and we had plenty of salt to make sure our roads, our highways were in great shape. With that, we still stand at recess until our next meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.