

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008  
NINE THIRTY A.M.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF WILL

Executive Walsh called the meeting to order.

Member Moustis led in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Member Moustis introduced Sister Peggy Quinn, of St. Francis Mary Immaculate, who delivered the invocation.

Roll call showed the following Board members present: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Kusta, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-two.

Absent: Anderson, Piccolin, Goodson, Rozak, Travis. Total: Five.

THE EXECUTIVE DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT.

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

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Kusta, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-two.

No negative votes.

THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IS PLACED ON FILE.

Member Wilhelmi made a motion, seconded by Member Weigel, to approve the August 21, 2008 County Board Minutes.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Kusta, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-two.

No negative votes.

THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 21, 2008 COUNTY BOARD MEETING ARE APPROVED.

Elected officials present were: Auditor, Steve Weber; Circuit Clerk, Pam McGuire; County Clerk, Nancy Schultz Voots; County Executive, Larry Walsh; Recorder of Deeds, Laurie McPhillips; State's Attorney, James Glasgow; and Treasurer, Pat McGuire. Senator A. J. Wilhelmi was also present.

News media present were: Michael Cleary, Farmers Weekly Review; Lee Provost, Kankakee Daily Journal; Dennis Sullivan, Chicago Tribune; Joe Tippett, WJOL; Anastasia Tuskey, The Bugle.

## **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

County Executive Walsh stated we do have on our Agenda, Joliet Junior College who wishes to present a slide Powerpoint presentation in regards to their master plan.

Dr. Gina Prouix, President of Joliet Junior College stated, I'm not going to add a lot to your agenda in terms of time, but I'm here this morning to tell you a very exciting story about our Master Plan. We're going to show you a video, six minutes long, but I'd like to take the opportunity before we get into the video, just to share a couple of things with you that you may or may not know. For beginners, I'm in my third year as President of JJC. When I was a candidate for the position, working in my former institution, I had been doing a lot of background work to find out about this institution called Joliet Junior College. I'll never forget the day they came to me before I came out for my first interview, and they said to me, you're absolutely going to love what we found out. I just couldn't wait to hear what they had to say. What they had to say to me was they did a lot of looking at the team that was working in Institutional Research and how they do data, and what the College was doing. They gave the Institutional Research team A+++. I was so excited, because the team I was working with in the State of Maryland really was one of those A+++ teams. So I came out to JJC on my interview, and when I accepted the job and I got to meet the team in Institutional Research, I have to tell you they haven't let me down since day one. That gives me the opportunity to introduce Dr. Ryan Smith. Ryan is with me this morning; he's now our Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Research. When I arrived at the College, he was the Dean of Institutional Research. I can assure you that under his tutelage things are absolutely wonderful. We are a leader in the State of Illinois when it comes to how we're doing our data. The other thing I wanted to share with you is I know you've seen some of the press and I know you know our enrollments are up. I thought I'd put the enrollments in perspective for you, because the Institution is growing and that was one of the things that excited me about coming to JJC because in my past, I worked in a lot of institutions that weren't necessarily growing in enrollment. For the fall semester, we are at 14,088 students as of today. We haven't added in yet those high school students that are taking advantage of taking a course in high school and getting college credit at JJC. We anticipate that number to grow. I thought you'd be interested in knowing that that makes us the largest head count increase in the history of the Institution. We're about a thousand students over where we've been. This is a very, very exciting time for Joliet Junior College. We have more men attending for a change. I think some of you know that in higher ed the men have kind of been invisible. Our male population is going up, our minority population is growing. More importantly, the number of credit hours that students are taking are

also increasing. What that means in the academic world is that when students are coming back to school and taking more courses for credit, they're probably going to graduate and we're going to be able to increase the number of students getting degrees. I only have all kinds of exciting news to share with you. The current number of full time faculty at the College is 211 full-time faculty. One of the things I'd like to say about the faculty that you may not know, out of those 211, about 40 of those faculty have a PHD or an EDD degree. That means that our faculty really are quality not just in terms of what they're doing in their classroom, but professional in terms of what they've achieved. We probably have another 25-35 faculty in that pipeline to get doctoral degrees. We're very proud of the work that our faculty are doing to professionally develop. One of the things I'm here to do today is show you a very short video. It's six minutes long, and the video is about this master plan that's gotten a lot of press since I've been in the Institution. We started our master plan planning back in October, 2006. I'd only been on the job a couple of months when we brought architects in to help us with our master plan. The reason we do a master plan is the State of Illinois requires us to update our master plan every five years. So, it's not a new routine for us; it's just an ongoing routine. The master plan becomes a blueprint for the college. It helps us to focus on not just our buildings but on our outdoor areas, our location, what we're doing with aesthetics, what our form and function is like. Our master plan is unique, in that it's not just a version of what architects and college leaders think, but a very open process this time. A very large steering committee; we went out and used technology on our website and had the community feed us some input. What I'm going to show you here today is a movie to give you a picture of the master plan. I'll end up with comments and leave some time for questions.

Video of JJC Master Plan presented.

President Prouix commented, I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to look on the website to see how we're doing with the master plan, follow progress as we start to break ground and put up the first facility which will be the greenhouse, followed by the campus center, followed by the facility services. We have some handouts for you. If you have any questions on those handouts, I'd be happy to have you give me a call at the College. County Executive Walsh, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here this morning. I'd love to stay and tell you about all the other exciting things that have already happened, but I'm sensitive to your time. I hope you're as enthusiastic as we are, because actually it's your support in the community. As I look out and I see so many familiar and supportive faces, I know that you've been behind the college for many, many years. Our college started in 1901, as I don't have to tell you. It's so interesting and exciting to go around the country and meet other community college presidents and they look to me and say, tell me about how it really is, because everybody does know about JJC in the history books. You have a very proud history here, a tradition to be proud of. I think now as we tell the story of how we're preparing to get ready for that big year of 2030, you can see that we're on a mission to continue to be affordable, more importantly to be accessible to residents, and maybe even more importantly than that, to be the provider of education that we need to keep the workforce in Will County, the workforce that you want it to be, and that's the quality of workforce.

## HONORARY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

### PLAQUE PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING SHELDON LATZ' RETIREMENT

Member Bilotta said Sheldon Latz started in 1961; John F. Kennedy was President; 47 years. Most of the roads in Will County were gravel. It's an honor to be here and say a few words about you. You are quite a special person. Anything in the Highway Department you needed, ask anybody, I don't care what it was – if it was a branch pick up off a road to a major highway project, if you needed an answer, you called him. He never had to call you back, because he knew it – it was in his head. It was an honor working with Shelly. His dedication – Saturdays and Sundays were always the best time to get a hold of Shelly, because he was in the office. He was working at nights, always at meetings, never missed a meeting. You just don't see that in today's working world and that dedication, especially out of a public servant like Shelly really was. He was an engineer respected throughout the State of Illinois of 102 counties. He was named the County Engineer in 2004, and that's quite an honor by 101 other county engineers – actually that was nationwide. That's quite an honor. It's funny, about five years ago when I was talking to Shelly he said I'm losing money working. I said what do you mean you're losing money working. 47 years, you build up that retirement, your actual net pay would be greater if you retired. There again, it exemplifies the dedication he had for Will County. Because of Sheldon, our roads are what they are. Our roads are in very good shape; he's kept up with the growth and he set us up for the future. I appreciate that and for making Will County a better place to live. We all know Shelly is an avid hunter and fisherman. I've heard he's a very good shot, so you always want to stay on his good side. Now he has time to spend with his family and his wife, and I know they can use him at home – that's great.

Member Bilotta presented a Plaque Recognizing Sheldon Latz' Retirement to Sheldon Latz.

Sheldon Latz commented, I certainly thank everybody for having me here to accept this. I certainly appreciate it. Last month I was kind of caught by surprise when I came in late for the meeting and Jim asked me to come up here and say a few words. I really didn't know what to say. As I was walking down the aisle there, I thought hey, I had a presentation I was going to give to Jim at the next Public Works Committee, which you cancelled. So I thought well, I'll just do it here. I had my briefcase brought down, and I showed you the pamphlet, it was nothing more than a pamphlet, that had the regulations of when I started, and then I showed you what it is now. Kathleen said hey, being that's the way it is, you ought to put that in the Historical Society and I thought, am I really that old? I look at it from that point and I got to thinking a little later on, looking at history, Henry Ford started the production line approximately 100 years ago. I've been half of that time in the highway industry. I was thinking maybe Kathleen is right. Anyway, when you look at the type of vehicles that were in his days and when I started and when you look at the type of vehicle we have today, they are much heavier and bigger. The volume is many, many more. Going back a little more, I look at when the then President Eisenhower, I believe he was a Lieutenant at the time, graduated from West Point. When he graduated from West Point, he was in an Army convoy going from Washington DC to California and it took him three months to do so in that convoy. Today, we can make that same trip in less

than a week, due on behalf of what he had done when he was President and the interstate system. We look at the interstate system today and we see that as a lot of it is deteriorated, a lot is outdated, based on the assumptions of what we were designing for at the time was for the vehicles at that time. We know that they are deteriorating – our roads are deteriorating along with everyone else’s roads. I think there’s a need for a lot of cooperation between the various government agencies, developers and the industry to be able to look and see how are we going to be protect ourselves for the transportation industry for tomorrow. This is our commerce, our life of the United States and we have to make sure that we take and do something with that. I think the cooperation has to be there and we are doing that, we have been working on that in the past and we’ve had good cooperation, but we still need to have more. A lot of people have asked me what do you intent to do now that you retire. I intend to do some hunting and some fishing. I’m going to continue doing some type of engineering; what that is yet, I don’t know. One of the things I learned is I do trap shooting. I got up there and started trap shooting, and I was missing. I thought what am I really doing wrong, because I used to be able to hit them. I got the idea that I would put a name and a face of each one of those targets. I got the names of developers, lawyers and politicians that I work with. I hit every one thereafter. I certainly appreciate this honor and presentation. I especially thank the taxpayers for allowing me to work this long. Thank you.

County Executive Walsh said, Thank you Sheldon for everything you’ve done for Will County – unbelievable – 47 years of continuous employment here in county government. It’s truly remarkable.

### **PLAQUE PRESENTATION RECOGNING JAMES ZELKO’S RETIREMENT**

Member Gould stated it’s a privilege this morning to present this plaque. I just want to say like Sheldon, Jim, 38 years, not quite as many as Sheldon, but definitely a consummate professional, one who has served the people of Will County with dedication. I personally know we had a tritium leak a few years ago and he just conducted that whole matter professionally and brilliantly. Will County was the first agency to respond, before the Federal EPA, before the State of Illinois. We were on the job and testing 300 wells and so I’ll never forget what you did for southern Will County.

Member Gould presented a Plaque Recognizing James Zelko Retirement to James Zelko.

James Zelko commented, I have to say that Sheldon is one tough act to follow. I feel like a pup out here with 37 and he’s got 47. I certainly want to thank you all for this recognition. Don mentioned the problem we had with tritium. It isn’t one person who solves these problems. You’re there, you’re providing some guidance and leadership, but there’s a staff, there is the support of this Board, and the County Executive who provided the resources for us to implement a good plan that was able to serve our residents. It was staff that followed through on that. And that’s not just the people who collect the water samples. That’s people who put the reports together, the people who interact with the media to get the good information out. I’m flattered by Don’s talk, but I will put some of that credit where it goes. I want to thank you for the

opportunities that you gave me. I was very fortunate. In today's job market, people don't stay as long as perhaps Sheldon and I did, but I was very fortunate to have had the opportunities. As I look at the actions that you took just a few months ago appointment me to the Board of Health. I am certainly grateful for that. It allows me to continue to be a part of the good things that are done at the Health Department. I have a few reflections on retirement. I don't hunt; I do fish. But talking to Sheldon earlier, the bait that he uses is the fish that I catch. As I planned to retire and I told people I was retiring, the question continually came up well, what are you going to do. Everybody asks that and as I answered that question more and more I realized that with a daughter in college and a 13 year old, I'm not going to be like a normal 62 year old retiree and traveling with their wife. Last night we went to a volleyball game and argued with the daughter about doing homework and she's not going to get a good grade on the test. So, I'm more of a stay at home dad. That's how I'm perceiving it now. Another thing, you know that list that everyone has – it will never get done. Not in my house – I've been retired for four months, and the list is still there and I've given up on it ever being completed – and I told my wife that. And for six months before I left, I said I'm going to save up all those things for the list because I need something to do – well, forget that. Now the question is how do you like retirement, how's it going, do you like it. I have an answer for that too. That is that retirement is something I highly recommend to everyone. Thank you very much for your support

County Executive Walsh said, thank you Jim Zelko for your commitment to county government, to the Health Department, to the health, safety and welfare of all of our citizens of Will County. When you look at 47 years and 37 years, unbelievable historical information and knowledge that has just left Will County government.

## **PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION ON 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Member Babich said today I have with me two of my former classmates, Pat and Pat, so I couldn't forget their names. This is recognizing the Slovenian Women's Union of America, which is located by the way, right here across from St. Joe's Church, which is two steeples, right across the street on Chicago Street. I know there's a few other Slovenians that are here – Art, Nancy, Wally Adamic, and John Gerl.

### **PROCLAMATION**

#### **RE: RECOGNIZING 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, the Slovenian Women's Union of America was organized on December 19, 1926, to unite Slovenian immigrant women living in the United States to foster their ambitions and to serve as an open forum where they could freely express their opinions, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the branches were founded in the late 1920's and through the 30's. Joliet Branch #20 was the third branch to be organized in Illinois, holding their first meeting on June 11, 1928, and

WHEREAS, now eighty years later, the branch has an active and thriving membership involved in the preservation and promotion of their Slovenian traditions and heritage, and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Slovenian Women's Union of America is to preserve the living spirit of the founders and past membership by promoting and nourishing the legacy left to them for future generations, and

WHEREAS, their mission is to reach individuals by uniting them through their common interest in Slovenian culture and traditions; their purpose is to provide resources and communication and to foster friendships in honor of their cultural heritage, and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a banquet will be held on October 19, 2008 at the Patrick Haley Mansion in Joliet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Will County Board and the Will County Executive hereby congratulate the Slovenian Women's Union of America, Joliet Branch #20 on their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Will County Board and the Will County Executive applaud the Slovenian Women's Union of America, Joliet Branch #20 and wish them many more years of success in serving the community.

DATED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:

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LAWRENCE M. WALSH  
WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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NANCY SCHULTZ VOOTS  
WILL COUNTY CLERK

Member Babich made a motion, seconded by Member Adamic Proclamation Congratulating Slovenian Women's Union on 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Kusta, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-two.

No negative votes.

**PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION ON 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IS APPROVED.**

Pat Figurowski said on behalf of the Slovenian Women's Union of America, I want to thank you all. This is a great honor for us. This will be displayed at our big convention next month. The Slovenian Women's Union started as a burial insurance, the only burial insurance in the United States. The highest premium you could get was \$300, so these women thought that was a lot of money at that time, but it was what they thought was good. They worked hard, as he mentioned across from St. Joe's Church, which is also Slovenian. We do have the museum down there which has a lot of pictures, a lot of memorabilia which also tells a lot of stories. Feel free to come anytime; you'll be glad that you did. It doesn't take long. They have a gift shop and a lot of polka records.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WILL COUNTY'S "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT"**

Member Dralle stated I have some statistics and data that I'd like to share with you. Over the last 10 years, there have been over 50 women and children who have been murdered in Will County. Domestic violence means physical abuse, harassment, intimidation of a dependent, interference of personal liberty or willful deprivation. It includes sexual abuse, emotional abuse, intimidation threats, isolation, and the using of children. Domestic violence is the single most common source of injury to women. It is more common than auto accidents, muggings and rapes by strangers combined. 97% of the women killed by another family member, were killed by their husband. More than 4,000 women each year are killed by their partners. By age 20, one of three women will experience dating violence. 63% of boys ages 11 to 20 arrested for homicide have killed their mother's abuser. 70% of men in court order treatment for domestic violence witnessed it as a child. 80% of runaways come from homes where domestic violence occurs. Only one seventh of all domestic violence assaults come to the attention of the police department. Among all these statistics and data, what do we have to feel good about. We have here in Will County, and we are blessed and we are fortunate, to have two groups that basically are made up of women and bring two events to us in the month of October. These Take Back the Night events bring Will County citizens together to rally against this insidious societal disease of violence which affects women, children and all of us. I'd like you to please take some time during October on one of the two days to participate in the rallies and marches. The first one is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Joliet West High School at 6:00 p.m. If you're in the Joliet area, it's a good place to spend October 2<sup>nd</sup>. With us today we have three members of the Northern Branch Will County Take Back the Night. These are three women, two of whom I know very well. I have with us Margie Oftedahl who is Chairman of the Bolingbrook Northern Will County Take Back the Night; Melissa Brown, who is Vice Chair and Sandy Iversen. These three women have committed major time, dedication and energy to put events together so that we as citizens understand the grave gravity of domestic violence.

### **Recognizing Will County “*Take Back the Night*”**

WHEREAS, “*Take Back the Night*” was first held in Germany in 1973 in response to a series of sexual assaults and murders. Five years later, the first event was held in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of “*Take Back the Night*” is to bring survivors, supporters, activists and community leaders together in a call for the end of violence against women; create a greater awareness of violence against women in our community and educate the public about the attitudes and behavior that perpetuate this problem, and

WHEREAS, since 1996, “*Take Back the Night*” has provided support and services for crime victims throughout the Will County area, and

WHEREAS, “*Take Back the Night*” is critical to Will County’s overall commitment to raising awareness about violence against women and the tragedies it creates, and

WHEREAS, each year, the event includes a speaker, entertainment, a brief march and an information table with materials from organizations in helping victims of violence, and

WHEREAS, this year, two events are scheduled. Will County “*Take Back the Night*” will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at Joliet West High School, starting at 5:30 p.m. and “*Take Back the Night*” of Northern Will County will be held on October 16, 2008 at DuPage Township Levy Center in Bolingbrook, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board and the Will County Executive do hereby recognize “*Take Back the Night*” in Will County and call upon the people of Will County to observe this event with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

**DATED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.**

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE M. WALSH  
WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVENANCY SCHULTZ VOOTTS  
WILL COUNTY CLERK

Member Dralle made a motion, seconded by Member Maher, Proclamation Recognizing Will County's "Take Back the Night" be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Kusta, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-two.

No negative votes.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WILL COUNTY'S "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT"  
IS APPROVED.

Margie Oftedahl said thank you for giving us time to focus attention on an event that provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the reality of domestic violence. Our volunteer committee is comprised of 20 members representing communities and organizations in the northern part of Will County. We are representation from Bolingbrook, Romeoville, Shorewood, Lockport, Lemont, Plainfield, Homer Glen and we just added Crest Hill this year. This year's event will be held at the DuPage Township Levy Center in Bolingbrook. There will be entertainment, food vendors, information tables, a bag of free items that we call choc skis and t-shirts. Sandy and I are wearing our shirts from last year, and obviously they say, No More Violence – It starts with us" and we're using that same slogan again this year. We think it's very powerful. We invite you to come and do the clothesline project with t-shirts made by and for victims of domestic violence. We'll also be displaying silent witness figures which stand in memory of and tell the story of victims who have died. Our speaker this year is Renee McNeil, being sponsored by DuPage Township and she'll be presenting a tribute to women who have survived domestic violence, and she's fantastic. I invite you to come and see her. Weather permitting, there will be an .8 mile march to Bolingbrook High School. It's not very far, where there are going to be luminaries lit this year in memory of those who lost their lives due to family violence. We rely solely on donations to support this event and I know that several people have already given donations and we're very grateful for that. We also passed out "Save The Date" flyers; you also have those. We invite you to come. Please join us on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the DuPage Township Levy Center. No more violence; it starts with us. Thank you for your time.

Member Dralle added, I should mention that at the Joliet West, on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, they will have a gal named Diane Fletendorf, who is speaking on abusive power. She is quite well known throughout the country. If you have a chance, please do stop and listen to her.

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

Executive Walsh stated that all resolutions from the August 21, 2008 County Board Agenda have been signed by the County Executive.

**STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS  
County Executive Walsh**

Good morning County Board Chairman Moustis, County Board members, elected officials and citizens of Will County. Today is my fourth State of the County address as your County Executive. I consider this a great opportunity to review past accomplishments, assess challenges, and plan for the future as we work together for the Will County residents we serve.

Whether we are in an elected position or not, each of us who work for Will County has taken on the responsibility to represent the best interests of our citizens. As good public servants, we have been successful in putting our constituents ahead of self interest – something that has contributed to our progress as a County. When I ran for the office of County Executive, my personal pledge to the people of Will County was to provide accountability within the County system.

Not only is this pledge something our citizens deserve, but it is one we have delivered on. It is important to take these responsibilities seriously through our actions, backed up by reporting accurate and verifiable information on where we stand as a county. As we continue to grow as a County and as public servants, our accomplishments and challenges will continue to increase as well.

Fundamentally, the state of Will County is very good. Compared to other counties in our region, as well as the state, we have much to be proud of. Our budget is sound, we have stable and hard-working employees, productive partnerships - and we are committed to fiscal discipline and responsibility.

Today, I will highlight some of the fundamental changes that have put us in this enviable position among other county governments in Illinois. I will also touch on some of the challenges we must face together to remain in this desirable position.

Before I go any further, I would like to applaud the efforts of the County Board for recognizing many of the challenges we are facing and must face. I am convinced that by working

collaboratively to set goals and policies for the betterment of Will County, we will remain strong during the difficult economic times that are upon us as a nation.

We have done one thing very well: - We have sent a consistent message to everyone in County government that fiscal discipline is important. The message that the County Executive and Board are applying fiscal discipline while sustaining critical public services to our residents has been heard – and understood. If the County had an ongoing revenue expansion that could be counted on, we could do so much more -we could invest even more in capital improvements and enhance our technology infrastructure. But, during these difficult economic times our revenue is not growing at the rate it has over the past decade and each of us is being asked to do more with less.

As with every family in Will County, we are being asked to tighten our belts and prioritize our expenditures. While it's imperative to take this stand, it is only right to take a moment to recognize our departments and other countywide elected officials for their good work within these constraints. **It has not gone unnoticed.** I want all of you to know that that your efforts to promote fiscal responsibility while providing great services to our citizens is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Later today, I will submit a balanced budget to you for your consideration. This is a budget that is truly balanced, not dependent on new sources of revenue, not overstating revenue estimates, and certainly not expanding programs. The economy has diminished revenue growth. As a result, we must make adjustments in our expenditures. We are not able to add additional employees, even though we recognize that many departments may need more personnel. More importantly we are avoiding layoffs. We are restricting our investment in capital even though we know we have significant capital needs.

But, we are continuing to maintain cash reserves. Our County now has a policy that we will maintain cash reserves between 22 and 26% of our budgeted expenditures in the corporate fund. Excess reserves can be used for capital needs. However, we will not utilize these funds for operations. It provides a safety net for those times of the year that become tight for cash flow because property taxes are not yet due. I believe this is another indication of Will County's fiscal stability that very few counties in our region utilize.

Salaries and benefits consume a large part of our corporate budget. However, the percentage of the corporate budget has decreased from a recent peak of 82% in the 2005 budget, passed before I took office to 75% now. We have done this through fiscal discipline. When we hire replacements, we often wait for a period of time before we post positions. When we make a hire, we usually bring the replacement in at a lower rate of pay. We constantly ask department heads to look for ways to economize without sacrificing services. We will continue these efforts and I think we can all be proud of the progress we have made.

Transportation issues continue to be a challenge for us. With our growth in population and our status as the global crossroads of America, our transportation infrastructure is being pushed to the limit. While we could have taken a passive approach, we actively sought solutions that would enable us to find a revenue source outside of property taxes so that we could begin to address these issues.

When leaders from the Regional Transportation Authority informed me that they were seeking an increase in the sales tax for RTA operations, I along with other suburban, collar county leaders informed them that we would not support any increase without a source of funds for transportation infrastructure for each of our counties. Residents of Will County have paid an RTA sales tax for more than 30 years. While many Will County communities utilize METRA and PACE extensively, other communities have never even seen a PACE bus or METRA train.

Through extensive negotiation, a plan was developed that would place an additional one-quarter of one percent sales tax that would come directly back to each collar county for transportation purposes. This revenue stream will provide about \$20 million annually for transportation improvements. As our sales tax base grows, that amount will increase over the years. We will use this revenue stream in FY2009 to fund up to \$100 million in short term bonds to accelerate our infrastructure improvements. This will enable Will County to improve our roads, put people back to work, and plan for the future.

The legislation that restructured the RTA also gave Will County an important seat on the RTA Board. Previously we shared a representative with other collar counties. Will County has its own representative, J.D. Ross, who will work to give Will County concerns the priority they deserve. The funding formula that previously allocated 60% of funding to Chicago now allocates 52% to the collar counties where the population continues to grow. This will allow transit projects that benefit our residents' equal footing with projects that benefit those residents in Chicago.

Also in the past year, we witnessed the long awaited opening of I-355. This southern extension, planned for more than 40 years will spur economic development along another corridor that runs through the heart of Will County. This project involved a collaborative effort between Will County, the Illinois Toll Highway Authority, and our representative Jim Roof. Communities such as Lockport, Homer Glen, and New Lenox joined Will County to contribute both financially and through in-kind donations to make this project a reality.

As a result of our growth over the past decade our criminal justice system has been challenged. Recent population data indicated that since 2000, 47% of the growth in the entire Chicago metropolitan area has occurred in Will County. We have added nearly 170,000 residents since 2000. With that growth comes increases in everything from traffic tickets to serious crime.

In 2005, I planned to convene a task force to address the capital needs of our criminal justice system. However, it proved to be difficult to find leadership for this task force for a variety of reasons. First, there was no existing revenue stream to begin the financial planning for the facilities that may be needed. The only viable funding option would have been a referendum to impose a public safety tax.

In addition, there was little dialogue between us and the City of Joliet regarding our common objectives in planning for new facilities in downtown Joliet. However, we kept searching for answers to these daunting questions.

With regard to funding, a last minute change to the RTA legislation allowed the county portion of the RTA sales tax funds to also be utilized for public safety. While transportation infrastructure remains our first priority, a portion of these funds could also be utilized for criminal justice needs.

We also persisted in our efforts to enter into a dialogue with the City of Joliet. Over the past year, we have made incredible progress in this dialogue and have formed a City/County Committee that has begun developing a plan that would keep County operations based in Joliet and would include the construction of a new courthouse.

We still have a long way to go but the process is moving forward. It proves that even when initial plans are met with resistance, persistence and the ability to improvise plans can still lead to progress. I believe that's what our residents expect and I will continue to work to solve these important challenges facing our County.

We continue our efforts to acquire federal and state funds to pursue important projects that might not be able to be funded through our corporate fund. In 2007, we acquired nearly \$1 million in federal funding for IWIN computers for the sheriff's squad cars. This is really a safety issue as this technology allows deputies to acquire critical information about individuals before they approach a car. This alerts them as to the individual's criminal history, outstanding warrants, and other important information.

This year our top priority is funding for sewer and water improvements in Joliet's Ridgewood neighborhood. We are focusing our efforts on this important project as it involves a long-term commitment to improve this neighborhood. While we have no guarantees, Senator Durbin and Senator Obama as well as our local Congressional delegation understand this is our top priority.

As everyone knows, Will County has become one of the world's largest inland ports. We are currently home to the largest intermodal facility in North America and will soon be home to another that would be more than twice as large and plans are on the table for two additional facilities. While everyone appreciates the investments that companies are making in our County, the jobs that are being created, and the additional tax revenue that these facilities generate, we must be cognizant of the impact that these facilities have on our quality of life.

Intermodal facilities generate huge truck volume. Not only does the truck traffic take a toll on our infrastructure, it often creates safety issues for our motorists. As a county government, we have been very aggressive with developers of these facilities. We are participating in an Inland Port task force convened by the Will County Center for Economic Development. We are asking for increased participation by developers for infrastructure funding. We continue to pressure developers to be fair with homeowners that are within and adjacent to the footprints of these developments.

However, I must make one thing crystal clear. Each of these developments has occurred or is being planned for within municipal boundaries. None of these intermodal facilities are in unincorporated Will County. Therefore, we are limited in our legal authority to demand anything from these developers. However, we realize that the impact of these facilities extends

beyond municipal boundaries and into unincorporated Will County. We have worked with municipalities and developers to make sure everyone understands that the long-term effects are felt by the County and its residents. We continue our dialogue with municipalities and developers to make sure that some of these negative effects are mitigated.

A few fundamental principles should be remembered when assessing the benefits and challenges with intermodal facilities. First, developers want these facilities in Will County. This is the only County in the United States where major rails come within six miles of each other. We have pipelines and water transport and several interstate highways that facilitate quick transportation for product coming into and out of these ports. So, we don't need to provide countless tax incentives to get them to locate here.

In fact, we should demand that they pay their share of property taxes right away. School districts and local units of government should not have to wait for the increased tax revenues that are generated from these developments. So tax incentives should be limited, if not forbidden.

Second, we must demand better jobs that are filled by Will County residents. Too often we see logistics companies that import workers from outside of this area to work at these distribution facilities. We must insist that local workers fill these jobs and that light manufacturing become a part of the mix in addition to distribution facilities.

We must also demand that intermodal developers become good corporate neighbors. They must participate in our communities by making their charitable contributions here. Our assets enable them to make substantial profits so we need to see some of those profits reinvested in our communities.

Today, we face the potential sale of the EJ&E railroad to Canadian National Railroad. While it is understandable that railroads want to avoid the congestion of moving in and out of Chicago, we must insist that this sale be evaluated with consideration given to the effect it would have on our lifestyle in Will County. Under this proposed sale, trains would increase fourfold in many places and the length of the trains would more than double.

This sale has the potential to disrupt daily commutes, interrupt vital emergency services, increase hazardous waste traffic through our communities, and negatively impact our schools and neighborhoods. I stand in strong opposition to this sale because of the impact it will have on our municipalities and our County unless adequate dollars are committed to improving and upgrading the infrastructure that would be necessary to mitigate the negative impacts. We strongly support the TRAC organization and the thousands of residents who have voiced their opposition to this sale.

Canadian National needs to begin good faith negotiations with Will County and the municipalities that will be adversely affected by this proposed transaction. Significant dollars must be committed to ensure that Will County doesn't become one large train crossing with devastating consequences for our residents.

As part of my commitment to accountability, our Land Use Department has significantly increased our environmental activities over the past four years. Today we have regular events in different communities that encourage the collection of household hazardous waste, tire collection events and even book and shoe reuse and recycling. We have dramatically expanded electronics recycling with facilities in Bolingbrook, Channahon, Troy Township, and Beecher and Washington Township. Anything with a chip or battery can be properly disposed of at these facilities. Most are open a couple days per week and we hope to continue to expand these hours as residents become more familiar with these services.

We have also introduced a Pharmaceutical Take-Back program where residents can take their unused prescription drugs back to be disposed of properly instead of these drugs being flushed down the drain and into our water system.

I am dedicated to continue these environmentally responsible programs. In fact, plans are underway to obtain a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility so that residents will have the opportunity to dispose of their hazardous waste several times a week instead of waiting for periodic collection events. Our environment is one of our most valuable resources and we as a county must encourage responsible environmental behavior as we continue to grow.

Later today I will present my Fiscal Year 2009 budget to the County Board for its consideration. In doing so it is appropriate to look back on some of our accomplishments and, more importantly, recognize some of our challenges. I have already mentioned that we have been very successful in lowering the percentage of the corporate budget that goes into salaries and benefits from a high of 82% to a more manageable 75%.

We have improved our budget process by tightening our budget controls, strengthening our revenue forecasts, and controlling expenses. We have begun multi-year planning. We have started to implement the policies needed to drive long-term stability and decision making. Consequently, our cash reserves have grown appreciably and we now have a formal policy in place that will maintain those reserves between 22 and 26% of the next year's budgeted expenditures.

In addition, we have utilized our levy and improved reserves to cleanup long-standing issues in the FICA, IMRF, Highway, Workmen's Compensation, and Tort Immunity Funds. The result: Standard and Poor's Bond Rating Services upgraded Will County's bond rating to AA+. This will save Will County taxpayers considerable debt service expense as we complete the expansion of the Adult Detention Facility and bond for transportation infrastructure projects.

In addition, Will County has lowered its share of property taxes in each of the last two years. Now, that doesn't mean that the property taxes have decreased but it does mean that Will County residents are paying a smaller share of their property taxes for County government than they did two years ago.

These were not easy accomplishments, especially when revenue growth has slowed and new construction is waning. Together, we have exhibited great fiscal discipline and encouraged our

department heads and other elected officials to budget conservatively and accurately. We owe this to County residents and I believe it is more important than ever to continue our conservative budgeting approach.

We all understand that this is an election year and we want to demonstrate that we are prudent with County tax dollars. I believe we can point to the past three years as evidence that we truly are mindful of taxpayer dollars. However, I believe it would be imprudent to take any action that would diminish our ability to maintain current revenues. The economic downturn will likely continue at least through this next fiscal year. We must anticipate less revenue growth if not an actual decline in revenues over the next year.

Therefore, the budget I am submitting to you today levies at the maximum rate, including the growth over the past year. While we are recommending levying at the maximum rate, the County share of the property tax rate remains lower than it was two years ago. If we do not levy at the maximum rate, the County stands to lose \$1.7 million or more over the next year and that amount will compound and likely be lost forever as a function of the property tax cap.

If we were to levy below the maximum rate, road projects would proceed at a slower rate than what is proposed in the 2009 budget. The other capital needs of the County, which are significant, would be delayed. With so many capital needs, an uncertain economy, and future population growth, it is simply not fiscally responsible to levy at anything less than the maximum this year.

I believe Will County government has been responsible and stable over this past year and in fact in each of the past three years. While we have disagreements on some policy matters, we have worked together responsibly and in the best interests of Will County residents. The results are borne out when our fiscal condition is compared to our neighbors around us.

Will County will continue to grow. Demands will increase, resources will be stretched, and we will all be asked to do more with less. As government officials, we must continue our good stewardship of the County's resources. We must plan for the future. We must anticipate the challenges that we will face.

Our condition today is very good and stable and our future is bright. If we continue to insist on fiscal discipline, find alternative revenues, and renew partnerships with our friends in the business and labor communities, we will not only face these challenges, we will continue our success in making our County a place of sound fiscal policy, job growth, and ensure that Will County continues to be a great place to live and raise a family.

County Executive Walsh stated we will take a brief three minute break in order to get everything put back together. We will return in three minutes.

County Executive Walsh called meeting back to order.

Member Kusta left at 11:03 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LAND USE PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Ron Svara, Chairman**

Member Svara made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, to open Public Hearing for all Land Use Cases.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Riley, Wisniewski, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Total: Eighteen.

No negative votes.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAND USE CASES IS OPENED AT 11:10 A.M.**

County Executive Walsh announced we are in open public hearing. County Executive Walsh stated that absolutely no new evidence or information will be allowed once this Land Use Hearing is closed. The cases before us today are Case 5762-S2V2; 5765-M, and 5767-S.

Member Svara made a motion, seconded by Member Baltz, to close Public Hearing for all Land Use Cases.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAND USE CASES IS CLOSED AT 11:12 A.M.**

Member Svara presented Case 5762-S2V2, A Special Use Permit for Landscape Business and Special Use Permit for Outdoor Storage in Joliet 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 Joliet 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, be and the same is hereby amended by reclassifying the area described as follows:

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A LANDSCAPE BUSINESS  
WITH SIX (6) CONDITIONS**

1. The landscape plans shall be submitted within 90 days of County Board approval and all outdoor storage shall be screened within six months of County Board approval.
2. All waste must be disposed of at an IEPA permitted facility.
3. The hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00 am. to 7:00 p.m.
4. The number of vehicles shall be limited to 6.
5. There shall be no outdoor storage in the front yard setback.
6. Any inoperable equipment must be removed from the site.

**SPECIAL USE PERMT FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE  
WITH SIX (6) CONDITIONS**

1. Any items that are stored outside shall be screened from adjacent properties and the public right-of way in accordance with Section 8.10 of the Will County Zoning Ordinance.
2. The landscape plans shall be submitted within 90 days of County Board approval. The applicant shall abide by the planting season identified in the Will County Zoning Ordinance for any type of vegetative screening.
3. All waste must be disposed of at an IEPA permitted facility.
4. The number of vehicles shall be limited to 6.
5. There shall be no outdoor storage in the front yard setback
6. Any inoperable equipment shall be removed from the site



Member Svava made a motion, seconded by Member Singer, Special Use Permit for Landscape Business in Case 5762-S2V2 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

Negative votes were: Konicki. Total: one.

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR LANDSCAPE BUSINESS IN CASE 5762-S2V2 IS APPROVED.**

Member Svava made a motion, seconded by Member Maher, Special Use Permit for Outdoor Storage in Case 5762-S2V2 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

Negative votes were: Konicki. Total: one.

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE IN CASE 5762-S2V2 IS APPROVED.**

Member Svava presented Case 5765-M, Zoning Map Amendment from A-1 to E-1 in Will 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 Will 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, be and the same is hereby amended by reclassifying the area described as follows:

**MAP AMENDMENT FROM A-1 TO E-1**

**THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4, 1200.00 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, ALONG A LINE THAT IS PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4, 304.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 1440.72 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4, SAID POINT LYING 300.00 FEET (AS MEASURED ALONG SAID WEST LINE) SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 47 SECONDS, WEST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 300.00 FEET TO SAID NORTHWEST CORNER; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, ALONG AFORESAID NORTH LINE, 1440.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; ALL IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AN CONTAINING 10.000 ACRES, MORE OR LESS THEREIN.**

**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 bylaw).

**CASE NO:** 5765-M

**APPELLANT:** Daniel A. Liberatore & Sheri S. Liberatore, Owners

**Adopted by the Will County Board this** 18th **day of** September, **2008**

**Vote:** *Yes*      *No*      *Pass*                     

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**Nancy Schultz Voots**  
**Will County Clerk**

**Approved this**      **day of**                     , **2008**

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**Lawrence M. Walsh**  
**Will County Executive**

Member Svava made a motion, seconded by Member Gerl, Case #5765-M be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

CASE #5765-M IS APPROVED.

Member Svava presented Case 5767-S, Special Use Permit to Remain A-1 in Wilton 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 Wilton 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, be and the same is hereby amended by reclassifying the area described as follows:

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO REMAIN A-1**  
**With two (2) conditions**

1. The subject parcel shall meet the R-2A site and structure requirements as designated in Section 4.2 A-8 of the Will County Zoning Ordinance.
2. The subject parcel shall be limited to the uses permitted within the current R-2 Zoning District.

**THE EAST 222 FEET OF THE WEST 920 FEET OF THE SOUTH 240 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WILTON TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

**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 bylaw).

**CASE NO:** 5767-S  
**Owners**

**APPELLANT:** Dennis Schnierle and Mary Schnierle,  
Timothy McGrath, Attorney at Law

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18th day of September, 2008

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nancy Schultz Voots**  
**Will County Clerk**

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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**Lawrence M. Walsh**  
**Will County Executive**

Member Svava made a motion, seconded by Member Riley, Case 5767-S be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

CASE 5767-S IS APPROVED.

Member Svava stated, we have four resolutions and there was some discussion about running all these resolutions through the Executive Committee. We're going to be looking at a policy that will affect that because some of these are coming straight from the Land Use

Committee onto the County Board Agenda. Our protocol lately is that they should go through the Executive Committee. However, I'm going to move these because they've gotten to this point so far through today and if anybody wants to make a motion to change that, that's up to them.

Member Svava presented Resolution #08-346, Resolution Designating Fred A. Francis Field as a Historic Landmark.



Land Use Planning, Zoning &  
Development Committee  
Resolution #08-346

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DESIGNATING FRANCIS FIELD AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK  
(HISTORICALLY KNOWN AS THE FRED A. FRANCIS FIELD)

WHEREAS, the County of Will has enacted the Will County Historic Preservation Ordinance, adopted September 17, 1992, and providing for the creation of the Will County Historic Preservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, there exists a property that is deemed significant located at 521 E. Francis Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451, P.I.N: 15-08-10-400-001-0000, and

WHEREAS, the Will County Historic Preservation Commission has the authority to recommend to the Will County Board that the subject property be included on the Will County Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, the Will County Historic Preservation Commission further has the authority pursuant to the Will County Historic Preservation Ordinance, Article IV, to recommend to the Will County Board, properties suitable to be designated as historic landmarks, and

WHEREAS, the property is commonly known as Francis Field, and historically known as the Fred A. Francis Field, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use, Planning, Zoning and Development Committee recommended approval of this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE WILL COUNTY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. That this site, which includes 2 contributing buildings, 3 non-contributing structures, and a field, and commonly known as Francis Field meets the requisite number of criteria necessary for designation as a landmark under the Will County Historic Preservation Ordinance.

- 2. That this site, historically known as the Fred A. Francis Field be recognized as a Will County Historic Landmark,
- 3. This resolution shall take effect, following its passage, approval, recording, inspection and publication, as may be required by law.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Svara made a motion, seconded by Member Baltz, Resolution #08-346 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-346 IS APPROVED.

Member Svara presented Resolution #08-347, Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA to Refine the LESA Scoring System.



Land Use Planning, Zoning &  
Development Committee  
Resolution #08-347

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE WILL-SOUTH COOK SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
(USDA) TO REFINE THE LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT (LESA) SCORING  
SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the County of Will adopted the current Will County Zoning Ordinance on July 20, 1978, providing for zoning changes identified as zoning map amendments, and

WHEREAS, Section 14.11-3 (5) of the Zoning Ordinance, states that the Planning and Zoning Commission shall base its findings on a set of criteria, and

WHEREAS, one of the criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance requires that the LESA findings are considered when making applicable map amendments, and

WHEREAS, the USDA established new soil classifications, which led to an overall analysis and re-draft of the LESA scoring system, and

WHEREAS, the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA has worked extensively with Land Use Department staff to analyze and modify the LESA scoring system which includes new soil classifications, and

WHEREAS, the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA held a workshop to demonstrate the changes in the LESA scoring system, and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2008, the Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development Committee recommended support for the LESA scoring system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby supports the efforts of the Will-South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA to refine and utilize the LESA scoring system.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Svava made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, Resolution #08-347 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-347 IS APPROVED.

Member Svava presented Resolution #08-348, Resolution for Refund of Zoning Application Fees – Case 5745-MS2V New Hope Center. At the Committee meeting we denied the return of the money.



Land Use, Planning, Zoning &  
Development Committee  
Resolution #08-348

RESOLUTION OF THE WILL COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**Refund of Zoning Application Fees**  
New Hope Center (Case 5745-MS2V)

WHEREAS, the Will County Board has established a schedule of fees for the application of map amendments, special use permits, and variances from the Zoning Ordinance and building permits; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Center, Inc., submitted an application for map amendment from A-1 to R-1, a special use permit for a sheltered workshop facility, a variance for lot coverage from 20% to 55% for an effective period of five (5) years, and a variance to eliminate parking bumpers; and

WHEREAS, such application is identified as case 5745-MS2V; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Center, Inc. paid a \$7,520.00 zoning application fee for case 5745-MS2V; and

WHEREAS, the Will County Board has, from time to time, waived or refunded such fees paid; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use, Planning, Zoning, and Development Committee of the Will County Board has considered the request to refund the fees paid by New Hope Center, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Will County, Illinois hereby approves the refund of fees paid by New Hope Center, Inc. with the zoning application of case 5745-MS2V in the amount of \$7,520.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Svara made a motion, seconded by Member Maher, Resolution #08-348 be approved.

Member Wilhelmi made a motion, seconded by Member Adamic to allow Scott Ford to speak.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

**RULES WERE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW SCOTT FORD TO SPEAK.**

Mr. Scott Ford said, I want to thank you for allowing me the time to speak at your Board meeting this morning. Got a packet of information regarding New Hope Center passed out to your desk already. Within that packet is information about our group homes currently in the area. We already have five group homes in the Crete area. They are a non-profit organization for the developmentally disabled and we are bringing our services out to the Crete area with a new 36,000 square foot workshop costing \$4.6 million. Along with that information packet, there's a letter of support from a Christine Putlak, from the Crete Monee School District. We work strongly in conjunction with high schools because the people that we serve are 21 years or older, so we try to work with local high schools ahead of time to identify the perspective students in the future who will need our assistance. There's also some information about New Hope Center in general. We've been around since 1960; we provide daycare training, workshops, and a senior program as well. What we are asking for today is that we've already paid \$7,520 in

zoning fees and we've been asked by the State to reduce our reimbursement from them by 2.5 percent. We're trying to save money where we can and use that money for new construction of our building at Crete.

Member Konicki asked, is there any similar facility out in the eastern end of our county serving the population, the developmentally disabled population?

Mr. Scott Ford responded, there currently are not, that's why we're coming out that way.

Member Konicki asked, one other question, a workshop, what do you mean, what's a workshop.

Mr. Scott Ford replied a workshop, we often get piece-meal work from manufacturers, or people we have to put together like greeting cards for the holidays and things like that. Those participants that we have that are qualified to work in that kind of environment, they actually get paid meaningful wages with tax deductions and everything else. They do piece-meal work throughout the year.

Member Maher asked how many residents will this facility serve.

Mr. Scott Ford responded, the mission plan will be 80-90 residents and there will be more jobs, probably about 30 new jobs created out there. Ultimately, once we wrap up the environment itself, we're probably going to have about 90 workers out there and probably twice as many participants.

Member Moustis asked, how many of your workers come from Will County? I'm talking about the people that will participate in these various jobs that are created – you just mentioned 80 jobs.

Mr. Scott Ford replied, initially starting out with 30, hopefully we'll end up with 90 by the time we're done. Obviously we have special needs based upon what the requirements are going to be to work in our workshop and training area. So right now we're based in southeastern Cook. We'll take as many as we can that are qualified in the Will County area. Like I said, we already have five group homes out there in Crete.

Member Konicki asked, the five group homes that you mentioned, where did those people who now reside in those homes, are they Will County residents?

Mr. Scott Ford responded, yes they are.

Member Konicki continued, and how many residents total?

Mr. Scott Ford answered, each group home holds approximately five to six participants and we have five group homes so between 25-30.

Member Singer said we talked about this this morning in caucus and the more I think about it and the more we talk about it, because it's in eastern Will County; it's in my district. Because two of the members who represent District #1 are unable to be here today, I know Ms. Piccolin is ill. I would like to see your facility in southeastern Cook. This is an important issue, but it's not a super timely issue. It's not something that if it weren't decided today it's kind of the end of the world. I would make a motion to table this. In the event that you'd be willing to offer us a tour for the folks that represent eastern Will County; we'd love to come out and see your facility to get a better understanding of what you do, to see it. I'd be more than happy to do that myself. If we go out there, I'm sure Mr. Anderson and Ms. Piccolin would too. Then we have a more educated, better understanding of it.

Member Singer made a motion, seconded by Member Wisniewski, to table Resolution #08-348.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Stewart, Adamic, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Eighteen.

Negative votes were: Brandolino, Svara, Babich. Total: three.

RESOLUTION #08-348 IS TABLED.

Member Maher stated I think this was a good move for us to table this here today because this area is so underserved in the people with disabilities, especially in the area of residential and employment opportunities. There are sometimes up to eight years waiting for this group and truly when you take a look at this from an economic standpoint, when you start putting folks to work that are going to then pay back taxes to the community versus being a burden on the community, I think that everything that we can do to help facilitate that is important. I applaud our opportunity to at least go and visit with this gentleman's organization before a decision is made.

Member McMillan added, I think you also need to add that one of the reasons that Scott is here asking for a rebate on the fees is because of the budget cuts that have occurred in Springfield. This organization along with numerous others is operating on less and less funding because the way the State is precariously slashed 501C3 funding mechanisms as well too. We had to deal with this in the past with the 4H organizations, the University of Illinois Extension programs where their budgets have been cut by the Governor, and since these are all unfunded mandates that we're being asked to make up for. At some point in time that's going to have to stop. These are all very worthwhile causes. There's not question about that. I think everyone in this room has probably raised monies for capital programs of this type. At some point in time this has got to stop becoming a government liability as well too. I think we're quickly approaching that point, too.

Member Gerl stated, I'd just like to echo a little bit what Mr. Maher had said. I kind of thought about this as well and I know we really don't have a track record of waiving these types of fees for these types of services. However, I think we need a policy, I don't know if that's to

go back to the Policy and Rules Committee or possibly the Land Use Committee, but I think these types of organizations are doing good work. We have also Will County Cornerstone, who do excellent work for our developmentally disabled residents in our area and from my perspective, I think \$7,500 is small change to really get a type of home, whether it's a group home or a place where we're going to employ these types of individuals. It is unfortunate that the State has cut back a lot of this funding, but you know what, we still have these residents that are underserved and I think \$7,500 is small potatoes compared to the amount of good work that they do and will continue to do. Hopefully we can get a policy that addresses this and maybe we put \$50,000-\$75,000-\$100,000 in our budget that waives these types of fees. I would like it to come in at the beginning of the process instead of – I think we're looking at refunding a check. I understand the arguments, but I also think there's a need out there, for \$7,500 I think we'd all understand that this money would go to good use. I think our constituents would appreciate it as well.

Member Konicki added, I think the values in thinking that have been expressed here this morning I think are just dead on the money. They're excellent. It's very – I hope the term isn't offensive, because we're aggressively in thinking -- Indeed we don't have a track record, but that we are now seeing that perhaps our policy does need more flexibility to accommodate and support such worthwhile organizations. In terms of just how worthwhile this particular organization is, I think it's important to note that they receive funding from United Way. Of course, our own county employees donate from each – some of them elect to donate. There's a significant number or percentage from their paycheck. Every paycheck, which means two paychecks a month where our employees themselves are donating to United Way about \$1,750 every paycheck, which comes up almost \$50,000 a year. It certainly would be circular where our employees, and even ourselves as the county we've been donating to United Way, to give that money and then take it right back in fees. I'm very glad that we are starting to look at these cases and be more willing to participate actively in supporting them when they come forward to our county with sufficient funds, which I think this case clearly does. I think by taking the time to go out there and actually tour these facilities with the Board members of that district would be willing to do it and do it is just a tremendous asset and a use of their time. I commend them for being willing to do that, because I'm convinced that the more they learn, the more enthusiastic they will become. Like I commented during my vote, I do believe something like this should go forward with the committed support of all three reps in that district, which I believe it will have when they to tour. I'm very glad that Mr. Singer made that suggestion.

Member Adamic said I was ready to vote in favor of this today. However, I do believe it is nice to have all three representatives from District 1 to be on board as well. It could be said how we care for those with disadvantages in our community is how the community can be judged, and how we are in a sense judged here on the Board floor. You know, it could also be said that there's lots of organizations out there that really need our help. That's probably true too; and that may be perhaps we haven't done our fair share with those organizations. However, I do believe we probably should have a policy with regards to this issue and make this something that we can do for these types of organizations. Keep in mind, we give tax abatements to profitable businesses that come before us generating jobs and helping people within the county. This is an organization that certainly is going to help those that really need it the most. I think it's something we probably should do.

Member Svava asked, I think one of the issues here is consistency. We did not waive Trinity; we did not waive Cornerstone, and I was going to make a motion to remand it back to the Executive Committee. My question is can we remand after it's been tabled? I didn't think so.

Counsel Frank Burkey responded everything is off.

Member Moustis said there's nothing you can do once it's been tabled.

Member Svava presented Resolution #08-349, Resolution funding for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Regional Water Supply Planning Group's Water Survey in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources FY 2009 Budget.



Land Use, Planning, Zoning  
& Development Committee  
Resolution #08-349

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RE: FUNDING FOR THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING AND THE  
REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING GROUP'S WATER SURVEY

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety the County of Will desires to support funding for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Regional Water Supply Planning Group's state water survey for water supply planning and management; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Governor Rod Blagojevich issued Executive Order 2006-01 requiring the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to define a comprehensive program for state and regional water supply planning and management; and

WHEREAS, in response to Executive Order 2006-01 the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning created the Regional Water Supply Planning Group for plan and policy deliberations, for recommendations, for promoting education and outreach on water resources, and that has performed a water-demand study for an 11-county planning region, including Will County, and has designed and administered surveys to water utility companies concerning need, administration and operations and to the general public regarding water use and conversation; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the new water-demand study reveal important consequences for Will County, and other counties, to the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Regional Water Supply Planning Group are entering the third and final year of the first phase of the regional water supply planning and it is critical for the work to continue and for the regional plan to be completed; and

WHEREAS, a loss of funding to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Regional Water Supply Planning Group threatens the investment made to date and in the regional water plan's completion; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Department requests, and the Land Use, Planning, Zoning, and Development Committee concurs, that the County of Will support the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Regional Water Supply Planning Group's state water survey by contributing \$20,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby directs and authorizes the County to contribute \$20,000 to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Regional Water Supply Planning Group for completion of the state water survey for water supply management and planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby authorizes the County Executive, and any employee, agent and/or representative, to take such action as necessary to contribute \$20,000 to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Regional Water Supply Planning Group for completion of the state water survey for water supply management and planning.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Svava made a motion, seconded by Member Bilotta, Resolution #08-349 be approved. Member Svava commented, this is another example of where the State of Illinois has pulled out and the County's got to step up and fund the holes. I think we should start making a list and sending it to our reps and senators down in Springfield who pass the budget that perhaps they have to be more introspective of what they're voting on. We're getting a long list of agencies that are coming to us and saying okay County, the State has cut us 2%, you got to step up. And then we sit around and debate for an hour about should we do that and force them to go back to the State of Illinois and say fund the programs. Or do we take the heat off the State, which is what we're doing.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-349 IS APPROVED.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**John Gerl, Chairman**

Member Gerl presented the following correspondence:

1. Report from the Illinois Department of Revenue showing sales tax remitted to Will County for the month of July, 2008 to be \$1,960,073.52. RTA Tax received is \$1,681,274.38, for a grand total of \$3,641,347.90.
2. Will County Monthly Treasurer Report from Will County Treasurer, Pat McGuire, dated August 31, 2008.
3. Will County Treasurer Quarterly Report from Will County Treasurer, Pat McGuire, for period 6-01-08 thru 08-31-08.

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, to place the foregoing correspondence on file.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

CORRESPONDENCE IS PLACED ON FILE.

Member Gerl presented Resolution #08-350, Resolution Transferring Appropriations Within County Clerk's Budget to Fund Election Software.



Finance Committee  
Resolution #08-350

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

**TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY CLERK'S  
BUDGET TO FUND ELECTION SOFTWARE**

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested a transfer of appropriations within her budget to fund election software, and

WHEREAS, the Finance 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, that the Will County Board hereby amends its 2008 Budget, by transferring the following:

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
101-45-411-3220	\$127,100.00	101-45-411-4600	\$127,100.00

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

FURTHER BE IT 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, Resolution #08-350 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-350 IS APPROVED.

Member Gerl presented Resolution #08-351, Resolution Appropriating Grant Funds in County Clerk’s Budget.



Finance Committee  
**Resolution #08-351**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**RE: APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE COUNTY CLERK’S BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Will County Clerk is in receipt of grant funds, and

WHEREAS, in order to expend said grant funds, the Will County Clerk has requested to increase appropriations in the amount of \$5,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee approves of this request and recommends approval, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/6-1003, budget amendments may be made at any meeting of the board by a two-thirds vote.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby amends its 2008 Budget, by increasing and transferring appropriations in the County Clerk’s Budget as follows:**

Revenue				
From:	101-00-000	39996	Anticipated New Revenue	\$5,000.00
To:	101-00-000	33199	Misc. Fed Grants	\$5,000.00

Expense				
From:	101-40-100	6999	Anticipated New Expenses	\$5,000.00
To:	101-45-411	3720	Printing/Publishing	\$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Will County Auditor and Treasurer are 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voets  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Weigel, Resolution #08-351 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-351 IS APPROVED.

Member Gerl presented Resolution #08-352, Resolution Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Necessary Documents for Delinquent Tax Program.



Finance Committee  
Resolution #08-352

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

**RE: *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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Wisniewski, Resolution #08-352 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-352 IS APPROVED.

Member Gerl presented Resolution #08-353, Resolution Transferring Appropriations Within Health Department Budget.



Finance Committee  
Resolution #08-353

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

**TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Will County Health Department has requested a transfer of appropriations within the Health Department Budget to fund contractual on-call physicians, and

WHEREAS, the Finance 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, that the Will County Board hereby amends its 2008 Budget, by transferring the following:

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
207-41-251-1010	\$250,000.00	207-41-251-3120	\$250,000.00

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

FURTHER BE IT 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Gould Resolution #08-353 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-353 IS APPROVED.

Member Gerl presented Resolution #08-354, Resolution Transferring Appropriations Within Highway Department Budget.



Finance Committee  
Resolution #08-354

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

**TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has requested a transfer of appropriations within the Highway Department Budget to fund highway maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the Finance 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, that the Will County Board hereby amends its 2008 Budget, by transferring the following:

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
220-41-190-4100	\$1,500,000.00	220-41-190-3564	\$1,500,000.00

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

FURTHER BE IT 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Babich, Resolution #08-354 be approved,

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-354 IS APPROVED.

Member Gerl presented Resolution #08-355, Resolution Transferring Funds from Corporate Fund to Special Funds.



**Finance Committee  
Resolution #08-355**

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

**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CORPORATE FUND TO SPECIAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate known necessary capital expenditures and debt service, the Will County Executive's Office has requested to transfer funds from the Corporate Fund to numerous special funds, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee concurs with this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby amends its 2008 Budget by transferring funds as follows:

<u>From:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
101-40-100-6020	\$6,959,306.00	304-00-000-39101	\$1,628,000.00
		403-00-000-39101	\$ 904,425.00
		406-00-000-39101	\$2,751,805.00
		407-00-000-39101	\$ 400,000.00
		408-00-000-39101	\$1,275,076.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Will County Auditor and Will County Treasurer are 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Wisniewski, Resolution #08-355 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Stewart, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty-one.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-355 IS APPROVED.

Member McMillan left the Board floor at 11:35 a.m.

Member Gerl presented Resolution #08-356, Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$100 Million General Obligation Transportation Improvement Bonds



**Finance Committee  
Ordinance #08-356**

**ORDINANCE No. 08-356**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT  
TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$100,000,000)  
GENERAL OBLIGATION ALTERNATE BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF  
WILL, ILLINOIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING  
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Authority and Purpose.** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Counties Code, 55 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5, and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 Illinois Compiled Statutes 350, for the purpose of financing various road improvement projects throughout the County (the "Project").

**Section 2. Authorization of Bonds.** To meet part of the not less than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) estimated total cost of the Project, including capitalized interest, credit enhancement and the cost of issuance of the bonds herein authorized, all as permitted under the Local Government Debt Reform Act, the County is hereby authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the County (the "Bonds") in one or more series and in the maximum aggregate principal amount of not to exceed One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000). The Bonds shall constitute "Alternate Bonds" under Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 Illinois Compiled Statutes 350/15.

**Section 3. General Obligations.** The full faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Bonds shall be direct and general obligations of the County, and the County shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property in the County for the payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

**Section 4. Revenue Source.** The Bonds shall be payable from (i) taxes imposed under Section 4.0 (e) of the Regional Transportation Authority Act, 70 Illinois Compiled Statutes 3615; (ii) sales tax and use tax receipts derived by the County from taxes imposed under the Use Tax Act, 35 Illinois Compiled Statutes 105; the Service Use Tax Act, 35 Illinois Compiled Statutes 110; the Service Occupation Tax Act, 35 Illinois Compiled Statutes 115; and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, 35 Illinois Compiled Statutes 120; and (iii) landfill host fees derived by the County from the Prairie View Landfill each of which constitutes a "Revenue Source" within the meaning of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act.

**Section 5. Supplemental Proceedings.** If no petition meeting the requirements specified in Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act is filed during the applicable petition period, then the County Board of the County may adopt additional ordinances and proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance so long as the maximum amount of Bonds herein authorized is not exceeded and there is no material change in the purposes described in this Ordinance. Such additional ordinances

or proceedings shall in all instances become effective immediately without publication or posting or any further act or requirement.

**Section 6. Publication.** This Ordinance shall be published in the *Herald News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The publication of this Ordinance shall be accompanied by the publication of the notice required by Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act.

For a period of 30 days after such publication, a petition may be filed with the County Clerk signed by electors numbering the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the County or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, which ever is less, asking that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum to be held on April 7, 2009. If no petition is filed within such 30 day period, then the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

**Section 7. Public Hearing.** Pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Notification Act, 30 Illinois Compiled Statutes 352, the County Board will hold a public hearing on October 16, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Will County Office Building located at 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois. The County Clerk shall publish notice of the public hearing at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County not less than 7 nor more than 30 days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall also be given by posting at least 48 hours before the public hearing a copy of the notice at the principal office of the County or, if a principal office does not exist, then at the building in which the hearing is to be held.

**Section 8. Form of Notice.** Notice of the public hearing shall appear above the name County Clerk and shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONCERNING THE INTENT OF  
THE COUNTY OF WILL, ILLINOIS  
TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Board of The County of Will, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on the 16th day of October, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will be held at the Will County Office Building located at 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the County in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 for the purpose of financing various road improvement projects throughout the County.

By order of the County Board of The County of Will, Illinois.  
DATED the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

/s/ Nancy Schultz Voots  
County Clerk

Note to Publisher: Please be certain that this notice appears above the name of the County Clerk.

**Section 9. Hearing Requirements.** At the public hearing, the Board shall explain the reasons for the proposed bond issue and permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present written or oral testimony within reasonable time limits. The Board shall not adopt an ordinance or a resolution selling the Bonds for a period of seven (7) days after the final adjournment of the public hearing.

**Section 10. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 11. Repeal.** All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**Section 12. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect in the manner provided by law.

**PASSED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.**

(SEAL)

Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

**APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.**

Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Members voting for \_\_\_\_\_

Members voting against \_\_\_\_\_

Members not voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Singer to place Resolution #08-356 on the floor.

RESOLUTION #08-356 IS ON THE FLOOR.

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Weigel, to amend Resolution #08-356 to reflect in Section 4. Revenue Source: first paragraph, first (i), to strike “the Retailers’ Occupation Tax received by the County from. Also, where it says 4.03, we’ll strike the 3.

Member Wilhelmi asked, just for clarification, basically this is taking the tax revenue as the source of repayment, so it can come from any source. Is that what you’re doing?

Melissa Johannsen stated that Mr. Fricke is here, is he not.

Member Gerl stated Mr. Fricke is basically our bond counsel.

Member Wilhelmi said, just to reiterate the question, by taking that wording out here, you’re allowing this bond to be repayable by any tax sources, not just the retail bond?

Mr. Raymond Fricke, responded what we’re doing is, it’s a little bit unclear exactly which statutory site the sales tax is. There was some confusion as to whether it was one of three sections. We’re broadening it for today’s purposes, but we will in the notice to the public and all future proceedings put in the correct statutory site. This is just merely broadening it for today’s purposes and then we’ll narrow it down as appropriate.

Member Wilhelmi asked, but we’re still earmarking these bonds to be paid by that sales tax revenue.

Mr. Raymond Fricke replied, that’s correct. In fact, this is only an initial ordinance. This will have to come back to the County Board before we do anything.

Member Wilhelmi responded okay, great. Thank you.

Member Adamic commented, when I went through the Finance Committee step, this was the last thing on the agenda for Finance. This never came before us in Finance. And I have a problem – I have no problem with what it’s going to be used for, but here we are going to pass \$100,000,000 for monies here for roads and improvements, but yet we had no discussion at

Finance. Something of this magnitude and just to be dropped on our desks today, I have a problem with that, especially with the size and everything. And there's no guarantee that we'll have these projects that will meet \$100,000,000 anyway. You know, hopefully we are not going to be borrowing this money and then paying interest on it before we even need it. I understand that we don't have \$100,000,000 in road improvements to do right now if we were doing it right now.

Member Gerl answered, Wally those are all very good questions and we kind of spoke about it a little bit before the meeting. I think I can address them here for you. It is true, this did not go through Finance. That probably, if we would have brought it through Finance it would have delayed the resolution an extra month, 30-45 days. There is some time left in the construction season and we wanted to get a jump on that. With respect to the \$100,000,000, we are not issuing, just to kind of clarify what I was going to do, was actually get the amendment made and get the actual resolution on the floor, but we can talk about it now. The \$100,000,000 is not being issued here today. In fact, the \$100,000,000 may never be issued; however, we are embarking on a Capital Improvement plan to the tune of \$200,000,000 over a period of six years. Currently, Wally is correct that we have through proper budgeting, through proper planning, as Mr. Walsh had mentioned in his earlier statement of the State of the County Address, through our proper planning and our fiscal conservative nature, we have the cash in the bank through the RTA tax and through other sources, our MFT dollars and that sort of thing to basically get started on our \$200,000,000 program without issuing these bonds. However, what this resolution is merely doing is allowing us to go to Public Hearing within 30 days to allow us to issue bonds if we need them. Right now we don't need them. If we have to issue bonds, it will come back to the County Board for approval. But right now, probably I would say for the next 18 months, possibly two years, I can't see us issuing these bonds. But, this is one more tool, if you will, to kick start our Capital Improvement plan. Call it Build Will, call it Capital Improvement Plan, call it whatever you want, what it is, it's an economic stimulus package, it's a job creation package, and it's something frankly that the State of Illinois has been unwilling or unable to do. I think this is our small part for creating jobs as was mentioned in the presentation. This is our small way of creating jobs as was mentioned in the presentation, this is our way of creating jobs in this county during a time of a national economic downturn. So I think there's nothing positive here. I do apologize that it didn't go through Finance; however, I thought – it did go to Executive Committee by the way. However, I thought taking it right to Executive, discussing it there would kind of speed the process along a little bit, since we still do have some time in our construction season this year. I will encourage everybody to move forward on this. Again, we're not issuing bonds here. All we're doing is giving us the opportunity to go to public hearing in 30 days to issue bonds if need be. We may not need to issue bonds. I think we may, but it probably won't be until year three. Right now we've probably got \$20,000,000-\$30,000,000 of projects that are ready to go. And we've got the cash in the bank to be able to do that. The reason why is through proper planning.

Member Bilotta said, I kind of want to reiterate what Mr. Gerl said we are going to embark on a \$200,000,000 road improvement plan, economic stimulus package. We're investing into our county, investing into the needs of the county and to the people of the county. This solely gives us the ability to draw those funds down, eventually when we need it. And as the question was asked, we don't need it now. We have enough money in reserve to actually get

these projects going. And Wally, we will need the money. We will definitely need it. Sooner than later we're going to push these projects and get them done as quickly as we can and get some people back to work.

Member Moustis said, I don't want to be too redundant here, but I'm going to reiterate some of what Mr. Gerl said. This is really just the beginning of starting a process to go to public hearing. At which time, Wally, everybody, board members, the public, everybody gets an opportunity to speak to it. After the public hearing, it would still have to come back to this Committee. This is a process that's a little different because it's a revenue bond, or it's a specific revenue. It's a little different than a general obligation bond, so this is the process. But it has to come back here. You'll be apprised of everything, and I'm hoping you're at the public hearing expressing your views, whether we should go forward. This not only gives an opportunity for Board members to participate, it gives the opportunity for the public to participate, and that's what this resolution does. This is step one.

Member Svava said these are revenue bonds and you can't go to revenue bonds until you have a track record. And for this particular revenue source, we don't have a track record yet as this started three or four months, so it's going to take some time to establish that. I'd like to give you a class in arithmetic. If you have \$100 and you wait one year at 4% inflation rate, at the end of one year, you'll have \$96. If you to bond and pay 3% interest and commit it right away, at the end of the year, you'll have \$97 to spend. So as long as the interest rates are less than the inflation rates, it makes sense to borrow money.

Member Gerl added, the only thing that I will say to try and simplify maybe what Mr. Svava said, we are very debt averse in this County. We don't issue debt just to issue debt. The reason why, Mr. Walsh you touched on our AA+ rating, the reason we have that rating is because we don't have a lot of debt, and we're going to keep it that way. So if we don't need to issue these bonds, we're not going to. If we don't have the projects to support issuing these bonds, we won't do that. I think we're going to; I think it's pretty clear by the amount of capital improvements that we have in our county. I think it's pretty clear that we're going to need these bonds. I think we're probably about 18 months to two years out, but this is going to give us the flexibility that when we're to that point, we'll come back to the County Board and we'll issue those bonds accordingly.

Member Maher stated, just one more statement to that affect. Putting Will County to work here, as Larry alluded to and everybody else did, is not just putting laborers to work making good wages, building the jobs, building the roads that we all know about, but it's all the engineering firms. It's all the other professional organizations and businesses here in Will County that are also having a hard time in these economic times. So, these projects are extremely important. I think this Board has shown real restraint in issuing bonds before their time. I think historically since I've been on the Board, we've never put any bonds out until we needed them. So I think if history is true and we continue to do the kind of things that we're doing here, we're going to continue to – what was it, for the AA+ rating, I think we had a debt of \$6 per capita. So we could do a fundraiser here and pay off our debt, if everybody pitched in seven bucks.

Member Konicki said I'm pleased to see this coming forward because we made a huge promise to the public when we passed our five year, \$220,000,000 road improvement plan. I think to simply stop there and go no further, would make it an empty promise. To throw a plan in place but not to start lining up the funding to carry out that plan, it's meaningless. It's a great plan; it got a lot of positive press. I know the residents in my district are eagerly anticipating the improvements that have been promised. What we're doing today is following through on that promise by identifying a revenue source that we will tap into when the time is right.

Voting Affirmative were: Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Nineteen.

No negative votes.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #08-356 IS APPROVED.

Member Gerl made a motion, seconded by Member Wisniewski, Resolution #08-356 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Nineteen.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-356 IS APPROVED AS AMENDED.

Member McMillan returned to the Board floor at 11:49 a.m.

## **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **Jim Bilotta, Chairman**

Member Bilotta stated while we're on the topic of our Build Will Program, \$200,000,000 over six years, I want the Board to know I talked to Leadership Committee on a time on the billboard meeting next month to do a Powerpoint presentation, going through each project and what the improvements are going to be done on those projects. There's 37 right now that we need to get done in the next six years. We'll have more details on that.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-357, Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Construction Supervision (Phase III) with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for Veterans Parkway (CH11) from Crossroads Parkway to Normantown Road, County Board District #3.



**Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-357**

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

**Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services  
Agreement for Construction Supervision (Phase III)**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee requested construction supervision engineering services (Phase III) for County Highway 11 (Veterans Parkway) – Crossroads Parkway to Normantown Road, Section 04-00058-15-FP, County Board District #3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Will enter into an agreement for construction supervision engineering services (Phase III) with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, 8840 W. 192nd Street, Mokena, Illinois County Highway 11 (Veterans Parkway) from Crossroads Parkway to Normantown Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for the construction supervision engineering services be according to the costs as noted in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the County Clerk of Will County are hereby authorized to execute the agreement subject to the review and approval by the Will County State’s Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified copies of the resolution to the regional office of the Illinois Department of Transportation through the office of the County Engineer.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Riley, Resolution #08-357 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-357 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-358, Resolution for Construction Supervision Engineering Services by County under the IL Highway Code with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for Veterans Parkway (CH 11) from Crossroads Parkway to Normantown Road, County Board District #3, using County MFT and County Matching Tax Funds (\$403,552.00 & \$403,552.00).



Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-358

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION ENGINEERING SERVICES  
BY COUNTY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Will, Illinois that the following described County Highway be constructed under the Illinois Highway Code:

County Highway 11 (Veterans Parkway) – From Crossroads Parkway to Normantown Road, County Board District #3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the construction supervision engineering services (Phase III) are for the improvement of County Highway 11 (Veterans Parkway) from Crossroads Parkway to Normantown Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for construction supervision engineering services (Phase III) be according to the schedule of cost as listed in the agreement with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, 8840 W. 192nd Street, Mokena, Illinois, Section: 04-00058-15-FP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$403,552.00 from the County Motor Fuel Tax funds be used for the construction supervision engineering services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$403,552.00 from the County Matching Tax funds be used for the construction supervision engineering services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified copies of this resolution to the regional office of the Illinois Department of Transportation through the office of the County Engineer.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Riley, Resolution #08-358 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-358 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-359, Resolution Granting an Extension to the Temporary Entrance Permit E7488 at Brookmeadow Estates on Laraway Road (CH 4), County Board Districts #1 and #6.



Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-359

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EXTENSION TO THE TEMPORARY ENTRANCE  
PERMIT E7488

AT BROOKMEADOW ESTATES ON LARAWAY ROAD – C.H. 74

**WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1005(3), the County of Will has the power to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to property and concerns of the County necessary to exercise its corporate powers; and**

WHEREAS the County of Will is in receipt of a request for an extension to the temporary entrance permit E7488 at property commonly known as Brookmeadow Estates on Laraway Road – C.H. 74 – County Board Districts #1 & 6; and

WHEREAS this request was presented, reviewed and considered by the Public Works and Transportation Committee on September 9, 2008; and

WHEREAS the said Committee finds conditions appropriate and necessary for the extension of the requested temporary entrance permit; and

WHEREAS the said Committee recommends the extension of the temporary entrance permit for a period of six (6) months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Will County approves the extension of the temporary entrance permit for a period of six (6) months heretofore recommended by the Public Works and Transportation Committee and hereby directs the Will County Engineer to extend this temporary entrance permit on its behalf.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultzs Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_, 2008. \_\_\_\_\_

Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Singer, Resolution #08-359 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-359 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-360, Resolution in Support of Demolition – 1215 W. Broadview, Crete Township, County Board District #1.

Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution #08-360



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**A Resolution In Support of Demolitions**  
1215 W. Broadview, Crete Township

WHEREAS, the Will County Land Use Department has been working on a demolition program funded in part by block grant money; and

WHEREAS, the properties located at P.I.N. 15-08-105-015, commonly known as 1215 W. Broadview in Crete Township, County Board District #1 has been declared a public nuisance and a final decree of demolition has been issued by the court; and

WHEREAS, bids have been received and reviewed for demolition of the properties; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the bids for the demolition contract and recommended it to be awarded to M.E.P. Excavations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Will County Board authorizes the Will County Executive to enter into a contract with M.E.P. Excavations for the demolition of the property location at 1215 W. Broadview in Crete Township for an amount not to exceed \$5,250.00.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz-Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Maher, Resolution #08-360 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-360 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-361, Resolution in Support of Demolition – 718 S. Prairie, New Lenox Township, County Board District #2.

Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution #08-361



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**A Resolution In Support of Demolitions**  
718 S. Prairie, New Lenox Township

WHEREAS, the Will County Land Use Department has been working on a demolition program funded in part by block grant money; and

WHEREAS, the properties located at P.I.N. 08-22-301-002, commonly known as 718 S. Prairie in New Lenox Township, County Board District #2 has been declared a public nuisance and a final decree of demolition has been issued by the court; and

WHEREAS, bids have been received and reviewed for demolition of the properties; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the bids for the demolition contract and recommended it to be awarded to M.E.P. Excavations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Will County Board authorizes the Will County Executive to enter into a contract with M.E.P. Excavations for the demolition of the property location at 718 S. Prairie in New Lenox Township for an amount not to exceed \$7,100.00.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz-Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member McMillan, Resolution #08-361 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-361 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-362, Resolution in Support of Demolition – 514 Champlain Ave., Joliet Township, County Board District #8.

Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution #08-362



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**A Resolution In Support of Demolitions**  
514 Champlain Avenue in Joliet Township

WHEREAS, the Will County Land Use Department has been working on a demolition program funded in part by block grant money; and

WHEREAS, the properties located at P.I.N. 07-21-309-007, commonly known as 514 Champlain Avenue in Joliet Township, County Board District #8 has been declared a public nuisance and a final decree of demolition has been issued by the court; and

WHEREAS, bids have been received and reviewed for demolition of the properties; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the bids for the demolition contract and recommended it to be awarded to A.C. Excavating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Will County Board authorizes the Will County Executive to enter into a contract with A.C. Excavating for the demolition of the property location at 514 Champlain Avenue in Joliet Township for an amount not to exceed \$3,950.00.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz-Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Woods, Resolution #08-362 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-362 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-363, Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for Roadway and Appurtenant Work on Goodenow-Pauling Road (CH 23) at Kedzie Avenue, County Board District #1.



Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-363

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

Authorizing Approval of Professional Services  
Agreement for Design Engineering

WHEREAS, the Public Works & Transportation Committee requested proposals for design engineering services for roadway and appurtenant work thereto on County Highway 23 (Goodenow-Pauling Road) at Kedzie Avenue, County Section 08-00054-06-EG, County Board District #1; and

WHEREAS, said roadway design engineering services are budgeted for in the current Highway Department budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Will enter into an agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., 605 Rollingwood Drive, Shorewood, Illinois, for roadway contract plan preparation and appurtenant work thereto on County Highway 23 (Goodenow-Pauling Road), County Section 08-00054-06-EG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for the design engineering services (Phase II – contract plans and right of way documents) be according to the schedule of cost as listed in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the County Clerk of Will County are hereby authorized to execute the agreement subject to review and approval by the Will County State's Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit three (3) certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Illinois Department of Transportation through the office of the County Engineer.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Singer, Resolution #08-363 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-363 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-364, Resolution for Design Engineering Services by County under the IL Highway Code with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for Roadway and Appurtenant Work on Goodenow-Pauling Road (CH 23), County Board District #1, using the County's Allotment of MFT Funds (\$25,000.00).



Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-364

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES  
BY COUNTY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Will, Illinois that the following described County Highway be designed in accordance to the Illinois Highway Code:

County Highway 23 (Goodenow-Pauling Road) at Kedzie Avenue, County Section 08-00054-06-EG, County Board District #1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that design engineering services (Phase II) are needed for the preparation of contract plans and specifications and right of way documents for the reconstruction of the roadway, improved storm water drainage system and other associated work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for the design engineering services be according to the schedule of cost as listed in the agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., 605 Rollingwood Drive, Shorewood, Illinois, County Section 08-00054-06-EG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is approved the sum of \$25,000.00 from the County's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit three (3) certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Illinois Department of Transportation through the office of the County Engineer.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, Resolution #08-364 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-364 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-365, Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to James D. Fiala Paving Company, Inc. (\$10,838,640.83) – let on August 27, 2008 for Veterans Parkway (CH 11) from Crossroads Parkway south and east to Illinois Route 53, County Board District #3.

Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-365



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AWARD OF CONTRACT

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2008 bids were received and opened for public highway improvements under the jurisdiction of the County of Will; and

WHEREAS, the improvement shall be constructed using County's allotment of County Motor Fuel Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2008 the Public Works Committee of the County Board of Will County met to consider the bids; and

WHEREAS, the said committee determined that the following qualified bidder submitted the low bid as listed below for the work herein described and did award the bid subject to the confirmation of this County Board.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>JOB</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
James D. Fiala Paving Company, Inc. 500 East Frontage Road North Bolingbrook, IL 60440	Section 04-00058-15-FP Veterans Parkway County Board District #3	\$10,838,640.83

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Will County confirms the award of the foregoing contract heretofore awarded by the Public Works Committee subject to the confirmation hereby enacted.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

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Section 04-00058-15-FP  
Veterans Parkway

James D. Fiala Paving Company, Inc.	\$10,838,640.83 – LOW
K-Five Construction Corporation	\$11,041,343.05
“D” Construction, Inc.	\$11,153,287.01
P.T. Ferro Construction Co.	\$11,298,606.93
A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc.	\$12,390,100.85

NO BID

R. W. Dunteman Company  
Glenbrook Excavating & Concrete Inc.  
Elmund & Nelson Company  
T. J. Lambrecht Construction  
Fischer Excavating, Inc.

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Riley, Resolution #08-365 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-365 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-366, Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for Veterans Parkway (CH 11) from Crossroads Parkway south and east to Illinois Route 53, County Board District #3, using County's Allotment of County Motor Fuel Tax Funds (\$11,000,000.00).

Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-366



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS BY COUNTY  
UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Will, Illinois that the following described County Highways be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

CH 11 (Veterans Parkway) from Crossroads Parkway south and east to Illinois Route 53.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the type of improvement shall consist of Earth Excavation, HMA Base, Binder and Surface, Storm Sewers, Lighting, Concrete Curb and Gutter, Retaining Wall, Pavement Markings, Parkway Restoration, and other items and shall be designated as Section 04-00058-15-FP, County Board District #3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the improvement shall be constructed by contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the improvement shall be constructed using the sum of \$11,000,000.00 from the County's allotment of County Motor Fuel Tax funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schults Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member McMillan, Resolution #08-366 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-366 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-367, Resolution for Condemnation on Parcel 0002DED, Laraway Road (CH 74) and Cherry Hill Road (CH 86) Intersection, Joliet Township, County Board Districts #6 and #8.

Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-367



RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Authorizing the Will County State's Attorney's Office to Proceed  
with a Condemnation Case Regarding the County's  
Laraway Road (CH 74) and Cherry Hill Road (CH 86) Intersection Project

WHEREAS, the Will County Board has adopted a plan for the improvement of certain county highway to wit: Section 04-00138-19-LA (C.H. 74- Laraway Road at C.H. 86 Cherry Hill Road), County Board District #6 & #8; and

WHEREAS, additional right of way is necessary for the construction of said improvement; and

WHEREAS, the hereinafter legally described property lies within said necessary additional right of way; and

WHEREAS, the taking of said property is for the public purpose of improving certain county highway; and

WHEREAS, the property sought to be acquired is necessary for the improvement of said certain highway; and

WHEREAS, the County of Will shall acquire by dedication and possession, as the case may be, the following described real property which is necessary, required and needed for the improvement to the highway lying wholly within the limits of the County of Will, to wit:

Joliet Township  
Permanent Index Tax No. (30) 07-25-400-011

Dedication: Parcel 0002DED

see attached legal description

WHEREAS, a title search indicates the present owner as First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Union Bank and Trust Company of Joliet as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated August 26, 1976 and known as Trust Number 2349.; and

WHEREAS, First Midwest Bank as Successor Trustee to Union Bank and Trust Company of Joliet as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated August 26, 1976 and known as Trust Number 2349 as the present owners, have not been able to reach an agreement on compensation during negotiations with Donald J. Bernacchi, on behalf of the County, therefore, no Quit Claim Deed or any other agreement has been executed; and

WHEREAS, in order for the County to proceed with a condemnation pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/7-102, the Will County State's Attorney's Office requires permission from the Board to go forward with a condemnation suit against First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Union Bank and Trust Company of Joliet as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated August 26, 1976 and known as Trust Number 2349 and unknown owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Will County Board hereby passes and approves for the Will County State's Attorney's Office to commence with any and all required procedures to condemn the real property hereinabove described for the purpose of public use.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, Resolution #08-367 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-367 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta stated the next ten resolutions are resolutions for condemnations for the same intersection at Manhattan-Monee Road and 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Condemnation and Eminent Domain process are used as negotiating tools. We're going to have a lot of these coming forth if we're going to do this Build Will program. All it does is it helps expedite it, to get it settled when somebody is unreasonable. We're trying to do public improvements; sometimes we need a foot; sometimes we need six inches, sometimes we need ten feet. This particular, these next resolutions are in District #1. Two out of the three Board members are not here in District #1. I think it's important that at least a majority of the district members are here for that. I would ask your support to table all of these until next month; it will not hurt the construction process.

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Singer, to remand the following resolutions back to Committee: #08-368, 08-369, 08-370, 08-371, 08-372, 08-373, 08-374, 08-375, 08-376, and 08-377.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTIONS #08-368, 08-369, 08-370, 08-371, 08-372, 08-373, 08-374, 08-375, 08-376 AND 08-377 WERE REMANDED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-378, Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Expenditure of County MFT Funds for the Improvements of 143<sup>rd</sup> Street (CH 37) from IL Route 171 to the New Interchange with the South Extension of I-355, County Board District #7.



Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-378

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Authorizing Approval of the Expenditure  
Of County Motor Fuel Tax Funds

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the County, in order to facilitate the free flow of traffic and insure safety to the motoring public, are desirous of making improvements to the section of County Highway 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) from Illinois Route 171 to the new interchange with the South Extension of I-355 as part of the Tollway's improvements, County Section 06-00169-13-FP, County Board District #7; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of said improvement in that same will be of immediate benefit to the County residents and permanent in nature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board entered into an agreement dated August 16, 2007 with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority for funding the County's share for the improvements along County Highway 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) from Illinois Route 171 to the new I-355 interchange constructed by the Tollway as part of their construction of the south extension of I-355.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby approved from the County Motor Fuel Tax funds the sum of \$3,300,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will pay to the Tollway the sum amount invoiced per Article VI, Section E from the approved agreement from any funds allotted to the County based on final quantities and final costs.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Baltz, Resolution #08-378 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-378 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-379, Resolution Confirming Award of Purchase to Trans Chicago Truck Group (\$403,590.00) let on August 27, 2008 – Three (3) Single Axle Dump Trucks w/Snow Removal Equipment, Current Model Year.



**Public Works and Transportation Committee**  
Resolution 08-379

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AWARD OF PURCHASES**

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2008 bids were received and publicly opened for purchase of equipment for the Department of Highways; and

WHEREAS, the purchases shall be made using County’s allotment of County Highway Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2008 the Public Works Committee of the County Board of Will County met to consider the bids; and

WHEREAS, the said committee determined that the following qualified bidder submitted the low bid as listed below for equipment herein described and did award the bid subject to the confirmation of this County Board; and

WHEREAS, the said committee recommends the confirmation of the award of purchases as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PURCHASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Trans Chicago Truck Group 776 N York Street Elmhurst, IL 60126	Three (3) Single Axle Dump Trucks W/ Snow Removal Equipment, Current Model Year	\$403,590.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Will County confirm the award of the foregoing purchase heretofore awarded by the Public Works Committee subject to the confirmation hereby enacted.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schults Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

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Three (3) Single Axle Dump Trucks  
W/ Snow Removal Equipment,  
Current Model Year

Trans Chicago Truck Group	\$403,590.00 – LOW
Chicago International Truck	\$427,775.43
La Beau Bros., Inc.	\$438,639.00

NO BID

- Hare Chevrolet
- Joe Rizza Ford
- Auto Truck Group
- Geiser Ford
- Monroe Truck Equipment
- Crossroads Sterling Truck Sales

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, Resolution #08-379 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-379 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta presented Resolution #08-380, Resolution Granting a Temporary Access Permit for Centerpoint Properties, LLC on Brandon Road – C.H. 42, County Board District #8.



Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Resolution 08-380

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION GRANTING A TEMPORARY ACCESS PERMIT  
FOR CENTERPOINT PROPERTIES, LLC ON BRANDON ROAD – C.H. 42

**WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1005(3), the County of Will has the power to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to property and concerns of the county necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers;**

WHEREAS the County of Will is in receipt of a request for a temporary access permit at property being developed by CenterPoint Properties, LLC on Brandon Road (C.H. 42) north of Laraway Road – County Board District #8;

WHEREAS this request was presented, reviewed and considered by the Executive Committee on September 11, 2008;

WHEREAS the said Committee finds conditions appropriate and necessary for the issuance of the requested temporary access permit;

WHEREAS the said Committee recommends the issuance of the temporary access permit attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Will County approves the temporary access permit heretofore recommended by the Executive Committee and hereby directs the Will County Engineer to execute this temporary access permit on its behalf.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Bilotta made a motion, seconded by Member Maher, Resolution #08-380 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Nineteen.

No negative votes.

Abstain votes were: Gould.

RESOLUTION #08-380 IS APPROVED.

Member Bilotta said that concludes my report. I look forward to putting on a presentation next month so we're all a little better educated on what our plans are over the next six years.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, LAW & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**  
**Anne Dralle, Chairman**

No report.

**HEALTH, AGING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Don Gould, Chairman**

Member Gould presented Resolution #08-381, Resolution Renewing Contract for Security Guard Services for Sunny Hill Nursing Home.



**Health, Aging & Education Committee**  
**Resolution #08-381**

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

**RENEWING CONTRACT FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT**  
**SUNNY HILL NURSING HOME**

WHEREAS, the current contract for security guard service with Per Mar Security Services at Sunny Hill Nursing Home expires on November 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the current contract allows for the extension of said contract at one year intervals, if the County so chooses, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director and Nursing Home Administrator have recommended, and the Health, Aging & Education Committee has concurred, that the contract for security guard services be renewed with Per Mar Security Services of Westchester, Illinois, for one year from December 1, 2008, through and including November 30, 2009, and

WHEREAS, sufficient appropriations have been budgeted for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby authorizes the County Executive to renew the contract for security guard services at Sunny Hill Nursing Home with Per Mar Security Services, Westchester, Illinois, for one year, December 1, 2008, through and including November 30, 2009, for an annual cost of \$81,643.20 per year straight time hours, and \$19.57 per hour for any additional services performed on weekdays, weekends, and/or holidays not part of the original contract.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Woods, Resolution #08-381 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-381 IS APPROVED.

Member Gould presented Resolution #08-382, Resolution Authorizing County Executive to Execute NACo Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Agreement to Provide Discount Prescription Drug Card Program for Citizens of Will County.



**Health, Aging & Education Committee  
Resolution #08-382**

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

**Authorizing the County Executive to Execute  
NACo Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Agreement to  
Provide Discount Prescription Drug Card Program for Citizens of Will County**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) offers a discount prescription drug card program that helps consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance, and is administered by Caremark RX, Inc., a leading pharmaceutical services company, and

WHEREAS, savings average 20%, some discounts may be more, and some less, depending upon the drug and quantity purchased. Cardholders are eligible for higher discounts on a three-month supply of some medications through mail service. Cardholders also can save on pet prescriptions at participating retail pharmacies, and more than 57,000 pharmacies nationwide accept the card, including most chain pharmacies and many independents, and

WHEREAS, discount cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance, and

WHEREAS, due to the rising number of uninsured and underinsured residents of Will County, the Health, Aging and Education Committee recommends the County Executive be authorized to execute an agreement with NACo to enroll Will County in the Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Program to provide discount prescription drug cards to all citizens of Will County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the attached Agreement with NACo for its Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Agreement for Will County administered through Caremark PCS Health, L.P., in the form substantially attached hereto, and any other documents necessary to enroll Will County in this discount prescription drug card program, with all documents subject to the review and approval of the Will County State's Attorney's Office.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gould commented, I'd like to commend Mr. Frank Stewart, who serves on the NACo Committee and brought this to Health and Aging Committee.

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Baltz to approve Resolution #08-382.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-382 IS APPROVED.

Member Gould presented Resolution #08-383, a Resolution Establishing a Pilot Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program Between Will County and Bolingbrook Pharmacy.



**Health, Aging & Education Committee  
Resolution #08-383**

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

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PILOT PHARMACEUTICAL TAKE-BACK  
PROGRAM BETWEEN WILL COUNTY AND BOLINGBROOK PHARMACY**

WHEREAS, the United States Geological Survey conducted a study in 2002 sampling 139 streams across 30 states and found that 80 percent had measurable

concentrations of prescription and nonprescription drugs, steroids, and reproductive hormones; and

WHEREAS, exposure, even to low levels of drugs, has been shown to have negative effects on fish and other aquatic species and may have negative effects on human health; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the likelihood of improper disposal of drugs, it is the purpose of this resolution to establish a program through which the public may return and ensure the safe and environmentally sound disposal of drugs and may do so in a way that is convenient for consumers and cost effective for retailers; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Will County was provided pharmaceutical collection containers from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter referred to as the IEPA) in order to collect unwanted medication (excluding narcotics) from citizens, for the purpose of cooperative disposal funding of all pharmaceuticals collected by the County through select pharmacy retail outlets, special collection events or through County Departments from members of the public, including Will County residents; and;

WHEREAS, the Bolingbrook Pharmacy is a licensed pharmacy and retail establishment, located at 402 West Boughton Road in Bolingbrook, operating six days week, year-round (except holidays) and submitted a completed application to be pilot take-back locations for all pharmaceuticals excluding Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter referred to as the DEA) controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10, of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois encourages and provides for units of local government to create cooperative agreements with other units other government agencies, business and non-profit groups; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide additional funding for promotion of this Pharmaceutical Take-Back collection program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WILL COUNTY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1: General Program Description

The Will County Department of Land Use, Division of Waste Services will work with the IEPA to provide at least one 30-gallon sealable drum and two 5-gallon sealable buckets to the Bolingbrook Pharmacy for the deposit of over-the-counter and prescription medications collected from residents. Bolingbrook Pharmacy will store the containers behind the counter of the pharmacy, accepting medications from the public through trained pharmacy staff. Bolingbrook Pharmacy will notify Will County Land Use, Waste Services when the containers are nearly full and County staff will notify the IEPA or its designated contractor to arrange collection, disposal and delivery of new containers.

**Section 2: Promotion of Program**

The Will County Land Use, Division of Waste Services will print flyers to be distributed to customers by Bolingbrook Pharmacy. Press releases will be done several times a year. Information about this program will be included on flyers for other collection events and information will be placed on the Waste Services section of the County website. Bolingbrook Pharmacy will also put a sign by the pharmacy window to alert customers to the program.

**Section 3: Duration of Program**

The program will begin by Oct 1, 2008 and continue until funding is stopped by the IEPA. The program will be evaluated on a quarterly basis for number of participants, amount of material, cost of disposal/promotion and any break-down of the types of material supplied by the IEPA contractor. If this pilot program is successful, County staff will work with the IEPA to develop additional sites for the convenience of residents.

Adopted by the Will County Board this 18th day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes:                      No:                      Pass:      (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Gould made a motion, seconded by Member Maher, Resolution #08-383 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-383 IS APPROVED.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Lee Goodson, Chairman**

No report.

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Susan Riley, Chairman**

No report.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**  
**Charles Maher, Chairman**

Member Maher stated, we had a tour of the jail the other day, and it is really awesome to see the work and progress we made over the last year here. If you haven't had an opportunity to go out and check out the new facility, I would highly suggest it. I think we're going to try to do another video presentation here in the near future so that folks can see. Most of our exterior will be done in this building season. I think the last thing that's really going to cause a problem with getting it done quickly or prior to the end of the year is I'm told that the kitchen and being able to do the kind of work that they need to do and transfer all the prisoners and services and all that kind of stuff. Because it has gone so well, it takes a lot of energy and planning to get that done, so my hats off to the Warden and the Sheriff and all the personnel over there and the work that they've done with that. We have gone out for an RFQ for our Comprehensive Building Assessment. Because of the number of applicants and questions that have come in, that was extended for two weeks. Hopefully by this time next month we will be able to bring a suggestion forward on someone that would be able to fulfill the RFQ requirements. The other piece is, I had an opportunity to participate with the City of Joliet in their planning. They were interviewing several firms in taking a look at their Joliet downtown planning. It was a really good opportunity to see some of the ideas that are coming forward by the different groups that are coming in and seeing what Joliet could be. I still caution us that we as a County need to make sure that we're a lot larger than just the downtown area of Joliet. We need to make sure that as we go forward and look at our vision and the direction we're going it continues to meet with the needs of our residents. I'm very thrilled with what I'm seeing here with the City of Joliet at this time. Under the leadership of Mr. Thanas, I think we've come a long way.

**POLICY & RULES COMMITTEE**  
**Richard Brandolino, Chairman**

Member Brandolino stated I have no Report for this month.

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE****Ron Svvara, Chairman**

Member Svvara stated I do have another class I'm going to conduct here. When President Reagan said that reducing taxes will increase revenue to government, people thought he fell asleep during Econ 101. But then there was a guy named Laffer, as I remember, who had a Laffer curve that kind of showed that and they reduced taxes and money to the government increased. Absolutely amazing. We in Will County, out of the quarter of a percent in RTA tax will raise \$18-\$19 million dollars. Not going to maximum tax is an effort to mitigate that tax raise. What we're doing is shifting source of revenue from sales tax away from real estate tax. I'm telling you, people in my district are hurting. Our real estate taxes are typically \$8-12 thousand dollars. People are paying \$1,000 a month. This is not going to save anybody, but maybe develop an attitude that maybe it's time to level things off. The Budget Review Committee will be reviewing something other than a maximum tax to see what's feasible. This is not an easy issue, by the way. This is a fairly complex issue. It's not differential equations, I'll tell you that. Because the revenue sources are multiple and the expenditure sources are multiple. It's called multivariate analysis, by the way. The Budget and Revenue Committee will be reviewing something other than maximum tax. If we think it is prudent to do that, then we will make that presentation. I have to clarify what happens with the State budget. The legislature passes the State budget, as does the County Board pass the budget. The Executive makes the first draft, so to speak, and he has the opportunity to override what we do just as the Governor does down in the State of Illinois. We, I think, and I intend to bring this to the Legislative Committee, we need to find out what state representatives are voting yes on that State budget and inform them the problems that we're facing because of that. The Governor has a responsibility to balance that budget, as it says in the constitution, and when he makes those efforts, all kinds of heat are generated, but the source of the heat is the legislature. We need to know and get to the people who are voting yes on these things and say here's how it's affecting us. And that legislature, House of Representatives has that authority to override the Governor's vetoes just as we have the authority to override the Executive's vetoes. So that's civics lesson being said. If there was any error, I will take corrections after the meeting. But, let me tell you that the Budget Review Committee will be discussing something less than a maximum tax.

Member Maher said, I have to echo what Mr. Svvara has said here because as I go knock on doors and talk with folks, people are watching, people are taking notice that we have taken the last six years or more and reduced their tax rate. They appreciate that, even if it's one-tenth of a percent or less. They notice that we are trying to do as much as we can without having to put a burden on them. I think we need to continue to do that because they are watching. This is not something that we're doing in isolation sitting in this room all by ourselves trying to make decisions on how to best spend the taxpayers' dollars. These are the taxpayers' dollars, not ours. I think the more that we can go in and give these folks a break, because when you take a look at the tax bill and you see the other 15 taxing bodies out there that are reaching into the same pockets, these folks are hurting out here and I for one echo what you had to say, Mr. Svvara.

Member Moustis commented, I also don't necessarily support a budget based on the maximum tax rate. We should point out that, as Mr. Svara did, \$18-\$19 million would be the approximate RTA tax. The maximum rate which we calculate would be about an additional 6%, which is about \$6 million. I certainly think that some of that RTA tax can replace real estate taxes, especially in the area of road construction, some other capital can be shifted. We should not in my opinion go to the maximum rate. Not only for this upcoming year, but for the following year where we may really get a decrease or very little growth in the assessed evaluation. I think this is prudent to cut it now down to maybe 3% increase versus a 6% increase in that corporate fund. I know we're going to have these discussions as we go through the budget process, approval process, but we can do it. You know that old saying, I'm going to scroll away a little money, save some nuts. We've done that; we've done that for a rainy day. Now is the time we can take advantage of some of that. We're in good reserve position, now it's raining, and you can almost make the case that we were at a point where maybe we had a little bit more than we needed. So I think that also gives our budget some relief, even if we dipped into those, but we do need to keep our real estate tax rates going down. I know we're a small portion of that real estate tax bill, but we have to start somewhere. We as a County government should make that statement. Hopefully other agencies and taxing bodies will take our lead. It's a small amount of our overall budget, but I think it sends a strong message.

Member Singer said, I don't want to echo or take a lot of time. But to point out something and to echo what Ron had said and what Jim had said, if we reduced things by 3%, or 4% or 5%, whatever it is. I know there's some that argue that's not going to make a big difference to a taxpayer or homeowner. I think we would all agree that whether it be \$5 a year or \$10 a year, or \$20 a year is likely not going to make a difference of somebody keeping their home or not. That's a very fair assumption. But the point is, like what Mr. Moustis was talking about, it's about this County Board showing some leadership; it's about this County Board showing where government should go. How Will County can be different from our neighbors to the north and some other counties in the region that continue to tax and tax and tax. If you add up all 10 or 12, or 13 or 14 taxing bodies, depending on where you live in the County, and if everybody did reduce their levies by 3% or 4% or 5%, if you add it up, now you have something that is very substantial. I'm proud to be part of a team hopefully that takes an initiative to lower our assessment. It takes initiative to show some leadership in this area. I'm excited that we can move forward with that. Hopefully we'll be able to report that to our community in the next month or so.

Member Adamic stated, there's been a lot of talk behind the scenes about trying to reduce levies and save taxpayers' dollars, but what will it save? Will it save \$2? Will it save \$10? We don't know. I'd be interested to find out. We don't know who will it cost and what will it cost. Here we are we're talking about borrowing \$100,000,000 and now we're talking about giving something back. That to me just doesn't make sense. Borrowing money costs money. So you'll give me \$2 today and then go over and charge it and give me a tax bill of more in the future because of interest costs on road improvements? And God knows, we need our roads to be improved; don't get me wrong. I think we do. But it just doesn't make sense to talk about giving money back and then borrowing money. Because okay, you're giving them a nickel in one pocket and take a dime out later on after the end of this bond issue. To me it just doesn't make sense. It seems to me it's more about the political father than anything else.

Member Gould said, just a point for clarification. Taxing bodies levy for dollars; they don't – there's this term thrown around levy for maximum rate, not levy for maximum rate. What this Board will do, and what every other taxing body does, is levy in terms of dollars and then that rate will be computed and we are a tax cap county and that rate will be applied, 104.1 and then we'll receive that number. So really when we talk about this, we're talking in terms of dollars. We're not talking in terms of setting a rate.

Member Maher asked, Wally, you got kids, right? You got 20 bucks in your pocket. I have four daughters and they come to me and each one of them wants \$6. I don't have enough money to give them. There's not enough dollars in my pockets to do that. That's what we're talking about here. We have 15 different taxing bodies going after that one pocket that the parent of our county and that's our taxpayers, period. When we go and leverage dollars that we were forced to take from the State, none of us agreed to or wanted to get involved with the RTA and this taxing, at least I didn't. So now you have dollars that are coming into us that we're going to be able to leverage to get things done that we need to get done without having to reach into the pockets of the taxpayers out here. The people that actually have the dollars that we need to use wisely.

Member Singer commented, there's some who call this initiative to try to lower our property taxes political expediency or whatever it was referred to. I see a trend around our country and our state. We have Senator Obama supporting tax increases; excuse me Speaker Palozzi supporting tax increases; Governor Blagojevich supporting tax increases; Senator Emil Jones supporting tax increases. We see a trend among the leaders of the Democrat Party throughout this country, throughout this state supporting tax increases. This isn't political rhetoric, Wally. This is leadership. This is this Board's opportunity to say the nonsense stops here. We're going to take a position; we're going to work hard to lower our tax rate; we're going to work hard to be common sense government officials. And that we understand you can't keep going to the well. This is about leadership saying it stops here. Now, I don't have a misconception that our leaders in Washington are going to look at the Will County Board and make national changes based upon our work here. But I do believe that our taxpayers, our Will County taxpayers can be proud that at least we took the initiative not to follow the tax increasing policies being set by our Governor, the leaders in our legislature and the leaders in our Congress.

Member Konicki commented, I think it's already been a productive discussion. I think it's an indication of more productive discussions to come. This is a discussion we need to have. I understand the point that Wally made. I think it's going to be something that will be discussed in detail. Mr. Svara made the point earlier that if the rate of inflation exceeds the interest rate then borrowing makes sense. And of course if it doesn't, then borrowing doesn't. The decision we'll be faced with is whether we plan on issuing bonds, which is basically undertaking debt, or keeping our tax rate at its maximum. That's not an automatic answer. It depends on market conditions and I think it's exactly what the discussion is going to take place is going to focus on. I think again it will be a productive discussion. Whatever decision we make, it will be decision designed rhetoric aside, terminology aside. Like I say, issuing bonds or this maximum tax rate, we're going to make a decision under which we deliver the services we need to deliver to our public at the lowest possible dollar.

Member Moustis stated, I want to point out and I think Mr. Gould made a good point; let's talk dollars. When you're talking about \$19 million and going to a maximum rate of \$6 million, plus other revenue increases that have been increased and fees and so forth, what you're really looking at is close to a double digit dollar increase in this budget. Now, those are dollars, Wally. I know there's many people that think that government can spend the money better than people can spend it for themselves. I know people who try to make light it's not that much money, but it's never that much money. It's not that much money when you take it away from them either. That's the same excuse to take it. It's not that much. Hey look, it's only another \$10 a month; it's only another \$15 a year. There's a basic philosophical view here I think that some of us really believe we should get tax relief and lower the rates. The dollars are going up substantially, and that's what I think sometimes we miss. Let's not forget this budget will have an additional probably \$25-\$26-\$27 million in additional revenue that was not there last year, at budget time last year. Let's keep it in perspective. These are real dollars; we can give some of it back, I think, to the real estate tax payers. I'm going to continue to propose that we cut off the maximum dollar amount we can take on property and I think our budget will be fine. As I mentioned earlier, that's one of the reasons we put ourselves in a good position with our cash reserves. When I came on this Board, and Wally you were on the Board at the time, before I got here, you were here. You were in tax anticipation warrants – not that that was your fault; that's what the county's position was. Look where we brought it today. We're in good fiscal shape. When we need to give a little relief, we should. I know I sound like I'm on the soap box, but I am.

Member McMillan commented, not to go overboard on these issues here, but I think we need to really elaborate as much as we can. By not going to the maximum levy; it's not that we're going to be giving money back, it's just that we're going to be taking a little bit less. I think we need to take the forefront with all the other taxing bodies out there. The school districts that typically consume 60-65% of the total tax dollar, they need to be aware that there is somebody out there that is not going to levy the maximum. Maybe we can start pressuring all the other taxing bodies as well, too. Possibly they could turn around and get a little embarrassed as to some of their taxing methods as well, too. Let's not forget this RTA tax that we're going to leverage that even a number of our legislators that were opposed to it, it was passed by a predominantly Democratic legislature in Springfield. We're going to take the money and we're going to leverage it for this road program. John Gerl is very apt in pointing out that we can't use all the revenues. The coverage just wouldn't be there for the bond issues as well too. But this is a tax that's been in place for 30 years, as Larry pointed out. It was recently increased, a half a point, and finally they are, the State legislature is giving us a half of the increase back. The first time, the quarter point was put in place, it was done by referendum and overwhelmingly passed by the voters of Cook County to take advantage of the collar county voters. Now, it was never even put to a referendum. It was simply enacted by the legislature in Springfield. We're going to take this money and we're going to utilize it to the best of our abilities. If there's any way that we can give – even if it's a miniscule amount of tax relief to the taxpayers in this county, it's a start. It's a start that we need to continue to improve on year after year. I will be a proponent of that as long as I'm here.

Member Wilhelmi stated, just a little bit of clarification. We're talking a lot about bashing the State legislature. If it weren't for this RTA tax that we're all debating about, we wouldn't be able to be talking about doing any property tax relief. So, my position is if we're going to actually be doing this, we're going to be doing it as a refund of our RTA tax that we're collecting, not because of anything else that we are able to do. Otherwise our road conditions would continue to deteriorate as they have without this extra source of revenue. Secondly, I'm not a proponent; I was never a proponent of this and I think I may be coming a little bit over to your side of giving back a little bit of that RTA tax, but to blame the schools, if we're going to be on a soap box let's talk about the way we're taxing people. We need to change that. By adding this extra quarter percent, we're able to give back some of our real estate taxes. If the schools were able to get a little bit more from the State, they might be able to do the same thing.

Member Singer commented the State legislature passed a new tax that takes a lot more money out of the pockets of Will County taxpayers. We get to keep half and the other half goes to the City of Chicago. Our taxes were increased by the legislature; we keep half and Chicago keeps half. I hope Mr. Wilhelmi is not saying that's something we should be thankful for.

Member Wilhelmi said, know your facts.

Member Singer responded, I do know my facts.

Member Wilhelmi replied, we're getting half of the other quarter percent, besides the quarter percent we're getting 100% of.

Member Singer responded, half goes to the CTA, half will stay within our County. I really hope that's nothing we should be thankful for. I really hope that's not something that we should send a thank you note to the legislature for allowing us to get 15% back on our dollar. That's not exactly the best investment I've ever seen. It's just symptomatic of the culture in Springfield. That's not something, Steve, I'll be appreciable...

Member Svava added, I'm going to give another arithmetic lesson. We're going to get about \$18 million from the revenue side from the sales tax. I think that the proposal on the real estate tax is an increase of \$6 million. Eighteen and six is \$24 million. If instead, we give \$4 million reduction on real estate tax, then the increase would be \$20 million. The typical tactic to talk about cutting the increases. So, what I'm saying is we ought to cut the increase also.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**James Moustis, Chairman**

Member Moustis presented Resolution #08-384, Replacement Hires for Sunny Hill Nursing Homes.



**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution #08-384**

**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 list for the Sunny Hill replacement hires to the Executive Committee of the County Board, and

WHEREAS, that list has been approved by the Will County 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Pass\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, Resolution #08-384 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-384 IS APPROVED.

Member Moustis presented Resolution #08-385, Replacement Hires for GIS Department.



**Executive Committee  
Resolution #08-385**

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

**REPLACEMENT HIRE FOR GIS DEPARTMENT**

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 a list of replacement hire to the Executive Committee of the County Board, and

WHEREAS, that list has been approved by the Will County 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.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Bilotta, Resolution #08-385 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-385 IS APPROVED.

Member Moustis presented Resolution #08-386, Resolution Awarding Bid for Elevator Modernization Project.



**Executive Committee  
Resolution #08-386**

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

**RE: AWARDING BID FOR ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2008, the County Executive’s Office opened six (6) proposals for elevator modernization project, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals, the Maintenance Supervisor has recommended that the bid for elevator modernization be awarded to Anderson Elevator, Broadview, IL, for a grand total of \$211,711.00, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee concurs with this recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Will County Board hereby awards the bid to Anderson Elevator, Broadview, IL for the elevator modernization for a grand total of \$211,711.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such project be funded through the Capital Improvements Fund.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Gould, Resolution #08-386 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svara, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-386 IS APPROVED.

Member Moustis presented Resolution #08-387, Resolution Opposing Closure of Channahon State Park.



**Executive Committee  
Resolution #08-387**

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

**Opposing the Closing of Channahon State Park, Will County, IL**

WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed \$14 million in cuts to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the budget cuts have resulted in the IDNR's planned closure of 11 state parks and 14 historic sites throughout Illinois beginning November 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, due to proposed \$14 million in cuts to the IDNR's operating budget, the Channahon State Park (also known as Channahon Parkway) will be closed. This state park is the official designated trailhead for Illinois and Michigan Canal State Trail, located within the nationally renowned Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor; and

WHEREAS, public funds have been used to purchase and develop state parks and historic sites for recreational use and enjoyment, and in the current economic climate, more Will County citizens are recreating locally and the Channahon State Park provides picnicking, camping, fishing, canoeing, and view of Locks 6 & 7, and the closing of state parks and historic sites negatively impacts local residents, communities, and economies; and

WHEREAS, the Will County Board is strongly against the closure of the Channahon State Park and desires to make their position known to the Governor and members of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Will County Board hereby opposes the closing of Channahon State Park in Will County, Illinois, which eliminates public access to the Illinois and Michigan Canal State Trail from the official trailhead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Will County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor and local Representatives and Senators.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Pass \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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Nancy Schultz Voots  
Will County Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Lawrence M. Walsh  
Will County Executive

Member Moustis made a motion, seconded by Member Brandolino, Resolution #08-387 be approved.

Voting Affirmative were: McMillan, Woods, Singer, Brandolino, Weigel, Dralle, Riley, Wisniewski, Maher, Blackburn, Gerl, Baltz, Gould, Bilotta, Konicki, Svava, Adamic, Babich, Wilhelmi, Moustis. Total: Twenty.

No negative votes.

RESOLUTION #08-387 IS APPROVED.

Member Moustis stated, before we move away from the last resolution, if I can just make a quick comment on this. The State, as well know is struggling to balance their budget to get the revenues and expenditures in line. One of the initiatives the State has to go forward with is close some state parks. Channahon Park is going to be one of the parks that's going to be closed. I would ask the public to contact your state representatives, contact your Governor's office. This is an important park in our county. It is the beginning of the I&M Canal; it's actually listed in the state literature as the entrance to the I&M Canal. It is a park that is heavily used, not only by Will County, but throughout the state. We have to encourage our state reps and our Governor to reconsider closing these parks. They're beautiful parks; they'll still have to make (inaudible). Certainly I think if there's areas that we would look at, perhaps some intergovernmental cooperation that maybe we ought to participate in, I think it's there. I just think people need to

contact the State and ask them please, reconsider. Let's look at some other solutions that we may be able to come up with to keep these parks open. I know, Mr. Gould, this is important to you. If you'd like to make any comments, I'll certainly yield the floor. I know this is in your district.

Member Gould said it's important not just to Channahon, but to all of Will County. These state parks and historical sites provide valuable recreation for children and families and educational opportunities at the historic sites. As I said before, this park was open in 1932 in the midst of a depression and if the State could find the money in 1932 to open the park, I'd hope they can find the money to keep it open. It is a very utilized park; it's not like it's not used or under utilized. Families from all over the county use it every day. I appreciate your support.

### **APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Member Moustis stated there are no appointments by the County Executive this month.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**James Moustis**

Member Moustis commented, today we've seen the State of the County address by the County Executive. I think it was a fine address. We heard a presentation by Joliet Junior College. Much of what we heard today is about investing in our community. Joliet Junior College is investing in our community. Silver Cross Hospital invests in our community. St. Joe's Provena invests in our community. Many of our institutions at this point and time are investing in Will County. Will County Government, we're also I think today taking the first steps in investing even more resources into Will County, to help build the infrastructure that an economy for the future can be built off of. That's the real function of an infrastructure program, the road program – to help move the economy, make the roads safer. But it does have some other, more immediate effects, and that is it will help create jobs at a time when jobs needs to be created. My understanding is \$220 million equates to 9,000 jobs created in Will County. It goes all the way down the line. This is not the guy who's working on the highway, as Mr. Maher pointed out. It's professional people, it's people who supply; it goes all the way down. Everybody gets a little bit of benefit. I'm proud of the fact that this County is in such great fiscal shape, and that a time when we need to move, not only for our infrastructure, but at a time when we need to move to help create jobs and opportunities in this County, that's what we're doing. I know that sometimes we may differ a little bit, and we all talk about let's tweak a little bit here, let's tweak a little bit here. I know all of us and one of the reasons we're successful in Will County because when it comes to the main premise of serving the people in this County, that's what we do. That's what this Board does. That's what the countywide elected officials are doing and we're all doing it the same way.

That's what makes us effective. I want to tell everybody, I know we sometimes will disagree on some details, but I know we're all rolling in the same direction. We should all be proud of that.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY LEADER**  
**Wayne McMillan**

Member McMillan commented, just to put things in perspective, Mrs. Dralle handed me the Tribune this morning and it talks about Cook County issuing \$3.75 billion in debt. Apparently they passed their own resolution yesterday. So, I guess – to pay their overhead; they're going to be refinancing \$3 billion of their own debt and the rest of it is going to go towards paying their various overhead, their budget deficiencies. What I'm pointing out is putting into perspective the \$200 million road program that we're talking about today. What Jim pointed out also is the jobs that it will create. I talked with our County Engineer and for every \$100 million in road construction, that's going to equate to about 4400 full time jobs during the duration. So you double that for every \$200 million. This is one way that we can get people back to work. We can get them new jobs. Folks, let's be realistic. The State is not going to come up with a capital program when you've got the House and the Senate doing nothing but argue about how to do it. They can't even figure out funding mechanisms. The Governor is the third individual in that mix and it's never going to happen. This is going to be our Build Will Program, Jobs for Will, whatever you want to do. We're going to work ourselves out of this so called recession that we appear to be in right now, too. Fortunately, the economy in Will appears to be better than every place else and we're very fortunate for that as well, too. With that in mind, Larry, I thought it was a very well done State of the County address. I agreed with most of it; there are a few items in there that we could disagree on, but that's fine as well too. That's always going to be the case. I disagree with my kids.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY LEGISLATIVE MINORITY LEADER**  
**Marjorie Woods**

Member Woods commented, you know it's healthy to disagree. But what I cannot get ready for is the division of disagreement. Will County has did a very good job financially, and so forth and so on. So you know, this is what we should be keeping our minds on. What we can do for Will County. I've had math lessons today; I've had geography; I've had government. Now I know who the Governor is; I know who the President of the Senate is, and all of this good stuff. But I already knew that before I came. So, I think we should be focusing our interest on what we can do for Will County and cut out the crap. Mr. Executive, I would say that your address was a good address. Everybody is not going to agree. I know it; you know it; you knew it when you presented it. So I would like to say in the balance of my term that we can get about the business of this county. Why do we have to waste time going through all of that rhetoric. I

County Executive Walsh stated, I would like to just take one brief minute – We all know we went through a very difficult week over the weekend with the amount of rain that we have been declared a disaster area here in Will County. Many, many residents within our County have been affected by flooding and water in their homes and loss of work, etc. I want to compliment Harold Dammon and his staff, the EMA Department for the hours they've spent from the moment that this rain started falling and the hours they've spent since then of being there to answer the phones, to be ready, to speak to anyone that has a question, to offer help, to come up with solutions. I want to say thank you Harold for a job well done. And Harold and I had the opportunity on Monday to tour some of the areas most devastated by the flood. I want to applaud many of the agencies throughout our County. I just think when times get difficult the willingness to step forward and work together here in this County is just tremendous. When we were in Plainfield, the work that was done in collaboration with the Village of Plainfield and the Township of Plainfield between the fire departments and the police departments, between the EMA offices within the number of townships and more importantly than anything the willingness of volunteers to step forward and to say how can I help. We actually did what was a reverse 911 call twice in Plainfield. Chief Bennett indicated that at the first call we got about a hundred or a little more, between 100 and 120 volunteers. A number of hours later, almost 200 volunteers turned out on a Sunday afternoon. It took 25,000 sandbags used in the Township and Village of Plainfield – 37,000 sandbags used basically throughout Will County. It makes us feel good even in times of desperation, and people feeling down that the number of people that step to the forefront to help other people – some people that they don't even know – but sandbagged and sandbagged and sandbagged to protect their homes from having water come into it. So, I'm very proud of our citizens of Will County. I'm very proud of our EMA Department here in Will County. I'm very proud of all the agencies out there, our public safety agencies for the job they did.

Member Maher made a motion, seconded by Member Dralle, the meeting be recessed until Thursday, October 16, 2008.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**