

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006
NINE THIRTY A.M.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WILL

Will County Executive, Larry Walsh welcomed everyone present to the swearing in of the newly elected and re-elected County Board members. The procession began of newly elected or re-elected County Board Members by district as County Executive Walsh called their names.

County Clerk Voots then administered the oath of office to the newly elected or re-elected members of the Will County Board:

DISTRICT #2

Richard Brandolino
James Moustis
Tom Weigel

DISTRICT #3

Ann Dralle
Susan Riley
Michael Wisniewski

DISTRICT #4

Edward Kusta Jr.
Charles Maher
Wayne McMillan

DISTRICT #5

James Blackburn
John Gerl
LeAnn Goodson

DISTRICT #8

Frank Stewart
Henry Travis
Margie Woods

DISTRICT #9

Walter A. Adamic
Joseph Babich
Stephen Wilhelmi

Executive Walsh asked everyone to stand for the posting and presentation of the colors by American Legion Post #1080. American Legion Post #1080 performed the presentation of colors. American Legion Post #1080 led in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Member Rozak introduced Sister Juanita, Center for Correctional Concerns, who delivered the invocation.

County Clerk Voots then administered the oath of office to the newly elected or re-elected members of the Will County Board.

Executive Walsh congratulated all of the newly elected and re-elected County Board Members. He looks forward to a very successful two years that we continue to do this county business. He wished everyone the very best of luck.

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Rozak, to seat the newly elected and the re-elected County Board Members.

NEWLY ELECTED/RE-ELECTED COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS WERE SEATED.

Executive Walsh called the Reorganizational Meeting to order.

Roll call showed the following Board members present: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five

Absent: Svara, Stewart. Total: two.

THE EXECUTIVE DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT.

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

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IS PLACED ON FILE.

Member Moustis presented Resolution #06-503, Setting Forth Governance Rules and Procedures for the Will County Board in the County of Will, State of Illinois.

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Konicki, Resolution #06-503 be placed on the floor.

**RESOLUTION #06-503****RE: SETTING FORTH GOVERNANCE RULES AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE WILL COUNTY BOARD
IN THE COUNTY OF WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS****I. DUTIES AND OFFICERS OF THE WILL COUNTY BOARD**

- 1.01 Will County Board
- 1.02 Officers
- 1.03 Duties of County Board Chairman
- 1.04 Duties of Legislative Majority Leader
- 1.05 Duties of Legislative Minority Leader
- 1.06 Duties of the County Executive

1.01 Will County Board. The governing body of the County of Will shall be known as the "*Will County Board* ", or the "*County Board of Will County, Illinois*", hereinafter referred to as the "*Board*", and its members as County Board member/"*members*" (*abbreviated "CBM/CBM's*). The Board is the legislative body of the County of Will.

1.02 Officers. On the first Monday in December in even numbered years after each regular election at which members are elected, at the biennial reorganization meeting, the Board shall elect from its membership a County Board Chairman, a Legislative Majority Leader and Legislative Minority Leaders; these three members shall constitute Will County Board Leadership. These officers shall serve two-year terms, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

1.03 Duties of the County Board Chairman.

County Board Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all other committees and may, in the event of a temporary committee vacancy, fill such vacancy for the purpose of establishing a quorum, with voting privileges, and in that event, may act as the Committee Chair in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The County Board Chairman shall be the presiding official at all times that the Will County Board meets as a "Committee of the Whole" and in his absence the majority leader shall preside.

B. The County Board Chairman shall be the chief administrative official of the Will County Board. All staff of the Board shall work at the direction of the County Board Chairman. The County Board Chairman shall assign all matters to committees as recommended by the Executive Committee, and have responsibility for the preparation of all agendas of the Will County Board. No committee shall consider any matter not previously assigned to that committee by the Executive Committee. The Executive and Judicial Branch of county government and elected officials shall work directly through the County Board Chairman and staff. Moreover, it shall be the policy of the Will County Board that County Board staff shall, upon request, be made available in their respective areas of expertise to elected County Officers and department heads to the extent that the availability is not in conflict with the priorities assigned by the County Board, and subject to the discretion and direction of the Chairman of the County Board.

C. The Legislative Majority Leader and the Legislative Minority Leader shall each appoint a Legislative Whip, to be known as the Majority Whip or Minority Whip.

1. In the absence of the Majority Leader or Minority Leader then the respective whip shall act in the Leader's stead with like authority.

1.04 Duties of the Legislative Majority Leader. The Legislative Majority Leader shall provide floor leadership for all Majority party members with respect to all legislative matters pending before the Board, including, but not limited to, informing the membership of reasons for and against the adoption of proposed ordinances and resolutions, assessing support for and opposition to the adoption of proposed ordinances and resolutions, assessing the need for amendments thereto, consulting with the Legislative Minority Leader with respect to the passage of proposed ordinances and resolutions, and generally assisting in the efficient

consideration by the Board of all matters before the Board. The Legislative Majority Leader shall be the Chief spokesman of the majority party on the floor, shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and shall be an ex-officio member of all other committees and may, in the event of a temporary committee vacancy, fill such vacancy for the purpose of establishing a quorum with voting privileges, and may act as the Committee Chair in the absence of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

1.05 Duties of the Legislative Minority Leader. The Legislative Minority Leader shall provide floor leadership for all Minority party members with respect to all legislative matters pending before the Board, including, but not limited to, informing the membership of reasons for and against the adoption of proposed ordinances and resolutions, assessing support for and opposition to the adoption of proposed ordinances and resolutions, assessing the need for amendments thereto, consulting with the Legislative Majority Leader with respect to the passage of proposed ordinances and resolutions, and generally assisting in the efficient consideration by the Board of all matters before the Board. The Legislative Minority Leader shall be the Chief spokesman of the minority party on the floor, shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and shall be an ex-officio member of all other committees and may, in the event of a temporary committee vacancy, fill such vacancy for the purpose of establishing a quorum with voting privileges, and may act as the Committee Chair in the absence of the Committee Chair and Vice- Chair.

1.06 Duties of the Will County Executive. The Will County Executive shall perform those duties as set forth in 55 ILCS 5/2-5001 ET. seq., and as follows:

A. Submit Budget to Board: *It is the duty of the County Executive to prepare and submit to the County Board for its approval the annual budget required by Division 6-1 of the Counties Code [55 ILCS 5/2-5009, (c)].*

1. Said budget shall be submitted by the County Executive to the County Board at the regular September Will County Board meeting.

A. The County Board Chairman shall preside over Board meetings in the absence of the elected County Executive. As the presiding officer of the Executive Committee, the

Reports to the Board:

It is the duty of the County Executive to make an annual report to the board on the affairs of the county, on such date and at such time as the board shall designate, and keep the board fully advised as to the financial condition of the county and its future financial needs [55 ILCS 5/2-5001];

1. The Will County Board hereby designates the regular September County Board meeting for the making of the County Executive's annual report to the County Board.
2. The Will County Board's Finance Committee and Budget Review Committee shall receive the advice of the County Executive on the financial condition of the County and its future financial needs not less than monthly.

C. Appointments:

1. The County Executive shall:

a. *appoint, with the advice and consent of the board, persons to serve on the various boards and commissions to which appointments are provided by law to be made by the board [55 ILCS 5/2-5009 (d)]*

b. *appoint, with the advice and consent of the board, persons to serve on various special districts within the county except where appointment to serve on such districts is otherwise provided by law {55 ILCS 5/2-5009 (e)}*

2. At the beginning of each fiscal year the Executive's Office will provide to the County Board a listing of all 'Board' and 'Commission' appointment positions to be filled in the coming year.

3. A list of appointments to be approved at the next month's County Board meeting shall be submitted by the County Executive to the County Board administrative office not later than the Tuesday before the current month's County Board meeting.

a. The Board's staff will insure that a copy of the appointment list for approval next month is on the desk of each County Board Member (CBM) at the current month's County Board meeting. (In this way each CBM will have knowledge of next month's appointments a month in advance)

4. The appointment list will contain the following information for each position:

- a. Name of position
- b. Position Criteria
- c. Name of appointee
- d. Appointee qualifications

- e. Will County Board and Commissions form
 - f. County Board District, if criteria for appointment
 - g. Letters of recommendation, if any
5. The County Executive shall post vacant positions (not including positions where incumbent is to be re-appointed) on the County's website.

D. County Executive Hires

1. *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 [55 ILCS 5/2-5009 (g)];*

2. A list of general administration positions, to be filled by appointment under this section, shall be submitted to the County Board administrative office not later than the Tuesday before the first Executive Committee meeting of the month.

3. An **EMPLOYEE ADVICE AND CONSENT REQUEST FORM**, (attached to these rules as "Exhibit A") shall be completed for each general administration appointee and included with the **List of General Administration Positions** submitted to the County Board administrative office not later than the Tuesday before the first Executive Committee meeting of the month.

4. The Board's staff will insure that a copy of the "General Administration Position List" for approval at the current month's County Board meeting is provided each Will County Board Member (WCBM) by the Tuesday preceding the second (2nd) Executive Committee meeting of the month.

5. The Board's staff will maintain a file in the County Board administrative office of all the "Personnel Advice and Consent" forms submitted in support of candidate approval so that it is available for review by members of the County Board, at their discretion, prior to consideration by the full County Board. **The names of all candidates for general administration positions shall remain confidential, to the extent allowed by law, until acted upon by the Will County Board.**

6. All general administration appointments, beginning with the declaration of a position vacancy to the identification of a position candidate, shall be processed by the Human Resources Department and its staff in accordance with the policy or policies established from time to time by the Will County Board, approved collective bargaining agreements (as may be applicable), as well as Federal and State of Illinois laws and regulations.

7. Vacant positions shall be posted on the County's web site for at least ten (10) business days prior to the selection of a candidate by the County Executive.

8. General administration appointments shall be based solely on a candidate's overall qualifications and ability to work with others and consistent with approved collective bargaining agreements then in effect (and if applicable). Appointing or supporting a candidate to further a political agenda or purpose (political hiring) is **expressly prohibited**.

II. COMMITTEES OF THE WILL COUNTY BOARD

2.01 Committee Appointments

2.02 Committee Vacancies

2.03 Standing Committees

1. Executive

2. Finance

3. Public Works & Transportation
 4. Criminal Justice, Law and Judicial
 5. Health, Aging & Education
 6. Land Use Planning, Zoning & Development
 7. Legislative
 8. Insurance & Personnel
 9. Capital Improvements
 10. Policy & Rules
 11. Budget Review
- 2.04 Powers of Committees
- 2.05 Written Minutes

2.01 Committee Appointments. The County Board Chairman, in consultation with the Legislative Majority and Minority Leaders, shall appoint the Chair of each standing committee from the membership of the majority party and shall appoint such other members of the eleven standing committees as is deemed necessary for the proper oversight and functioning of the business of the Board.

2.02 Committee Vacancies. Whenever any member of any committee is either temporarily or permanently unable to perform the duties of such appointment due to resignation, death, disability, illness, or absence, the appointing authority may declare such position vacant and appoint another member to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy is temporary and not permanent, the appointment shall terminate once the incumbent member is able to return to perform the duties of the committee assignment. If a member misses three (3) consecutive meetings, the County Board Chairman may replace that member either permanently or temporarily.

2.03 Standing Committees.

A. There shall be eleven, (11) permanent committees of the County Board. Each permanent committee shall consist of up to 6 members, except the following:

- The Finance Committee, Public Works and Transportation Committee, Land Use, Planning, Zoning and Development, and Policy and Rules Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.
- The Executive Committee, which shall consist of fourteen (14) members.
- The Budget Review Committee shall consist of 10 members.

B. In the absence of a Committee Chair, the Committee Vice-Chair shall act as temporary Chair. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, present committee members, with the ability to comprise a quorum, may elect a Chair-Pro-tem in order to conduct the business of the Committee.

C. The permanent committees and their responsibilities are as follows:

1. **Executive.**

- a. This Committee shall be responsible for the following:
 - i. Assignment of all matters to all standing committees for consideration.
 - ii. Consideration of all County Executive appointments.
 - iii. The preparation of the County Board agenda.
 - iv. Making a recommendation to the Board on all contracts for professional services, including but not limited to insurance and audits.
 - v. The review and oversight of the Community Development Block Grant Program, including recommendations to the Board for grant proposals.
 - vi. Economic development; hearings on the issuance of County licenses, in accordance with State Statutes and local resolutions and ordinances.
 - vii. All other matters not specifically assigned to other committees of the Board.

b. Membership on the Executive Committee shall be comprised of at least the following:

- County Board Chairman
- Legislative Majority Leader
- Legislative Minority Leader
- Chair of each of the ten (10) other standing committees of the Board or, in the absence of any such Chair, the Committee's Vice-Chair
- And one additional CBM appointed by the County Board Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee for a total of 14 members.

2. Finance.

This Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- i. Making recommendations concerning County fiscal policies and financial administration and the preparation of the annual appropriation and levy ordinances for the County of Will.
- ii. The review of all internal and external audits of all County departments and the offices of all elected County officials.
- iii. The review and disposition of grant requests.
- iv. Review and approve all county indebtedness and approve of any short-term or long-term borrowings.
- v. The appropriation of salaries of all County employees, appointed officials and officeholders.
- vi. The review of all matters of taxation and finance for the purpose of generating new revenue for the County.
- vii. This Committee shall also receive monthly financial reports from the County Executive's Office containing both monthly and year-to-date income statements, revenue projections, expense statements and projections and projected budget surpluses and/or shortfalls. The Committee shall include a summary

statement of the County Executive's report in its report to the Executive Committee.

3. Public Works & Transportation.

This Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- i. Recommending to the County Board the prioritization of proposed public works and transportation projects, the development and expansion of current vendor list, the review and policy-setting of planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, demolitions, modification, and maintenance of Will County's infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, right of ways, water systems, cable systems and resource recovery systems.
- ii. In conjunction with the Land Use, Planning, Zoning & Development Committee, this Committee shall be responsible for oversight and review of infrastructure to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County, and shall be responsible for solid waste planning, oversight and compliance, in conjunction with any special committee appointed in accordance with Federal or State Statutes, rules and regulations, and the siting of regional pollution control facilities.
- iii. Finally, this Committee shall monitor all aspects of the County's Solid Waste Management Plan, shall conduct those public hearings required by statute, rule, regulation or ordinance (except as otherwise may be determined by the County Board), and shall make recommendations to the Board for the expenditure of County revenues and funds allocated for environmental matters. Nothing in these rules shall supersede specific lawful statutory assignments of authority.

4. Criminal Justice, Law and Judicial.

This Committee shall be responsible for the examination, review, analysis, recommendation and policy setting for the judicial and law

enforcement needs of the County (excepting the construction or expansion of facilities), including the needs of the Circuit Court, the Jury Commission, the State's Attorney, the Sheriff, the Coroner, the Circuit Court Clerk, the Public Defender, the Adult and Juvenile Detention Facilities, the Probation Department, and the Juvenile Detention Ad Hoc Committee, among others.

5. Health, Aging & Education.

This Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- i. The examination, review, analysis and policy setting of the County's health, education, and public welfare needs.
- ii. To act as the liaison between the County Board and the Board of Health and the Health Department Administration.
- iii. Identifying the problems of Will County's aging residents.
- iv. Oversight of the EMA (Emergency Management Agency), Animal Control Department, all community programs within the County and the needs of the County's education system.

6. Land Use Planning, Zoning & Development.

This Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- i. Examination, review, analysis and policy setting of the Will County Land Resource Management Plan, including landfills and wetlands, as well as the land use needs and requirements of the County.
- ii. Review, adoption, and modification to the County's land use plans, zoning ordinances, and subdivision ordinances, construction guidelines and building codes and standards, stormwater regulation policy and associated fees.
- iii. Policy and associated fees for the County's Geographic Information System (GIS).
- iv. All proposals for changes to or modifications involving agricultural lands or flood plains.

- v. In conjunction with the Public Works & Transportation Committee, provide oversight and review of infrastructure to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County.

7. **Legislative.**

This Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- i. Examination, review and coordination of the state and federal legislative needs of the County. Such needs shall include, but are not limited to, recommendations for legislation transmitted from any standing committee, any Board member(s) or an elected County official or department head to the Executive Committee.
- ii. Communication liaison with Federal and State Will County legislators, for legislative and grant assistance and to foster better intergovernmental cooperation between all levels of government. Where time is of the essence and the Legislative Committee is unable to meet then the Legislative Committee Chair shall consult with Leadership for purposes of determining the legislative message to be conveyed.

8. **Insurance & Personnel.**

This Committee shall be responsible for the examination, review, analysis and policy setting of the County's various insurance plans and policies, personnel policy issues including, but not limited to, the examination and review of employee salaries and job descriptions, and, setting policy on Deferred Compensation and employee development programs offered in the County.

9. **Capital Improvements.**

This Committee shall be responsible for the following:

- i. Making recommendations to the County Board on matters dealing with accommodating the space needs of Will County Government including all branches of government and all constitutional officers for both the long and short term.
- ii. Review and analysis of lease options for the county.
- iii. Provide oversight, planning and recommendations on other matters dealing with capital improvements, including, but not limited to, communications, infrastructure matters, and projects of benefit to the citizens of Will County.
- iv. Make recommendations on matters of economic benefit to the citizens of Will County.

10. **Policy & Rules.**

This Committee shall be responsible for the examination, review, analysis, and recommendation to the County Board on matters dealing with general County policy issues and amendments to the County Board Rules.

11. **Budget Review.**

This Committee shall be responsible for establishing and reviewing County Board budget priorities, and the examination, review, analysis, and where

appropriate, the modification of the annual budget proposed by the County Executive.

D. Special committees shall be appointed by the County Board Chairman with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. Every special committee shall consist of at least five (5) members and a majority of the members of said special committee shall constitute a quorum.

2.04 Powers of Committees. The various elected officials and department heads, in addition to the County Board staff, shall provide such assistance, information and support to the standing committees and to the Board as a whole, as may be required, by said committees or by the Board. Information required by the Board or any of its standing committees shall be provided upon request of any Board member or Board staff. The staffing for the standing committees shall be provided by the County Board staff and access to the Executive Committee agenda shall be through the County Board staff. All County Board Committees, in the exercise of their legislative functions and powers, shall have the right to summon employees and to review those documents and records necessary or helpful in the exercise of such responsibilities. Willful failure to respond to a request issued to a County_employee or appointed department head by a Board Committee shall be sufficient cause to authorize the Committee to apply to the Board for a *Resolution of Notification* to the appropriate County officer (elected official) of the failure of his/her employee/employees to appear, and to request an immediate redress of said grievance.

2.05 Written Minutes. All Committees shall keep written minutes and all such forms of minutes as required by law. Minute Books for every committee shall be kept in the County Board Office. Secretarial services shall be provided by the County Board staff.

III. **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF THE WILL COUNTY BOARD**

- 3.01 Order of Business
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- 3.11 Vote
- 3.12 Reconsideration of Motions
- 3.13 Executive Vetoes
- 3.14 Committee Reports

3.01 Order of Business. The order of business for each regular meeting of the County Board shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Invocation
4. Roll Call
5. Determination of Quorum
6. Motion to Place on File Certificate of Publication
7. Approval of Minutes
8. Citizens to be Heard
9. Honorary Resolutions/Proclamations
10. Old Business - Executive Vetoes
11. New Business - Committee Reports and Recommendations
12. Appointments by the County Executive
13. Announcements by the County Board Chairman, Legislative Majority Leader and Legislative Minority Leader
14. Executive Session
15. Recess/Adjournment

3.02 Time and Place of Regular and Special Meetings. The County Board shall meet for the purpose of transacting business at the hour of 9:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the County Board Room, 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432. Special meetings of the County Board not called by the Executive in accordance with his statutory authority may be called by a written direction signed by not less than nine (9) members of the Board and delivered to the Will County Clerk. Such direction shall specify the date and time of the meeting, the business to be conducted, and shall be delivered with at least 24 hours notice to the residence of each Board member. All special meetings shall take place in the County Board Room, 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432.

3.03 Parliamentary Procedure. In the absence of a County Board rule to the contrary, the parliamentary procedure of this Board shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order - Newly Revised".

3.04 Board Rules and Amendments. At the Board reorganization meeting, which shall be held on the first Monday in December in even numbered years at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, the County Clerk shall initially preside and call the meeting to order. After the invocation, pledge of allegiance and roll call, the newly elected County Executive, county-wide elected officials—if any, and newly elected County Board Members, shall take the oath of office and the meeting called to order. The only business that may be transacted at the reorganization meeting of the Will County Board is the adoption of the rules, selection of board leadership (as defined by the rules) and committee appointments. Board Rules must be approved by a majority of the members of the Board at the reorganization meeting. Thereafter, no amendment shall be made to any of the Rules of the Board except upon motion made in writing and approved by three-fifths (3/5's) of the members of the Will County Board at the next regular meeting of the Board, adjourned or otherwise occurring not less than 30 days from the date of the initial written motion.

3.05 Suspension of Rules. In a particular case, to avoid hardship or to promote the orderly transaction of County business, a Rule or Rules of the Board may be temporarily suspended by a voice vote of three-fifths of the members present.

3.06 Right to Address the Board. No person who is not a member of the Board shall be permitted to address the Board unless the purpose of the comment pertains to an item specifically placed on the agenda. **Excepting Public Hearings,** such person shall be allowed to address the Board for a period of three minutes only, but only after submitting a formal written request to the Will County Clerk's Office not less than 48 hours prior to the published starting time of the Will County Board meeting. However, when the County Board Chairman or Legislative Majority or Minority Leader requests the opinion of the State's Attorney or of a Department Head, it shall not be necessary to suspend the Rules to allow such person to speak.

3.07 Text Amendments/Map Amendments; Objections & Protests. All written protests and written objections to proposed zoning ordinance text amendments and map amendments shall be submitted to the Will County Board in accordance with the rules of the Board and agencies of Will County Government not in conflict with the laws of the State of Illinois.

3.08 Agenda. There shall be a written agenda prepared for every meeting of the Will County Board. The agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Committee, not less than seven (7) days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Will County Board. Any elected official wishing to place an item on the agenda shall present it to the Executive Committee, through the County Board Staff at the time the agenda is set. A copy of the agenda shall be made available to the members at least five (5) days prior to the Board Meeting, and shall also be placed on display in the Clerk's Office and posted outside of the County Board Room at least five (5) days prior to the Board Meeting. No matter not on the published agenda may be placed on the agenda at the meeting of the County Board, except as may be allowed by law and upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, and such motion shall require a roll call vote. Notwithstanding the above, the County Board Chairman shall have the authority to

place an item or items on the agenda after the Executive Committee has prepared the agenda but prior to 48 hours before the scheduled County Board meeting for any item or items which are of a time sensitive or critical nature. Said addition of an item or items shall be done in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

3.09 Motions. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member of the Board.

3.10 Debate. In order to facilitate the orderly conduct of business, the Board has established a strong committee system, and all Board members are strongly encouraged to attend all committee meetings. The Legislative Majority and Legislative Minority Leader shall be responsible for the conduct of debate by the majority and minority members of the Board.

3.11 Vote. Any member in attendance may vote "Yes", "No", "Present", or "Abstain", on any matter before the Board, except that no member may vote "Present" on any matter pertaining to finance or to the transfer of funds. A roll call vote may be requested by any member on any matter before the Board.

3.12 Reconsideration of Motions. When a question has been decided in the affirmative or the negative, it shall be in order for any member of the prevailing side who voted on such question to move reconsideration thereof, but no motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order unless made on the same day on which the vote was taken. Such motion may be seconded by a member of either the prevailing or the losing side.

3.13 Executive Vetoes.

- A. *Any Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation vetoed by the County Executive shall be returned to the Board at its first meeting occurring not less than six (6) days, Sundays excepted, after said Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation has been presented to him. Each such vetoed Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or*

Item of Appropriation shall be accompanied by a written statement of the objections of the County Executive, which objections shall be entered and spread upon the journal. 55 ILCS 5/2-5010

B. *The Board shall proceed to reconsider all such ordinances, resolutions motions or items of appropriation vetoed and returned to the Board by the County Executive as provided in the County Executive Law. The County Executive shall take no part in the conduct of the debate. Upon the close of debate, the Clerk shall call the roll on a vote to reconsider as required by the County Executive Law, and if three-fifths of the members of the Board vote affirmatively to reconsider (override) the veto, then the Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation shall become effective on the date prescribed, but no earlier than the date of the override vote. 55 ILCS 5/2-5010*

C. *If any ordinance is not returned by the county executive to the board at its first meeting occurring not less than 6 days, Sundays excepted, after it has been presented to him, it shall become effective unless the board has recessed or adjourned for a period in excess of 60 days, in which case it shall not become effective without his approval. 55 ILCS 5/2-5010*

[Format to be used by the County Executive in the event an Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation is vetoed/disapproved by County Executive.]

I am hereby returning (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation as appropriate) # _____ to the County Board this _____ day of _____ 200____ with the attached objections.

(SEAL) _____

Will County Executive

[Format to be used by County Clerk when appropriate]

This (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation as appropriate) not having been approved by the County Executive, nor returned to the Will County Board at its first meeting occurring not less than 6 (six) days, Sundays excepted, nor more than 60 (sixty) days since its adoption, by operation of law this (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation as appropriate) is now deemed effective.

Signed this ___ day of _____, 200___. (SEAL) _____

Will County Clerk

[Format to be used upon reconsideration of Executive veto/disapproval of Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation]

On this ___ day of __ 200__, the Will County Board reconsidered the above (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation as appropriate). The vote was _____ Aye _____ Nay ___ Pass _____ Abstain. Three-fifths of the County Board having voted to approve the (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation as appropriate) it is adopted over the Executive's veto.

OR

On this _____ day of ___ 200__, the Will County Board reconsidered the above (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation as appropriate). The vote was _____ Aye _____ Nay ___ Pass _____ Abstain. Three-fifths of the County Board not having voted to approve the (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Item of Appropriation as appropriate), the reconsideration fails.

3.14 Committee Reports. Committee reports shall be made by the Chair of each respective Committee, or in his absence by the Vice-Chair of said Committee. In

the event of the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair of a Committee at a regular Board Meeting, the Committee report may be made by any other member of said Committee.

IV. PURCHASES

All purchases, including printing, publications and contracts for all offices and departments of the County of Will shall be made in accordance with the Will County Purchasing Ordinance #04-250.

V. SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY FOR GENERAL LIABILITY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- 5.01 Settlement of Up to \$15,000
- 5.02 Settlements from \$15,001 up to \$50,000
- 5.03 Settlement offers from \$50,001 up to \$100,000
- 5.04 Settlement offers in excess of \$100,000

5.01 Settlement of up to \$15,000: Delegated to the Third Party Administrator.

5.02 Settlements from \$15,001 up to \$50,000: Delegated to the Risk Manager/Human Resource Director.

5.03 Settlement offers from \$50,001 up to \$100,000: May be made by the appropriate parties, including the Third Party Administrator and/or the attorneys, with the authorization of the Risk Manager/Human Resource Director, with settlements resulting from such offers remaining contingent upon the approval of the Insurance & Personnel Committee of the Board.

5.04 Settlement offers in excess of \$100,000: Must be authorized by the Insurance & Personnel Committee prior to being extended, with final settlement agreement to be approved by the Insurance & Personnel Committee and the County Board.

VI. LEGAL SERVICES

The State's Attorney of Will County shall perform all legal services required by the Board or any of its committees or members. If the State's Attorney has a conflicting position with the County Board, the Board shall have the option to hire special counsel.

VII. ETHICS ORDINANCE

It shall be the obligation of every Will County Board member, county employee and appointed or elected official (except Circuit Judge, Circuit Clerk or State's Attorney) to comply with the terms of the Will County Ethics Ordinance 06-261, attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

VIII. EXISTING LEGISLATION CONTINUED

Except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the provisions of these Rules, Procedures and Standards of Conduct, all existing County laws, Ordinances, rules and regulations heretofore adopted shall continue in full force and effect until amended, superseded or repealed.

IX. SEVERABILITY

If any term and/or provision of this Resolution shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining terms or provisions of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but each term and/or provision of this Resolution shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the Will County Board and approval of the Will County Executive.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 4th day of December, 2006.

Vote: Yes____ No____ Pass___ Abstain_____ (SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots
Will County Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #06-503 IS ON THE FLOOR.

Member Moustis stated there were a number of amendments that are being recommended, some from the State’s Attorneys Office in relation to some authority which he believes we should adopt. It is clarifying how some of the authority goes.

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, to amend Resolution #06-503 in relation to Adopt the Settlement Authority Section of the County Board Rules.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #06-503 IS AMENDED.

Member Moustis yielded the floor to Member Gould to present the amendments.

Member Gould stated he had a chance to review the proposed rules and had the following comments: With respect to Section 1.03, there is a proposal to create position of a Majority Whip and Minority Whip. As the proposal existed, it essentially meant that the whip would be the successor to the leaders. He has substituted language whereby the Majority Leader and Minority Leader may appoint a pro-tem who could act in their absence as oppose to the "Whip" automatically succeeding to that position. His reasoning for this is that this is a new position and was not discussed very much and the Majority and Minority Leader should have the flexibility to designate someone in their absence. I propose that in Section 1.04 and 1.05.

Executive Walsh commented we should take the amendments one at a time so we don't lose focus on where we are at and make sure the discussion pertains to the motion. He clarified that Member Gould was making a recommendation to amend the rules in that regard on that issue.

Member Gould responded yes.

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Singer, to amend Resolution #06-503 with the referenced information.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #06-503 IS AMENDED.

Member Gould referenced in section 1.06 under appointments, there is a scrivener's error and the word "shall" be in the text instead of "will".

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, to amend Resolution #06-503 with referenced scrivener's error.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #06-503 IS AMENDED.

Member Gould referenced in section 1.06(d) County Executive Hires, it has been discussed and was not in the information originally that the approval of County Board would be necessary for hires with the exceptions of replacing staff at Sunny Hill Nursing Home and emergency hires with the approval of the leadership. This is set forth in 106(d).

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, to amend Resolution #06-503 with referenced information in 1.06(d).

Member Wilhelmi asked how this relates to the Health Department, more specifically, the Community Health Center. Would there be restrictions on them being able to hire in an emergency situations? Would they fall under the Health Board?

Member Moustis responded the County Board does not do advice and consent, those are hires that come through the Health Department Board.

Member Wilhelmi replied he thought so but he wanted to make sure.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #06-503 IS AMENDED.

Member Gould referenced in section 3.06, the right to address the board. As a personal note, he has noticed there was no language in there with respect to suspending the rules to allow non-members to speak. As a legislative body, it needs to be made clear. Under what circumstances in the conduct of these meetings those non-members would address the board. It is highlighted in blue on the handout.

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, to amend Resolution #06-503 with the referenced information in 3.06.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #06-503 IS AMENDED.

Member Moustis stated he has one other change from the recommendation of the State's Attorneys Office under Section 6, under legal services. We're going to remove the word

“appoint” and insert the word “seek”. This is the recommendation of the State’s Attorneys Office that the word “hire” and replace it with “seek”.

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Wisniewski, to amend Resolution #06-503 with the State’s Attorneys recommendation.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #06-503 IS AMENDED.

Member Moustis stated there are a number of members who may also want to propose amendments or point something out in the rules and asked County Executive to recognize them.

Member Konicki announced to any board members who did receive and read the letter she sent out, she will share with them the fact that the offending sentences have been deleted from Section 3.06. Those were the last two sentences of “right to address the board” and were deleted because they were in conflict with state law. Section 3.07 was added and confirms for the County Clerk of her responsibility to put state law ahead of anything in the county rules that would be in conflict of state law, that is specific to filing of a legal objection in zoning cases.

Member Adamic stated in reference to Section 1.03, the County Board Chairman shall preside over the board in the absence of the County Executive. He feels that person should be from the same elected party. In other words, being the County Executive is from the Democratic batter, it should be a leader from the Democrat side. In which case, it would be member Woods as she is elected the Minority Leader. In regards to Section 1.06, the Will County Board hereby designates the September County Board Meeting making the County Executive to report to the County Board...he believes it should be the County Executive’s prerogative and not the County Board.

Member Moustis pointed out that the Executive’s Office is a total separate division of government and not an extension of the County Board. But having said that, the state statutes in relation to the County Executive, it does not mention political division. Even in the case of a replacement of the County Executive, it doesn’t make a mention of a political party; it states the County Board will replace the County Executive. Someone may say this is an oversight, he doesn’t believe it is. He believes it is meant to be a non-partisan position; however, he has never pushed this before; but since it was brought up, the Executive’s Office is an administrative function for the most part. It is not a member of the County Board and not intended to be a member of the County Board. The division is well thought out for this type of government. This is a County Board meeting...when you look at Executives around the country; it is very unusual to see a County Executive preside over a County Board meeting. It is something very unique to the state of Illinois. It is not appropriate, it is a presiding officer, it is to get through an agenda and it is not meant to be a political division. He asked if there was a motion being made because they can go back if that is the case. On the addressing of the County Board or when the County Executive may address the Board and the State of the County or any other matters...this is the

County Board. The County Executive is not a member of the County Board. So this board decides how we are going to go forward and when we are going to be addressed and when we would request the County Executive to give us that report or the State of the County, or any other matters. It is the County Board's decision and not the County Executive's.

Member Babich inquired about page 18 of the minutes that were mailed, none withstanding the fault that the County Board Chairman shall have the authority to place an item or items on the agenda at the Executive Committee has prepared the agenda, but prior to 48 hours. He believes some of these resolutions, the committees are met in the morning and are placed on that agenda that day. He would like to see this changed to 72 hours, if this is at all possible

Executive Walsh asked if Member Babich was making this in a form of a motion, a motion to amend the rules to change 48 to 72 hours?

Member Babich responded because you do not get enough time to do the proper research of that resolution.

Member Babich made a motion, seconded by Member Anderson, to amend Resolution #06-503 to reflect 72 hours versus 48 hours.

Member Moustis stated he believes that the reason it is 48 hours is this gives the board the ability to perhaps address something that would come up...maybe not at the last minute, but does come up. Most of these items that get on the agenda at the last moment are really not at the request of the County Board Members. These are requests of the County Executive, these are requests of other countywide elected office holders, it could deal with an appointment, it could deal with a hire, it could deal with some type of appropriation that they received the grant. By extending it out, we may be doing a little bit of disservice or make it more difficult for those countywide office holders who usually approach us with something that needs to be put on by something that did not go through the normal Executive Committee or through the normal committee structure. Generally when this occurs, committee chairmen are informed, leadership discusses it; and is not something done lightly, but it is certainly something that is an accommodation that's made to other elected office holders. We could say, if it doesn't come through the Executive Committee to be placed on the agenda, that is it. But we don't, because we do give a little flexibility, it doesn't happen that often and it usually is an accommodation to an elected office holder. This is why there is a 48 hours time period.

Member Babich commented in regards to his motion, he would like to add "in cases of hardship".

Executive Walsh clarified that the motion was to extend it to 72 hours except for hardship.

Member Moustis asked what is the definition of hardship? A hardship to a department is not a hardship to Member Moustis.

Member Babich made a motion, seconded by Member Adamic, to amend Resolution #06-503 to reflect 72 hours versus 48 hours except for hardship.

Member Anderson stated he feels that hardship is a little difficult to define in this context. But the problem that has come up is there are Land Use cases especially come up before Planning and Zoning on a Tuesday, the Land Use Committee on Wednesday, and County Board on a Thursday, which is ridiculously fast. Just in past couple of months, there have been 60 page memos dropped on the members' desks on the day they are to vote on a Land Use case. This does not put the County Board Members in a good position to serve the public or to serve the people directly involved in the Land Use Cases. He feels it would be worthwhile to explore amending the process in which the Land Use Cases are reviewed, so they do not have to worry about this kind of problem in the future.

Executive Walsh asked if he wanted to second the motion of Member Babich.

Member Anderson replied no, the language in the amendment is too vague.

Member Gould stated that to the extent that the Land Use Committee could pose a problem, he agrees with Member Anderson. We should probably depart from the practice from having a Land Use Committee meeting the day prior to the County Board meeting. Nonetheless, that shouldn't merit a change in these rules because we do need the 48-hour flexibility for all of the other departments in county government. Maybe the solution would be to send the Land Use issue to Policy and Rules and let them make the proper changes at Policy and Rules and the Land Use Committee but keep the rules as they are now.

Member Bilotta commented on the 72 hour issue, there is several times at least once or twice a year that there is not 72 hours between Executive Committee and the County Board meeting, so the 48 hours does become critical in this stage. The agenda cannot be set at all if we are going to meet within 72 hours, we are not going to be able to have the agenda for County Board.

Member Babich replied then it would have to be extended.

Member Bilotta responded he disagrees, 48 hours is plenty but if that is your prerogative.

Member Moustis addressed Member Anderson's comment and concerns. He has some similar concerns after going through the rules, after hearing about when legal objections can be filed. We should probably look at the Land Use agenda and when those cases come to the County Board. He is going to make some recommendations later. The development world won't want to hear this, but he is going to recommend that the County Board does not hear any cases at the county until after 30 days after the PZC meeting. It will be extended out to allow for the 30 days of legal objections to be filed within 30 days of the PZC meeting. He did want to point out that those cases are placed on the agenda at the Executive Committee meeting, even though they have not been heard. That is why they do not need a 48 hour or a 72 hour, whatever is decided it might be. But, he agrees with Member Anderson that the zoning cases are too compressed. He is

going to recommend that it is pushed out another 30 days and a six month process will now be a seven month process. But, this is what would have to be done to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to ...both the applicants and those who may have concerns about the applicant, so everyone is heard. This does have to be addressed and he believes it will be addressed...it doesn't have to be put in the rules. This is just a process that can be done.

Member Maher commented to Member Anderson what he had heard was County Board Members did not have time to read the information, is that correct? He would like to see the members receive the information a little bit ahead of time rather than their desk that day; maybe to be able to via email or some notification that this is coming up whether it is 48 or 72. He thinks 48 hours is plenty of time if this is presented to the members in a way they can look through the information. For instance, the amendments being presented today hire versus seek, he is concerned about that and he just saw that today. He didn't have time to look at that as well as he would have liked to. By having some type of notification by email would probably be the best way and the least expensive way to receive this information.

Member Rozak agreed with what Member Moustis stated about making this a longer process in steps, except she would like to see some type of leeway because there are some cases out there that there is a contract pending and they have to have approval. There is some extenuating circumstances and the cases with objectors as previously discussed. A lot of times they can go right through as there are no objectors, there is nothing wrong with it and is a plain and simple case. Where there are problems that come in is when there are objectors on the case and they are trying to move quickly. She feels there needs to be some leeway because there are those cases where there may be a legal problem with it or they need to break ground, sometimes the cases of churches. She has been doing this since 1983 and in one aspect or another on a Land Use Committee and there is always extenuating circumstances. We need to leave ourselves an out there for some of the cases.

Member Anderson stated a lot of this does have to do with getting information on the morning of the meeting, but it also has to do with taking care of the people who are directly involved, either the applicant or the neighboring landowners. In light of Member Moustis', Member Gould's, and everyone else's comments, it appears there is some support for looking at this problem and resolving it in the Rules Committee. Based on that, he will respectfully withdraw his second to the motion and go ahead with the 48-hour rule. He feels Member Rozak raises a good point that there are particular issues or particular cases, which may have justification to move more quickly on that. He believes it is something that can be worked out.

Member Singer commented that most of the cases that come to the Land Use Committee in the four years he has been on the committee are pretty simple cases. Somebody wants to build a barn or someone has a small issue on their property and these are not things that should not be held up. Most of the things the committee addresses are not large developments. The theme discussed is making sure everyone is being kept informed and making sure that there is information in front of everybody. Not just the members, as they have access to information as much as they want and this is the Board Member's job and they do their job. But there is a lot of people in the community, the people that are being served, it is harder for them to get the information or when things come up faster, it catches them by surprise. The purpose for the discussion is to make sure that everyone understands what is happening and not only is this board informed but the residents are informed. We can work through a way in large development

cases or on cases where there are objectors, that there is assurance of plenty of time in Planning and Zoning and the Development Committee on the County Board. But in simple matters, they will use common sense in getting things through as fast as possible for general residents who are doing a land use issue on their property.

Member Moustis stated perhaps the best way to deal with this issue is to send it over to Policy and Rules and it will be addressed there. It will come back with a recommendation.

Member Babich commented after all of the rhetoric has been said and done, to get this procedure moving along. On 3.08 agenda, in the rules that were sent to all of the members, he would like it to state as Member Moustis had stated, send it back to Rules and Policies. However, if there is anything with the 48-hour language, he will be voting "no". It is never explained until you read it and most of the time it is drug out in depth.

Executive Walsh asked Member Adamic if he was withdrawing his second. Member Adamic confirmed he was.

Member Konicki stated it is obvious that everyone is support of it being sent back for review to Policy and Rules. She feels when they are uncomfortable with a timeline on any particular information that hits their desk, there should be more of an issue made out of it right then and there and draw attention to it. They tend to grumble a little bit among themselves and then go along with the vote. If there is abuse coming forward or a situation where they are not able to get through the material, there should be a fight to get this tabled. They need to fight publicly.

Executive Walsh announced that with all of the motions and discussions, he asked for a motion to approve Resolution #06-503 as amended.

Member Moustis asked for the County Clerk's Office to recap all of the amendments that were put on the floor.

County Clerk Chief Deputy Ms. Carr responded on 1.03; 1.06 shall instead of will, 1.06(d) required with the exception of Sunny Hill and emergency hires, 3.06 the right to address the board, Section V the settlement authority, and Section VI the legal service changed from hire to seek appointment of.

Member Gould added the additions in 1.04 and 1.05, which substitute the deletion in 1.03.

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, the County Board Rules be adopted as amended.

Member Wilhelmi asked about Section V, he's curious on what the reasoning was, why we're changing. Is every settlement offer going to be approved by the Will County Board from now on?

Member Moustis asked the State's Attorneys Office to address this, but he believes the State's Attorneys opinion is that we cannot give the authority of this board to someone else to

solve. They can offer a settlement but it has to be approved by this County Board, everything has to be approved by the board. He stated this came from State's Attorneys Deputy, Ms. Tatroe.

State's Attorney Glasgow stated Member Moustis is correct. For these amendments is just to clarify what dollar amounts can be expedited and some of the small ones instead of putting on the agenda is to maybe waiting a month to negotiate a settlement. This gives the authority under \$15,000 but it clarifies the \$15,000 to \$50,000 and \$50,000 to \$100,000 with the risk manager having authority to make the approval subject to the final approval by the County Board. But again these are tax dollars and has to ultimately be the County Board's decision.

Member Wilhelmi inquired that this is something different in the past. All of the other settlements that the county has had for these small claims have not been approved by the County Board?

State's Attorney Glasgow responded he would have to check on it.

Member Wilhelmi replied he knows it, he is on the Insurance and Personnel Committee and they don't discuss the claims unless they are over a certain dollar amount.

State's Attorney Glasgow responded he would have to check on it and get back to him.

Member Moustis stated he would look to Mr. Bruce Friefeld for confirmation but he feels it has been the case. The County Board has given certain authorities, he believes it is under \$5,000, but it is being corrected now. They can give the settlement offer but ultimately the County Board has to approve it, that is the way he understands it.

Mr. Friefeld responded it was his understanding that it was in the rule that came out of the existing resolution already passed by the County Board, a few years back. That was a resolution of the Bounty Board, whether or not this was appropriate is another issue. At the time the resolution was passed, there was no objection to it. But now we've been advised that the County Board should be approving it. It is arguable that by the resolution delegated that authority rightfully or wrongfully, it is still lawful because it was approved. Now, they are doing exactly what the State's Attorney is recommending.

Member Wilhelmi asked if this was purely from the State's Attorneys Office.

Member Moustis responded yes. When he looked at it, the process was streamlined but perhaps this was not the right process. They can still give the settlement offer and then get it approved. So now, the administrators can offer up to \$25,000 settlement without coming to the County Board but before it is actually finalized, it comes for approval. The final approval comes from the County Board.

State's Attorney Glasgow replied that is correct, with whoever they are negotiating they will understand that the acceptance of this negotiation is subject to the County Board's final approval. In most cases, if it is reasonable, then it will happen.

Member Konicki stated that the rules in front of the County Board Members today are an example of how when things are rushed, they get confusing. A letter she put out back in

November 14th that requested a deletion of a couple sentences from 3.06, they were deleted, but not shown as being deleted on the version on their desks. It was in the version that was mailed to the County Board Members, but disappeared from the version today properly but it is not disclosed. They should be lined out on the new version. On 3.07 is a new addition of language that did not appear on their copies of the rules that were mailed out that we operate under, but it should have been in italics and was not. We do get in communication problems and understanding problems when things are rushed.

Member Babich asked the State's Attorney if it will be contradictory, you will have 30 days for appointments and two days (48 hours) for some resolution that will affect the whole county. Doing appointments is also affecting the county, he knows they only have seven votes and he will keep it at that. He asked State's Attorney Glasgow, "What is your opinion on that"?

State's Attorney Glasgow replied to Member Babich that he is comparing apples and oranges.

Member Babich responded it is still going to affect the county either way.

Executive Walsh asked if there was any further discussion on the motion.

Member Maher asked about the change in Section VI from "hire" to "seek".

State's Attorney Glasgow responded he could provide Member Maher with case law and there is an opinion from 1997 from Attorney General Jim Ryan that the State's Attorney is the only one can hire counsel for the county. Normally that works just fine. If there is conflict between the State's Attorneys opinion and the County Board's opinion, the County Board can go to Judge White and seek an appointment of special counsel to represent their interest, and if it is there, he will provide it. The reason is if the County Board just started hiring attorneys for all different reasons without any centralized clearing house, he thinks that is the reason. The law is clear on this. The previous rules have minor semantic problems and this has been corrected. Again, the County Board always has the ability to go to the Chief Judge.

Member Moustis stated as a matter of practice, even though it is hire in the rules, the County Board has always gone through the State's Attorneys Office for the hiring of any counsel to represent this board. This really is more in line with the practice.

State's Attorney Glasgow commented when they brought in counsel to decide the issue of the County Board Chairman, he sat down with the County Board and gave them their pick. He let the County Board interview the attorney before State's Attorney Glasgow brought him on; so there is no politics played and it worked very well.

Member Wilhelmi asked if they were doing scrivener's error now too?

Executive Walsh asked how many are there?

Member Wilhelmi stated he saw the one in the amendment at the very end of section five, page five upon approval of the Will County Board, there are two "the"s and "upon" is spelled wrong.

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, to approve the County Board Rules as amended.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Blackburn, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-five.

No negative votes.

COUNTY BOARD RULES ARE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

NOMINATION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Executive Walsh opened the floor and asked for nominations for the position of County Board Chairman.

Member Sheridan moved to nominate James Moustis as County Board Chairman, seconded by Member Singer.

Executive Walsh asked for further nominations.

Member Brandolino moved nominations be closed, seconded by Member Singer.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY VOICE VOTE CARRIES.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Woods, Anderson, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: twenty-four.

No negative votes

MEMBER MOUSTIS IS ELECTED COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN.

Executive Walsh congratulated County Board Chairman, James Moustis.

NOMINATION OF MAJORITY LEADER.

Executive Walsh asked for nominations for Majority Leader.

Member Maher made a motion to nominate Wayne McMillan as Majority Leader, seconded by Member Konicki.

Executive Walsh asked for further nominations.

Member Brandolino made a motion, seconded by Member Woods, to close nominations.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR MAJORITY LEADER BY VOICE VOTE CARRIES.

Voting Affirmative were: Brandolino, Piccolin, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, McMillan, Kusta, Gerl, Goodson, Gould, Rozak, Sheridan, Bilotta, Konicki, and Moustis. Total: eighteen.

No negative votes

MEMBER MCMILLAN IS ELECTED MAJORITY LEADER.

Executive Walsh congratulated Majority Leader Wayne McMillan.

NOMINATIONS FOR MINORITY LEADER

Member Adamic made a motion to nominate Member Woods as Minority Leader, seconded by Member Babich.

Executive Walsh asked for further nominations.

Member Travis made a motion, seconded by Member Wilhelmi, to close nominations.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR MINORITY LEADER BY VOICE VOTE CARRIES.

Voting affirmative were: Woods, Anderson, Travis, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi. Total six.

No negative votes

MEMBER WOODS IS ELECTED MINORITY LEADER.

Executive Walsh congratulated Minority Leader, Margie Woods.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Member Moustis announced everyone could go to the office and find out what their committee assignments are; most everyone received their requests. He announced all of the chairman for the committees.

Finance Committee Chairman
Land Use Committee Chairman
Health & Aging Committee Chairman
Policy & Rules Committee Chairman
Public Works Committee Chairman

John Gerl
Jim Bilotta
Don Gould
Dick Brandolino
Cory Singer

Insurance & Personnel Committee Chairman	Susan Riley
Capital Improvements Committee Chairman	Chuck Maher
Judicial Committee Chairman	Ann Dralle
Legislative Committee Chairman	Lee Ann Goodson
Budget Review Committee Chairman	Ron Svava

Member Moustis encouraged everyone to stop in the office and get their assignments. Everything that Member Woods sent over went on the committees. There are two vice-chairmanships by the minority side of the aisle.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

James Moustis

Member Moustis announced it looks like winter is here and hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving. He looks forward to a great new session of this legislative body. We have done a lot of good the last couple of years and we'll continue to do good work going forward.

COMMENTS BY MAJORITY LEADER

Wayne McMillan

Member McMillan congratulated the countywides that were sworn in last Friday. He would love to have been here but, unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and would have been a tough time getting out of Bolingbrook. He's sure the Sheriff will do a fine job. The Treasurer's Office has taken a change as well, but he is sure that the standards that Ms. Callanan put in place will be upheld and the new Treasurer will do an outstanding job as well. One of the new items in the agenda is going to be the appointment of a Majority Whip and at this point in time it is going to be Member Bilotta. Member Bilotta.....he doesn't know if Jim is the one actually being the one doing the whipping or become the whipping boy. Member Bilotta is very tenacious and he looks forward to his leadership along with Member Moustis, Member Woods, and himself. He welcomed Member Bilotta aboard.

COMMENTS BY MINORITY LEADER

Margie Woods

Member Woods congratulated all of the Commissioners or Board Members who won their election and countywide people that were elected. She looks forward to a new year and a new beginning of working together, as always. The Democrat selection of the "Whip" would be Member Adamic. Member Adamic was pretty young when he first started (26 years old) and he now has whiskers. She looks forward to working with everybody here including the countywide people elected because that is what it takes. It is going to take a lot of understanding, unity, and togetherness. We pray for that. She thanked the people who came out today....inaudible.....Mr. James Brown, everybody because this is something that everybody should see. You go and you vote and you don't know what happens after that, but this gives you some idea of what does happen after that. Keep coming, keep learning and keep working.

Member Brandolino stated 14 years I stayed as the majority leader and he thinks they went through a lot of problems. Some of them they solved, some are still on the table. He thinks at this point in time in history, we need to move ahead in perhaps another direction. We have some major problems and he thinks the change in leadership is probably a good move. At this point in time, he thinks Member McMillan brings us good leadership and experience that he has demonstrated not only in serving at the Arsenal and changing that property from federal to state and local, but what he has done at the jail to keep us in line with the expenditures that we all agreed to for helping Detention Center develop. Over the last 14 years, he has seen a lot of changes and seen new faces come on, he has seen some new ideas come on that perhaps would never have been raised if we did not bring in new blood or new thoughts. He is sure that Member McMillan is going to lead us in another direction to improve upon what we have done already into new futures of ideas that are going to help our election process, help our adult detention process. He hopes that we will come up with a campus for the County of Will where we bring all of our services to one area and not tell them to park on Scott Street over on the other side of Clinton or on Jefferson near the big parking deck or at the Health Center or out at the Public Works or out on Ruby Street, if you need some documents. We are so disbursed and Member McMillan is going to lead us in a conglomeration on a campus approach. Member McMillan has Member Brandolino's support.

Executive Walsh commented on a personal note, he has known Member Brandolino for a long time and he is truly a gentleman. His services as Majority Leader here for this County Board have been tremendous. He applauded Member Brandolino and thanked him for all the years of dedication and services put together for the county.

Member Moustis stated he has been on this County Board since 1992 and Member Brandolino is of course a district mate of his. When he reflects back and watched the County Board for many years, long before he has had the privilege of sitting on this board. He remembered those days; it may have been a little darker around here and the days when there may have been some credibility issues for this board. He has watched Member Brandolino bring this board back to respectability. He doesn't know if anyone has a higher integrity than Member Brandolino. Member Brandolino has been a great leader and a great mentor to him...and gave him a round of applause.

Member McMillan announced Member Brandolino will remain a mentor to him as he was back in 1983 when they first became friends. He became very active in establishing a local development corporation up in Bolingbrook as the Dean of the Junior College, and that is where he first met him. He has appreciated his counsel, his advice over all of the years. The only reason he sought the majority position was because he knew he would have Member Brandolino's support in his quest in the next two years. He has always appreciated his friendship, advice, his abilities to form a wonderful consensus. He looks forward to continuing to work with Member Brandolino as well as everyone else on this board.

Member Singer made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino to adjourn until December 21, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.