

AGENDA OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

October 17, 2006

9:00 A.M.

3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM, OLD LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
112 E. SECOND STREET, DIXON, ILLINOIS

OPEN MEETING WITH INVOCATION OR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS 25 year acknowledgment

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

PUBLIC/VISITOR COMMENT:

- A. ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - VISITORS ALLOWED 10 MINUTES
- B. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - VISITORS ALLOWED 5 MINUTES

TO ZONING BOARD:

06-P-1432 Sundown Farm Services and Schilpp Ind/Ag

TO PLANNING COMMISSION: -0-

FROM ZONING BOARD:

FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE:

FINANCE	R.C.&D. - BLACKHAWK HILLS
CLAIMS	COUNTY SERVICES
SOLID WASTE/HEALTH & WELFARE	911 BOARD
ROAD & BRIDGE	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
COMMITTEE CLAIMS	EXECUTIVE/JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT
COUNTY PROPERTIES	

COUNTY OFFICERS REPORTS, REQUEST FOR DEPOSIT OF FUNDS, ORDERS PAID IN VACATION

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS - Solid Waste Coordinator

Highway - Audit Report #70 (place on file)

Sheriff - Inspection Report of the Lee County Jail

Budget

Tollway Impact Commission

Resolution for \$10,000.00 - furniture for evidence room

City of Dixon

Paul Whitcombe

Jason Anderson - City of Rochelle

MILEAGE & PER DIEM

ALL BILLS & APPROPRIATIONS ALLOWED BY ROLL CALL

ADJOURN

LEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

William O'Keefe, Chairman
Robert Logan, Vice Chairman
James Book, Member
John Hilleson, Member
Wendy Ryerson, Member

Chris Henkel, Zoning Officer
Alice Henkel, Clerk

The Lee County Planning Commission met on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lee County Courthouse, Dixon, Illinois. Chairman William O'Keefe called the meeting to order and took roll with the following members present: Robert Logan, Wendy Ryerson, James Book, John Hilleson and Clerk, Alice Henkel.

The first order of business was the approval of last month's minutes. Wendy Ryerson made a motion to approve the September 2006 minutes and Robert Logan seconded it. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Chairman O'Keefe asked if anyone present who was not on the agenda and/or had questions or comments on anything not covered in the agenda. There was no one.

Chairman O'Keefe then asked Chris Henkel for the Report of Action from the Lee County Board from last month. Mr. Henkel reported that there was no action.

Chairman O'Keefe deviated from the agenda to address the issue to the Nuisance Ordinance draft. Assistant State's Attorney, Andrew Bollman, was present to advise the board on this matter.

Mr. Bollman stated that he did have a chance to review the draft that had been prepared. As it has been written, Mr. Bollman is concerned with how the ordinance is phrased. In some instances, things are overly broad, others are too constricting on the constituents of Lee County. Over all, he feels it does not fully capture the goal of the County.

His recommendations to the board are to break down the ordinance into three or four smaller ordinances and then link them all together. Also, he would like to take a look at the old ordinance to see why that it does not work. Mr. Bollman also wants to guarantee all constitutional grounds are being met. By following these recommendations, Mr. Bollman believes the County will attain the goal it is trying to reach. He would like to get an amended draft prepared by the November meeting.

Chairman O'Keefe would like to focus the ordinance on inoperable motor vehicles. Also, in his opinion, he believes the current ordinance does not work because it is only enforceable by the County Health Department. He would like the zoning officer and plat officer to have the same ability to enforce the ordinance as the health department currently does. Mr. Bollman agreed, stating he would like to give Mr. Henkel the tools to keep these ordinance matters out of the courts.

Mr. Henkel stated he would like to see an allowance of one inoperable motor vehicle. This would let people have one junk vehicle on their property if they are trying to sell it or trying to restore it.

Mr. Logan feels the ordinance should be defined as a “public nuisance.” He believes that if the nuisances are affecting the public they should be enforced. However, if the nuisances are out of sight, are they really a nuisance at all?

Mr. Bollman wants the ordinance to be fair but also to be enforceable.

Chairman O’Keefe stated the County must decide how stringent the ordinance should be.

Mr. Logan does not want the ordinance to be number specific. He feels that one person with one junk vehicle in the front yard may be more of a nuisance than one person with four junk vehicles that are not parked in the front yard. He would like to protect the civil rights of the County citizens and prevent overzealous enforcement.

Mr. Bollman stated he would take all these matters into consideration and begin working on an amended draft for the next meeting.

The first item of new business was a LESA Appeal by Tom Mead. The property is located in Amboy Township.

The property received a LESA score of 230 (Land evaluation: 75; Sight Assessment: 155). The parcel is approximately 40 acres and is all tillable. He owns and farms the land and would like to use approximately 3 acres to build a home for himself.

Given this is a family farm situation and it fits the county plan, the board was willing to waive the LESA.

Chairman O’Keefe made a motion to waive the LESA because the applicant owns the land, farms the land and going to build the home for himself. James Book seconded the motion. All were in favor and the LESA was waived. Robert Logan recused himself from the vote because Mr. Mead is his brother-in-law.

The second item of new business was a LESA Appeal by Jack Hardekopk. The property is located off of Beamerville Road. It received a score of 250 (Land evaluation: 79; Sight Assessment: 171).

Mr. Hardekopk purchased the property in May of 2004 and the property had been advertised as a “buildable” lot. Mr. Hardekopk would like to build a home for himself on the property for when he retires.

The property mostly consists of hydric soil, with approximately 18 out the 26 acres being farmable. Even if he only did a LESA on a 2 acres parcel, the scores would not change

enough give the types of soil. Also, the property does not fit the county plan being it is located in an agricultural area and having agricultural soil.

Mr. Henkel suggested building on the back of the property that is less farmable. However, Mr. Hardekopk says that area is inaccessible because of two creeks that run through the property.

John Hilleson made a motion to deny waiving the LESA. Robert Logan seconded it. All were in favor and the appeal was denied.

The third item of new business was a LESA Appeal by Mike Gletty and his son, Ryan.

Mr. Gletty and his son had passed the LESA on a 2-acres lot that is located next to an existing lot that is not farmable. This 2-acre parcel received a score of 216. This is the only parcel existing in that quarter-section.

The Gletty's then had another LESA done on a 2-acre lot that is adjacent to the one, 2-acres lot that received a LESA of 216. On this lot, the soil scores came in a little less; however the lot did not pass LESA. Because of this, the Gletty's are appealing the second LESA.

Mr. Henkel explained that the sight assessment went up on the second lot because it is located adjacent to a lot that is farmable, unlike the first lot that is located next to a lot that is not farmable. The first lot, that received the 216 LESA, is currently being farmed. Even though the intentions are to build on this lot, Mr. Henkel has to score according to current land use.

Discussion was then held on why the first lot passed being that it is located in the agricultural area with agricultural soil. In this situation and as based on how the current LESA scoring process works, the second 2-acre lot that did not pass LESA will pass in the future once the first 2-acre lot is developed. Then a third lot will pass, and so on, as long as the adjacent lots are being developed.

As the board previously discussed, a LESA workshop will be held to address the scoring issues that are allowing development in areas that should remain agricultural.

A motion was made to defer the appeal made by the Gletty's until after the LESA workshop has been held. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

The LESA workshop was tentatively schedule for November 6, 2006 and is to be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Lee County Regional Planning Commission.

Also under new business, discussion was held on the possible expansion of the DPA area located between Ashton and Steward.

Wendy Ryerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Robert Logan seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Henkel, clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006
9:00 A.M.

Members present: Binder, Truckenbrod, Shippert, Nicholson

Also present: Ann Taylor, Marty Meyer, Cathy Meyer, John Fritts, Kim Becker, John Varga, M. Osborne (SVN), Jim Seeberg, Denise McCaffrey, Bev Power, and Andrew Bollman

Chairman opened meeting with the Budget Tracking Report. Revenue is under projection due to no tax distribution. Expenses are also under projected amounts. This month revenue was \$15,000 more than expenses.

Request from Highway Engineer to increase appropriation for County Special Bridge Fund from \$490,000 to \$750,000. Will also need to appropriate additional money for Capital Projects and for work detail transfer request. These will be done next month.

Kim Becker presented Dependent Children's Fund Report. Board Chair Seeberg reported that copiers are needed for County Board/Zoning/Animal Control (\$10,000) and Treasurer (\$7700). Intention is that both departments will pay part this fiscal year and part in 2006-07 fiscal year. Treasurer instructed to consider using money from County Collector Automation Fund.

Chief Deputy Varga reported that gasoline and prisoner meals line items are very tight. Deputy Varga investigated meal contracts. Considering the average numbers, could not get a cost saving contract.

Chris Henkel present to discuss Courthouse Budget. Services section in trouble. Repairs and Maintenance have exceeded appropriation. Phone is high, too. Gallatin River continues to bill by department. Nicholson will have Properties Committee look at this to understand what charges are in recent bills. Mr. Henkel requesting \$35,000 to finish year. Considering the overages this may not be sufficient. Mr. Henkel said he could have more accurate number next month. Appropriation change will be made next month.

Health Department requesting increase in appropriation of \$17,700. Breakdown: \$3000 - contractual services, \$6000 - Furniture & equipment. \$800 - Service agreement, \$7900- Travel & Meeting. These are because of unforeseen grants. Move to approve by Shippert; second by Nicholson; carried.

Request to transfer from Contingencies to Sheriff Temporary & Part-time \$1687.66. Motion by Nicholson; second by Shippert; carried. Covers Mike Winsted's work detail working in community.

Capital Projects Fund needs an increase in appropriation by \$230,000. Treasurer asked to rename line items in Co. Capital Projects Fund to better track how this money is spent. Transfer will be made in November.

Truckenbrod reported that insurance plan will be the same for the coming year; except the premium rate has increased. ASA Bollman sent clarification on the FOP retiree issue; contract amounts are to be used. Request has been sent to FOP to increase employee contributions by 12%. If agreed, County intends to also add 12%.

Budget books will be available by Board meeting. Board members must return draft copies next month; these will be collected by Clifton-Gunderson.

Chairman asked if charts should be included. Shippert wants them, but would rather have pie charts rather than bar graphs. Same information will be conveyed. Nicholson would like a line graph showing history

of revenue and expenses. Clifton-Gunderson will only include information relative to contents of current budget book. This can be generated after audit.

Nicholson has information on video arraignment system. This should be included with the remodeling of the Law Enforcement Center. Chief Deputy Varga explained that camera/TV would be in the visiting area. The attorney will be in the courtroom. Includes (5) units plus (1) mobile unit. Total is \$42,200. Only one company bid on this project. Endorsements have been received from the judges and Lee County Bar Association.

If the County Board approves this project, already approved by Properties, Finance committee would recommend this be paid from Capital Projects Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Next meeting will be November 16. Claims will be November 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Truckenbrod

911 CALL CENTER FACTS

Facts: The 911 Call Center is staffed with 9 telecommunicators.
Total salary & associated costs 2005 = \$528,398

\$58,711 per employee

During 2005, 66,719 were answered by the call center. Of the total 32,027 came in on 288-4411, the City of Dixon police line. 48% of the total calls came in on the Dixon Police line. Dixon originated 911 calls are not included in the 32,027.

Services Provided to the Dixon Police Department:

The call center answers City of Dixon Police calls 24/365

6Am – 6PM Monday thru Saturday the 911 call center answers Dixon Police Dept. incoming calls on police line and routes them to appropriate person.

$12 \times 6 = 72$ hours of service per week

6PM – 6AM Monday thru Saturday the 911 call center answers Dixon Police Dept. incoming calls and dispatches the calls to the field. $12 \times 6 = 72$ hours of service per week

Sundays 24 hours – The 911 call center answers Dixon Police Dept incoming calls and dispatches them to the field. 24 hours of service per week.

$52 \times 24 = 1248$ hours of service per year

Six major Holidays 24 hours -The 911 call center answers Dixon Police Dept. incoming calls and if necessary dispatches them to the field.

$6 \times 24 = 144$ hours of service per year.

The call center provides City of Dixon Police Dept. 8760 hours of service per year. Service that if not provided by the call center would have to be provided by the city of Dixon. 8760 hours are equivalent of 4.21 employees. $8760/2080$

Looking at this from another perspective:

The City of Dixon Police Department dispatches their own calls 42% of the dispatch hours in a year. (3684 hrs.) 365 days

-52 Sundays

- 6 Holidays

$307 \text{ days} \times 12 \text{ hrs.} = 3684 \text{ hours}$

The call center dispatches City of Dixon police officers 58% of the dispatch hours in a year (5076 hrs)

307 days $307 \times 12 = 3684$ hours

+52 Sundays $52 \times 24 = 1248$ “

+ 6 Holidays $6 \times 24 = 144$ “

365 5076 hours

LEE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

BUDGET TRACKING		December 2005	January 2006	February 2006	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006	October 2006	November 2006	
Beginning Balance (audit)		\$324,687	\$563,898	\$552,951	\$544,304	\$387,441	\$403,861	\$488,434	\$393,222	\$783,909	\$735,297			
Receipts	Budget	\$373,367	\$524,599	\$375,409	\$528,050	\$432,892	\$613,188	\$373,134	\$952,984	\$470,964	\$631,741	\$422,390	\$561,186	\$6,259,904
	Actual	855,079	483,061	469,662	532,768	451,356	563,104	460,060	845,332	649,228	479,829			
Disbursements	Budget	\$672,267	\$480,739	\$451,899	\$636,007	\$518,691	\$482,165	\$429,257	\$454,548	\$554,071	\$581,134	\$514,675	\$639,503	\$6,414,956
	Actual	615,868	494,008	478,309	689,631	434,936	478,531	555,272	454,645	697,840	464,893			
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ENDING BALANCE		\$563,898	\$552,951	\$544,304	\$387,441	\$403,861	\$488,434	\$393,222	\$783,909	\$735,297	\$750,233	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL YEAR THRU SEPTEMBER 2006

Receipts	Budget	\$5,276,328
	Actual	\$5,789,479
Disbursements	Budget	\$5,260,778
	Actual	\$5,363,933
	NET	\$425,546

FISCAL YEAR THRU SEPTEMBER 2005

Receipts	\$5,794,943
Disbursements	\$5,758,015
NET	\$36,928

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006
9:00 A.M., OLD COURTHOUSE, DIXON, IL

Members present: Trent, Leffelman, Power, Williams, Truckenbrod

Also present: Beth Gronke (ASA), David Anderson, Jack Nicklaus, Nancy Cullen, Sarah Willey, M. Shippert, Melinda Osborne(SVN) and Dr. Collins

The following claims were presented:

ROE	\$ 686.76
Veterans Assistance	\$3,378.20
Animal Control	\$1,545.50
Rabies	\$ 442.26
Solid Waste	\$8,080.28

Motion to approve claims made by Truckenbrod; second by Leffelman; carried 5-0.

ROE's Report

Sarah Willey present with quarterly report on Official Acts of the ROE listing the official Visitations to Regional Schools. Copy will be on members' desks for County Board meeting.

Four grants have been received for English Language Learning, a pre-kindergarten grant (through Governor's Preschool for All program), a fine arts grant to pursue using local art resources, and a grant for induction and mentoring new teachers.

Animal Control

One bat has been sent for testing; no report yet. Request received from Dixon Veterinary Hospital to increase the rabies collection fee from 50 cents to \$1. A change would affect all Lee County Veterinarian Clinics. This has not been changed in 20 years.

Comparison with other 8 counties, Lee has lowest registration fees.

Regarding the State legislation on Animal Population Control Act, two of 9 counties in this area enacted.

In 2005, discussed implementing the State mandated \$10 fee for unaltered dogs, increasing the collection fee for vet clinics, and increasing the county fee.

Dr. Collins and Nancy Cullen will bring a proposal to the November meeting.

Solid Waste Report

Mr. Anderson reported that the toter will be removed from the Dixon 4th Street site. He also reported that Moring is pleased with Lee County recycling program as a whole.

Mr. Williams still wants a camera system at the Dixon site. He has heard of a battery operated system.

Committee does not want to discontinue this service at this site, but it has been very expensive. This is the only site that is abused. Citizens have expressed appreciation for this service and are also frustrated with those who abuse it.

Electronics Recycling will be held Nov. 3 and 4 in Oregon, White Pines Road. (old FS facility) Volunteer help would be appreciated.

Mr. Anderson is expecting quarterly reports from Allied.

Mr. Anderson has resolution for his re-appointment as Solid Waste Coordinator effective Dec. 1, 2006 – Nov. 30, 2008. Motion by Power to present this resolution reappointing David Anderson as Solid Waste Coordinator; second by Williams; motion carried 5-0. Copy of resolution will be in October packet.

Motion to adjourn at 10:20.

Next meeting will be November 15, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Truckenbrod

Resolution No. _____
Reappointment of Solid Waste Coordinator

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist in the office of the Lee County Solid Waste Coordinator due to the expiration of the previous term which will occur on November 30,2006.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board desires to have David M. Anderson continue administering the functions of the Office of Solid Waste Management through the Lee County Highway Department for an additional two year period ending November 30, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lee County Board that David M. Anderson be, and is hereby reappointed, Solid Waste Coordinator for Lee County, Illinois for a term of two years effective November 30, 2006, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Lee County Board that no additional compensation be allowed David M. Anderson for the position of Solid Waste Coordinator and his salary shall remain that allowed by the terms and conditions set forth in Resolution number 06-04-004 appointing David M. Anderson as Lee County Engineer on April 19, 2006.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of lee County, Illinois, this 17th day of October, 2006.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Lee County Clerk

