MINUTES of the LEE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY OF LEE)

THE LEE COUNTY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 15, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE OLD COURTHOUSE IN DIXON.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY CHAIRMAN SEEBERG.

CLERK MYERS CALLED THE ROLL: PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN SEEBERG, MEMBERS BINDER, BUCKLEY, BUHROW, CHANDLER, DAY, DEMMER, FARSTER, FERRONE, FRITTS, GUSSE, KETCHUM, KITZMAN, LEFFELMAN, MERCER, MORONEY, NICHOLSON, PALEN, PATZER, SHIPPERT, STEVENS, TAYLOR, TRUCKENBROD, WENTLING, WILLIAMS, WIZLEB. MISSING WERE HUMMEL AND ZEIMETZ.

THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO LAST MONTHS MINUTES. MOTION TO APPROVE LAST MONTHS MINUTES WAS MADE BY MRS. TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MR. FERRONE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC/VISITORS COMMENTS: STEVE ROBERY HAS THREE REQUESTS FOR THE COUNTY BOARD. FIRST: WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY BOARD RECONSIDER THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE DECISION NOT TO EXTEND THE WIND ENERGY MORATORIUM. THERE IS STILL SIGNIFICANT WORK LEFT TO DO TO COMPLETE THE WIND ORDINANCE REVIEW. THE REVIEW WILL CONTINUE BUT WITHOUT A MORATORIUM. THE COMMITTEE FAILED TO OFFER ANY CONVINCING REASON FOR ENDING THE MORATORIUM. SECONDLY: HE ASKES THAT THE COUNTY BOARD CONSIDERS THE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER, MARK WAGNER, IN REGARDS TO RESTRUCTURING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. FINALLY, HE IS ASKING THE COUNTY BOARD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL DIRECTION TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ISSUES THAT ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERED OUT OF SCOPE BY THE AD HOC CHAIRMAN.

BOB LOGAN, FROM FRANKLIN GROVE, SPOKE CONCERNING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE NOT TAKING PUBLIC INPUT. WE DO NEED A SERIOUS REVIEW OF OUR WIND FARM CONTROL. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR PEOPLE TO BUILD THEM RESPONSIBLY. HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT WHAT HAS OCCURRED HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE. IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO TELL OUR PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN'T SPEAK. WE NEED TO GET A FAIR COMMITTEE. HE IS ASKING TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM OR ASK THE ZONING OFFICER NOT TO ISSUE ANY PERMITS UNTIL THE STUDY IS DONE.

JIM ORTGIESEN, DIXON, HEARS A LOT OF COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE NOT HEARING PUBLIC INPUT. HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE MAKE UP OF THE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THAT OF THE LEE COUNTY ZONING BOARD.

DON RIVA, DIXON, IS NOT IN FAVOR OF 1.3 MILLION BEING GIVEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT. HAVE STUDIES BEEN DONE TO SHOW THE AMOUNT OF SALES IT WOULD BE GENERATING, WHAT SALES PROJECTIONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE TABLE? HE RECOMMENDS AN INCENTIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY BASED UPON THEIR PERFORMANCE OF SALES ON A MONTHLY BASIS. COUNTY MIGHT NEED THE 1.3 MILLION IN CAPITAL PROJECTS. HE ALSO DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERY BEHIND WHO THE PRINCIPALS ARE ON THE I39 DEVELOPMENT SO THERE IS NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

KELLY ROBERY, RURAL FRANKLIN GROVE, WAS HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL CITIZENS OF LEE COUNTY ON WIND FARMS. SHE HAS SPENT MUCH OF HER SPARE TIME IN THE PAST 2 YEARS EDUCATING HERSELF ON THE INDUSTRIAL WIND INDUSTRY AND THE IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. LEE COUNTY SHOULD TAKE NOTE AND LEARN LESSONS FROM ELSEWHERE AND AVOID HAVING TO SUFFER THE SAME MISTAKES. EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON INDUSTRIAL WINDS SO MORE STUDY CAN BE CONDUCTED.

SUSIE MILLER, BRADFORD TOWNSHIP, ASHTON, MORATORIUM ENDS TODAY AND DOES NOT EVEN NEED TO COME UP FOR A VOTE. 5 MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ARE ALSO ON THE ZONING BOARD SO THEY WILL BE REPORTING TO THEMSELVES. AD HOC COMMITTE IS BIAS AND HAS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. AS MORE COMPLAINTS EVOLVE THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THESE ISSUES. WHERE ARE THE LAND OWNERS RIGHTS? THE WIND MORATORIUM NEEDS TO BE EXTENDED ANOTHER 6 MONTHS TO BE SURE ALL ISSUES ARE COVERED AND PROTECTED BY THE ORDINANCE.

JACK SCHROUTH, DIXON, SAID THERE IS OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT (I39 - 30 TRUCK STOP) BEING BUILD ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PRIVATE FUNDS. THERE IS ZERO SUPPORT FOR DONATING PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT. THE SUPPORTERS OF THIS GIVE AWAY ARE IN THE MINORITY EVEN WITHIN THE BOARD ROOM. GIVING AWAY 1.3 MILLION WE WOULD BE GUARANTEED TO LOSE.

BOB LOGAN, FRANKLIN GROVE, AGAIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD. IF THE TAX PAYERS COULD VOTE WHETHER TO TAKE A TAX INCREASE OR WHETHER WE INVEST WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THE INVESTMENT THERE WOULD NOT BE MUCH QUESTION HOW THE TAX PAYERS WOULD VOTE. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY BOARD SPEND SOME MONEY DOWN COUNTY. MUST HAVE INCREASED REVENUES TO BALANCE BUDGET. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR OVER 2 YEARS AND SOME OF THE BEST SERVANTS WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY HAVE WORKED ON IT.

RANDY HARDEN, DIXON, WHO IS A TRUCK DRIVER SAID HE CAN NOT SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE USING THE TRUCK STOP. HE HAS HEARD FOR YEARS THAT DEPARTMENTS HAVE CUT BACK AND NOW WE HAVE ALL THIS EXCESS MONEY. IF WE HAVE THIS MONEY WE NEED TO KEEP IT IN THE COUNTY. IF A PRIVATE DEVELOPER WANTS TO DEVELOP IT HE IS ALL FOR THAT BUT HE DOES NOT SEE IT WORKING. WE NEED TO KEEP OUR MONEY HERE FOR COUNTY PURPOSES.

RAY MCADAMS, FRANKLIN GROVE, FEELS THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DEALING WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER NOT THE DEVELOPER. HE IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT EMERGENCY SERVICES AT THE LOCATION.

JOHN NICHOLSON HAS A COUPLE OF ECONOMIC PLANNERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

JASON ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF GREDCO IN ROCHELL, IL, THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THE GROWTH OF THE SE CORNER OF OGLE CO. AND NE CORNER OF LEE COUNTY AS THEY HAVE SHARED ENTERPRISE ZONES OVER THE YEARS. HE SPOKE ON GROWING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. YOU NEED TO USE WHAT YOU HAVE, TAKE THE ASSETS THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE, BUILD PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, DO YOUR HOMEWORK, TRUST AND VERIFY.

HE SAID GET A CLEAR IDEA ABOUT THE COST OF DEVELOPMENT. IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS YOU MUST MANAGE YOUR RISKS. YOU NEED TO SEE THE VISION OF THE FUTURE. MR. ANDERSON ANSWERED A QUESTION FROM COUNTY BOARD MEMBER, MR. BUHROW.

KEN WISE WHO WAS DIRECTOR OF GREDCO PRIOR TO MR. ANDERSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD. THE COUNTY, CITY RUNS ON SALES TAX. IT IS VERY COMPLICATED TO BUILD A TRUCK STOP AND COSTS A TON OF MONEY. IT IS NOT EASY SPENDING TAX PAYER MONEY. MR. WISE ANSWERED A QUESTION FROM COUNTY BOARD MEMBER MR. WITZLEB.

MR. PATZER LEFT THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING AT 10:05 A.M.

MR. NICHOLSON INTRODUCED DAVE DIAMOND WHO WOULD BE THE DEVELOPER OF THE PROJECT. HE APPROACHED THE COUNTY AND THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING MEETINGS FOR OVER A YEAR NOW REGARDING THE PROJECT.

DAVE DIAMOND THANKED CHAIRMAN SEEBERG FOR APPOINTING THE COMMITTEE THAT LOOKED AT THIS PROJECT OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. ALL MEMBERS HAD A REAL CONCERN ON THE WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY ON WHAT THEY WERE DOING. HE FEELS THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST RESPONISBLE AND FAIR AGREEMENTS HE HAS EVER WORKED ON IN HIS 30 YEARS OF TRUCK STOP CONVENIENT STORE WORK. HE RESPONDED TO SOME OF THE CONCERNS ADDRESSED BY SOME OF THE VISITORS THAT SPOKE. THIS PROJECT WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE INFRA-STRUCTURE AT THAT INTERSECTION.

MR. DIAMOND INTRODUCED MARK POTACZEK, VICE PRESIDENT OF PARENT PETROLEUM. MR. POLTCZEK FEELS THIS PROJECT IS A GOOD SITE. HE SPOKE ON OTHER TRUCK STOPS AND HOW SOME HAVE INADEQUATE SPACE AND ACCESS ISSUES. HIS COMPANY HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN THE PROJECTING AND THEY DON'T TAKE THEIR PROJECTIONS LIGHTLY, THEY HAVE TO ANSWER TO THAT OPERATOR WHO IS TYPICALLY A FAMILY AND THEY DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THEM FALSE HOPE OR EXPECTATIONS. MR. POTACZEK ANSWERED SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS.

DAVE DIAMOND STATED THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT LEE COUNTY 20 YEARS FROM NOW AND NOT LOOK ONLY AT WHAT THE TRUCK STOP CAN DO TODAY. THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE AND EXPANSION. REVENUES HAVE NEVER BEEN HARDER.

JASON ANDERSON STATED THAT LEE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROCHELLE ARE PARTNERS. WE GRANTED ENTERPRISE ZONE CAPACITY 10 YEARS AGO TO GLOBAL III WHICH IS A HUGE TRUCK GENERATOR. THE CITY OF ROCHELLE RAILROAD SYSTEM WANTS TO EXTEND FARTHER INTO LEE COUNTY. WE ARE GOING TO SEE A HUGE INFLUX IN THE NEXT 10 TO 20 YEARS. TRUCK VOLUMNS THAT ARE PRO-JECTED TO INCREASE ON 39 ARE HUGE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK AS PARTNERS TO CONTINUE TO GROW.

DAVE DIAMOND STATED THAT THEY HAVE 3 OPERATORS THAT THEY THINK FIT WELL WITH THIS LOCATION. HE NEEDS A DEVELOPMENT FIRST BEFORE OTHERS WILL INVEST. IF HE GETS THE AGREEMENT HE WILL CONTACT THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND WORK IT HARD. MR. DIAMOND TOOK SOME QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS. THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND LEE COUNTY'S 1.3 MILLION DOES NOT COME TO THE DEVELOPER UNTIL THE TRUCK STOP IS UP AND RUNNING AND MAKING MONEY. ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT MR. DIAMOND WOULD BRING IN THE OPERATOR HE WOULD THEN GO TO THE BANK AND GET A LETTER OF COMMITMENT. THE LETTER OF COMMITMENT GOES TO THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY REVIEWS IT. THE COUNTY HAS 60 DAYS TO PUT THE 1.3 MILLION IN ESCROW. AFTER THAT IS DONE, MR. DIAMOND HAS 120 DAYS TO GET PERMITTING AND ENTITLEMENT WORK SUBMITTED TO THE PROPER AGENCY. IF THAT IS NOT DONE

IN 120 DAYS THE COUNTY CAN TAKE THAT MONEY BACK OUT OF ESCROW AND REINVEST IT BACK INTO THE COUNTY AND THE PROCESS STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN. THE COUNTY IS NOT BOUND TO HAVE THE MONEY TIED UP FOR 5 YEARS. THE WHOLE PROJECT COULD TAKE A YEAR AND A HALF TO TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

JOHN NICHOLSON STATED THAT THE INTEREST THE MONEY GAINS WHILE IN ESCROW WOULD GO BACK TO THE COUNTY.

MANY QUESTIONS WERE ASKED BY SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS.

GARY GEHLBACH, COUNTY'S ATTORNEY FOR THE PROJECT, ANSWERED SOME QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

MR. DIAMOND ASKED THAT THE COUNTY NOT DWELL ON THE HIGH RISK. WE ARE NOT LOOKING AT EXTREME CONDITIONS. WE ARE DEALING WITH OPERATORS THAT HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS A LONG TIME. WE ARE NOT DOING THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME. MR. DIAMOND AGAIN TOOK SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS.

SOME COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS WERE QUESTIONING CHANGES MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FROM LAST MONTH.

MR. DIAMOND EXPLAINED HOW THE PROJECT WOULD BE LAID OUT ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE TRUCK STOP AND A QUICK SERVE RESTAURANT, THE STORM WATER RETENTION AND THE DEEP WELL AND POSSIBLY A MOTEL. THEY HAVE HAD INQUIRIES FROM A TRUCK REPAIR SERVICE AND ALSO A BANK.

AGAIN, MR. GEHLBAH ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON WHO WOULD HAVE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY. THE COUNTY WOULD BE SECONDARY, THEY WOULD HAVE A LEEN ON THE PROPERTY.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON WHO THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS. COULD THERE POSSIBLY BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST?

TOTAL COST OF WATER AND SEWER WILL BE A LITTLE MORE THAN 1.7 MILLION FOR PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE. THERE IS STILL ANOTHER 400 THOUSAND THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE INFRASTRUCTURE. TO GET PAD READY, THEY ARE LOOKING AT 2.5 MILLION TO 2.75 MILLION AND THEN THEY WOULD START THE TRUCK STOP PROJECT WHICH WOULD BE ANOTHER 3 MILLION TO GET THAT PUT UP. THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE SEVERAL MILLION INVESTED BEFORE THE COUNTY SPENDS THE 1.3 MILLION.

ANOTHER QUESTION WAS ASKED ABOUT WHO OWNS THIS PROPERTY. THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE I-39 PARTNERSHIP.

MRS. TRUCKENBROD QUESTIONED THE COUNTY PUTTING UP THE MONEY. COULD THERE BE OTHER OPTIONS SUCH AS TAX INCENTIVES, ABATEMENTS OR SOME OTHER FORM OF MAKING AN INVESTMENT?

MR. NICHOLSON DOES NOT FEEL THE COUNTY HAS ENOUGH TAX INCENTIVES TO OFFER TO OFFSET THE 1.3 MILLION.

TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE 4 TO 5 MILLION.

DAVE DIAMOND FEELS THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE THERE AND NOT PASS ON THIS PROJECT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS REVENUE LONG TERM. WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT WOULD BE THERE 20 YEARS FROM NOW. THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO BE PUT THERE FIRST BEFORE ANYONE WOULD LOOK AT THAT LOCATION.

JOBS CREATED BY THE TRUCK STOP COULD BE 40 TO 50 JOBS.

MR. NICHOLSON ASKED ALL MEMBERS TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS PLACED ON THEIR DESKS. THE CITY INVESTED 1 MILLION IN THE LATE 60'S SOUTH OF TOWN AND LOOK AT WHAT THAT HAS BECOME.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG SAID IT WAS NOW TIME TO VOTE. MR. BUHROW FELT THERE NEEDED TO BE SOME INTERNAL DISCUSSION.

MR. KETCHUM MADE A MOTION THAT THEY ACCEPT THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH DAVE DIAMOND, SECONDED BY MR. FERRONE.

THE FLOOR WAS THEN OPENED UP FOR DISCUSSION. THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION FROM MR. BUHROW CONCERNING THE COUNTY LENDING MONEY AND ONLY GETTING 2% INTEREST BACK IS NOT A GOOD RETURN ON OUR MONEY.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG SAID THE COUNTY IS DYING WITH NO INCOME. MR. WITZLEB ASKED DO WE OR DON'T WE HAVE MONEY? NEXT YEAR AT BUDGET TIME ARE WE GOING TO BE LAYING OFF AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND CUTTING SERVICES?

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG SAID THERE WOULD BE NO LAYOFFS.

MR. WILLIAMS SAID WE NEED TO START LOOKING FOR GROWTH. THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN STAGNANT AND THE WAY WE ARE TALKING TODAY WE WILL STAY STAGNANT.

MR. KETCHUM SAID THAT UNDER NORMAN REVENUE WE ARE IN DEFICIT SPENDING. WE NEED TO USE THE SOLID WASTE MONEY TO BUILD THIS PROJECT AND INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

MR. MORONEY SAID WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO GROW BUT WE NEED TO DO THIS WITH NO LAYOFFS.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG AGAIN SAID THERE WILL BE NO LAYOFFS.

MR. LEFFELMAN ASKED AGAIN, DO WE OR DON'T WE HAVE MONEY. HE DOES NOT SUPPORT AN UNBALANCED BUDGET. WHY NOT USE ADDITONAL MONEY COMING IN FROM THE LANDFILL AND THE STATE AND PUT THAT MONEY ASIDE FOR THE PROJECT AND LEAVE THE CURRENT MONEY WHERE IT IS AT?

MR. BINDER AGREES WITH EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TODAY. THEY DO NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THIS COUNTY. ALONG WITH CONSIDERING IF THIS IS A FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER IF THE COUNTYS PRESENT FINANCIAL AND CASH POSITON IS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THIS TYPE OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT. WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING A DEFICIT BUDGET WITH NO PLAN TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT.

MR. DEMMER SAID EXPENSES ARE INCREASING MORE QUICKLY THAN REVENUE. WE NEED TO MAKE AN INCREASE REVENUE BY INCREASING SALES WHICH INCREASES SALES TAXES THAT ARE GENERATED FROM SALES A LOT OF WHICH WOULD COME FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. THIS IS A SOLID WELL THOUGHT OUT PLAN AND COULD HELP US IN THE FUTURE.

MR. BUHROW DISAGREES. WE DO NOT HAVE A GOOD RATE OF RETURN ON OUR MONEY.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. YES MEANS YOU ARE FOR IT. NO MEANS YOU ARE AGAINST IT. THE CLERK CALLED THE ROLL: THOSE VOTING AYE: MORONEY, NICHOLSON, STEVENS, TAYLOR, WILLIAMS, BUCKLEY, DEMMER, FARSTER, FERRONE, GUSSE, KETCHUM AND SEEBERG. THOSE VOTING NAY: KITZMAN, LEFFELMAN, MERCER, PALEN, SHIPPERT, TRUCKENBROD, WENTLING, WITZLEB, BINDER, BUHROW, CHANDLER, DAY, FRITTS. MEMBERS HUMMEL, PATZER AND ZEIMETZ WERE NOT PRESENT AT THIS VOTE. MOTION FAILED.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG CALLED FOR A BREAK AT THIS TIME 12:20 P.M.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 12:40 P.M.

MR. ALLAN ESGAR, REPRESENTING THE SENIOR CENTER, READ A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. SEEBERG FOR THE RECORD (ON FILE IN PACKET). HE SAID THAT MONEY IS A BIG PROBLEM, TRUST IS A BIG ASSET. IF WE CAN'T TRUST YOUR WORD WE ARE IN TROUBLE AND SO ARE YOU.

PETITION 11-P-1471 - SCHULTZ AND SBA TOWERS III LLC AG-1SPECIAL USE WAS SENT TO THE ZONING BOARD ON A MOTION BY MRS. TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MR. FERRONE. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. MORONEY GAVE HIS MONTHY REPORT ON LOTS. ONE APPRAISAL FOR THE LAND HAS COME IN. DRIVERS ARE WORKING WITH IDOT AND GETTING STATE POLICE TRAINING. ROLLING ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGN IS ADVERTISING ON THE BUSES.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MR. KETCHUM. FIRST HE ADDRESSED MR. ESGARS LETTER HOW THE SENIOR CITIZENS MONEY WAS SHORTED. CORRECTIONS WERE MADE TO THE FINANCE MINUTES.

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RESOLUTION

No. 02-11-001

BUDGET APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board approves the appropriation of $643.25 to Probation Innovative Grant Fund line item number 075-521.001-111.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that $643.25 shall be appropriated into line item number 075-521.001-111.

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD
THIS 15th DAY OF February, 2011.

BY: Jerry L. Seely
Lee County Board Chairman

Attest:

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk

MR. KETCHUM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION, SECONDED BY MRS. TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

THE AUDITOR WILL BE AT FINANCE NEXT MONTH TO GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE AUDIT. COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NEXT MONTHS BOARD MEETING.

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RESOLUTION

No. 02-11-002

BUDGET APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board approves the appropriation of $15,526.12 to CDAP Grant Fund line item number 079-505.067-502.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that $15,526.12 shall be appropriated into line item number 079-505.067-502.

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD
THIS 15th DAY OF February, 2011.

BY: James J Seely
Lee County Board Chairman

Attest:

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk

MR. KETCHUM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET APPROPRIATION, SECONDED BY MR. MERCER. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. MORONEY STATED THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE GETTING TOGETHER WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR NEXT YEARS BUDGET. THE BOARD IS TRYING TO BE PRO ACTIVE IN THIS RESPECT.

MR. KETCHUM SAID THESE WOULD BE LONGER MEETINGS. THEY NEED TO GET A PLAN ON WHAT THEY NEED TO CUT SO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD KNOWS AHEAD OF TIME WHAT DIRECTION THE BOARD IS TAKING.

MRS. TRUCKENBROD SPOKE ON THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE. THEY ARE WORKING WITH CHC WELLNESS DOING SCREENINGS AND BLOOD DRAWS THE END OF MARCH AND ONE DAY IN APRIL.

THE SOLID WASTE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MRS. TRUCKENBROD. REPORT IS IN PACKET.

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MR. STEVENS SAID THE HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT WILL BE GIVEN NEXT MONTH.

MR. KETCHUM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

February, 2011

DEPT.	OFFICE OR FUND	CLAIM NO.	AMOUNT
1	County Clerk	1 - 7	17,135.55
2	Circuit Clerk	8 - 9	113.33
3	Treasurer	10 - 14	1,072.56
4	Sheriff	15 - 52	28,911.08
5	Coroner	53 - 59	1,594.32
6	Supt Education	60 - 66	5,541.89
7	State's Attorney	67 - 76	13,716.24
8	Public Defender	77 - 78	83.18
9	Rabies Control	79 - 84	757.18
10	Courthouse	85 - 97	23,871.66
12	Associate Judge Ackert	98	63.00
13	Associate Judge Beckman		
14	Circuit Judge Jacobson	99 - 101	1,381.01
15	County Board	102 - 103	759.00
17	Probation	104 - 105	1,105.00
18	Lee County Tourism	106 - 108	7,260.09
21	Regional Planning Commission		
22	Subsidies to Organizations		
23	Zoning	109	195.35
24	Accounting & Auditing	110	4,000.00
25	Jurors' Certificates		
27	Jury Commission	111	611.93
29	ESDA	112 - 118	1,302.03
30	Contingencies		
31	Circuit Judge Fish	119 - 120	151.94
38	Computer Service	121	10,463.25
40	Supervisor of Assessments	122 - 128	6,310.89
41	Animal Control	129 - 130	1,862.18
42	Indemnity Fund		
43	Law Library Fund	131	1,429.75
46	Veteran's Assistance Fund	132 - 136	3,253.73
47	Court Document Storage	137	470.00
49	Circuit Clerk Automation Fund	138	64.40
50	Special Recording Auto. Fund	139	5625.00
51	Vital Records Automation Fund		
52	Insurance & Bonds	140 - 141	12,005.00
53	Cooperative Ext. Service Fund		~~151110.54~~ SM
54	Solid Waste Management	142	5,336.10
78	Capital Improve, Repair or Replace		
88	Child Support Enforcement Fund	143	290.00
90	County Collector Automation Fund	144	315.00
91	Social Services for Sr Citizen Fund		
95	Probation Services Fund	145 - 151	1,813.86
97	Capital Projects Fund		
98	JJC Grant/Accountability Fund		
100	JJC Grant/Alternative Detention Fund		
101	Arrestee's Fund		
102	JJC Grant/Violence Prevention Fun		
103	JJC Grant/Council Fund		
104	State's Attorney Children Advocacy		
105	State's Attorney JAIB Grant		

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107	GIS/Recording Fees Fund.....	152 - 153	12,958.95
111	Probation Innovative Grant.....		
112	Insurance.....		
114	JJC/Youth Diversion.....		
116	Lee Co. Probation/Drug Court.....		
120	Redeploy Grant.....	154 - 159	11,364.26
121	Pet Population.....	160 - 162	1,434.00
122	Lee Co. Prob./Mental Health Court..		
124	Title 4 E.....	163	874.30
125	Adult Redeploy.....		
501	Grant Fund (Coroner).....		
			$185,497.01

Paid in Vacation - $130,446.47

Wages/ Fringes/ Holiday Pay/Sick Pay - $ $526,034.12

Per Diem: $2,957.95

We, the undersigned Chairman and Members of the Executive Claims Committee of the Lee County Board, have this day audited and allowed claims, the total of which appears above, and recommend approval by the Lee County Board.

Date: February 10, 2011

Highway 40,391.96
County Motor Fuel 30,518.20
Township Motor Fuel –
Special Bridge –
FASMS –
Total 70,910.16
Health 58,114.78

Claims Committee Signatures:

THE ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MR. BINDER WHO PRESENTED THE CLAIMS:

REPORT OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE OF LEE COUNTY BOARD

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD, DIXON, ILLINOIS:

Your Committee on Road and Bridge would respectfully report that they have held a meeting on the date hereinafter set forth; that they have examined and audited the following claims which have been referred to them under the rules and resolutions of this Board and that they hereby allow such claims for the items and in the amount hereinafter set forth.

The Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to issue orders in payment thereof, such orders to be payable out of any monies in the treasury appropriated for County Highway's and Motor Fuel Tax Sections in Lee County, Illinois.

WARRANT NO. (CATEGORY/VEND. #)	CLAIM NO.	PAYABLE TO		APP.	TOTAL Page 1 of 1
COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND					
33-599.096-68	*COUNTY M.F.T.*		*$30,518.20*		
6253	1	MORTON SALT	COUNTY M.F.T.	✓	$30,518.20

TOTAL AMOUNT OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX CLAIMS ALLOWED THIS DATE..... *$30,518.20*

Dated at Dixon, Illinois, on February 7, 2011

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE,
LEE COUNTY BOARD.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

COUNTY ENGINEER, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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WARRANT NO. (CATEGORY-VEND. #)	CLAIM NO.	PAYABLE TO		APP	TOTAL Page 1 of 2
		LEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
30-510.030-70		*FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT*	*$1,473.59*		
3904	1	GLOBAL IND.	INV# 3222909	✓	$823.60
7860	2	S J SMITH CO.	INV# 20762	✓	$649.99
30-512.036-70		*EQUIP. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE*	*$4,948.98*		
1850	3	BONNELL INDUSTRIES,INC.	INV# 0057293	✓	$71.75
4137	4	HEAVY EQUIPMENT SVCS., INC.	INV# 171785	✓	$625.57
4225	5	HAWKEYE	INV# 505313	✓	$3,162.70
5688	6	W. G. LEFFELMAN & SONS, INC.	INV# 78597	✓	$172.47
6188	7	MILLER-BRADFORD&RISBERG, IN	INV# 92665	✓	$125.06
6239	8	MONROE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	INV# 5180450	✓	$564.93
7610	9	SCHINZER REPAIR	INV# 25433	✓	$139.00
7648	10	SUBLETTE MECHANICAL	INV# 10853	✓	$87.50
30-516.038-70		*GAS,HEAT,LIGHTS AND WATER*	*$1,466.32*		
1142	11	CITY OF AMBOY	INV# 30142	✓	$64.71
2443	12	COM ED	INV# 2001	✓	$19.73
6644	13	NICOR	INV# 20003	✓	$434.61
6644	14	NICOR	INV# 20002	✓	$947.27
30-518.039-70		*TELEPHONE*	*$310.68*		
5902	15	MCI	INV# 4008	✓	$71.93
6392	16	NEXTEL	INV# 3427	✓	$83.93
8867	17	FRONTIER	INV# 80601	✓	$154.82
30-520.040-70		*SUPPLIES, ETC.*	*$255.25*		
3555	18	FIRST NAT'L BANK AMBOY	INV# 3882	✓	$19.99
9518	19	STERLING BUS. MACHINES	INV# 3549	✓	$235.26
30-538.052-70		*IMRF REIMB.*	*$6,833.33*		
3715	20	JOHN FRITTS - IMRF REIMB	IMRF	✓	$6,833.33
30-538-051-70		*INSURANCE REIMB.*	*$10,333.33*		
3716	21	JOHN FRITTS - INS. REIMB.	INS.	✓	$10,333.33
30-590.034-70		*HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE*	*$14,770.48*		
1046	22	ACE HARDWARE	INV# 553	✓	$171.24
1390	23	ARAMARK UNIFORM SVCS., INC.	INV# 0611	✓	$59.63
1576	24	HARDWARE HANK	INV# 20607	✓	$59.56
3150	25	DND TRAVEL PLAZA	INV# 9550	✓	$493.46
3537	26	FASTENAL	INV# 63850	✓	$250.10
3555	27	FIRST NAT'L BANK AMBOY	INV# 17838	✓	$103.76
3940	28	GROMANN SERVICE COMPANY	INV# 131378	✓	$11,217.74
5164	29	JONES-BERRY LUMBER COMPANY	INV# 87203	✓	$56.69
6403	30	NAPA AUTO PARTS-AMBOY	INV# 202237	✓	$1,760.40
8937	31	WALTER BROS.	INV# 20457	✓	$597.90

TOTAL AMOUNT OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX CLAIMS ALLOWED THIS DATE $40,391.96

Dated at Dixon, Illinois, on February 7, 2011

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE,
LEE COUNTY BOARD.

Richard J. Binder
CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

COUNTY ENGINEER, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MINUTES of the LEE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

ON A MOTION OUT OF COMMITTEE, MR. BINDER MOVED FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. BINDER EXPLAINED REVISIONS TO THE CURRENT BUDGET TO REFLECT THE $75,000.00 LEVY REDUCTION.

THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MR. NICHOLSON. HE SPOKE ON THE $900.00 LOTS PAYMENT FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR FOR STORAGE OF BUSSES. A MOTION TO WAIVE THIS FEE WAS MADE BY MR. NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY MR. MORONEY. MOTION CARRIED. THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE ALSO HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS ON WIND SITINGS. THE MINUTES ARE IN THE PACKET.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE WIND FARM MORATORIUM EXPIRING TODAY.

MRS. SHIPPERT QUESTIONS WHETHER THAT NEEDED BOARD ACTION TODAY.

MRS. TRUCKENBROD WANTED TO MAKE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM. MR. SEEBERG SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM COMMITTEE.

MR. LEFFELMAN ALSO SAID HE COULD MAKE A MOTION TO DROP THE MORATORIUM BUT LET THE AD HOC COMMITTEE CONTINUE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ZONING BOARD.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG FELT THE MOTION DIED WHEN THE MORATORIUM RAN OUT.

MR. FERRONE FELT THIS DISCUSSION WAS OUT OF ORDER AND THIS ISSUE NEEDS TO GO BACK TO COMMITTEE.

MR. FERRONE LEFT THE MEETING AT 1:17 P.M.

THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION CONCERNING WHAT TO DO NOW IF SOMEONE COMES IN FOR A PERMIT. MR. HENKEL ADVISED THAT THE ZONING BOARD WOULD BE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2011 AT 7:00, WILL HAVE TWO SPEAKERS DISCUSSING SOUND ISSUES. MR. HENKEL IS ASKING FOR DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON ISSUING PERMITS.

THE RC&D/BLACKHAWK HILLS REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MR. MERCER AND A HANDOUT WAS PLACED ON FILE.

THE 9-1-1 REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MR. WITZLEB. 9-1-1 HAS EQUIPMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED AND SOFTWARE TO BUY AT A COST OF $210,00.00. DEB KILLIAN AND SHELLEY DALLAS WILL BE VISITING ALL 1ST GRADERS IN LEE COUNTY IN APRIL ON THE PROPER USE OF 9-1-1. THEY WILL BE DOING THIS ON THEIR OWN TIME AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE ALSO HAD TWO LIGHTENING STRIKES AT THE 9-1-1 BUILDING.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MR. FARSTER. CLAIMS WERE REVIEWED AND DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THEIR BUDGETS NEXT MONTH FOR THE FIRST QUARTER.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY CHAIRMAN SEEBERG.

MR. PALEN HAD A HANDOUT FROM THE TOURISM COUNCIL ENTITLED "GET READY FOR REAGAN". IT IS A HALF DAY SEMINAR MARCH 8, 2011 AT SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

MR. LALLEY, ESDA DIRECTOR, SPOKE CONCERNING THE DISASTER DECLARATION PROCESS. HANDOUT ON FILE.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG CALLED FOR THE COUNTY OFFICERS REPORTS, THE ORDERS PAID IN VACATION AND THE REQUEST FOR DEPOSIT OF FUNDS. MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MRS. TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MR. MERCER. MOTION CARRIED.

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REQUEST FOR DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

OFFICE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	DEPOSIT IN ACCT
CITY OF DIXON	$ 9,503.85	RADIO SERVICE	CO GENERAL
BEST	600.00	JAN DIXON RENT	CO GENERAL
FOOD PANTRY	600.00	JAN,FEB,MAR,APRIL RENT	CO GENERAL
IL TREAS	5,000.00	VICTIMS GRANT	CO GENERAL
UNITED CO COUNCIL OF IL	600.00	REIM FOR ATTENDANCE	CO GENERAL
CIRCUIT CLERK		SEE ATTACHED	CO GENERAL
LC HIGHWAY	3,262.28	PERMITS, MISC	CO HIGHWAY
LC HIGHWAY	14,269.81	BILLINGS, MISC	CO MFT
LC HIGHWAY	17,806.30	CULVERTS/BANDS	CO SP BRIDGE
LC HIGHWAY	2,013.51	CULVERTS/BANDS	TWO MFT
CIRMA	826.00	AUDIT WORKMAN'S COMP	LIABILITY INS
IMRF	2,017.86	DEDUCTION REPORT	EMP GROUP INS
SHIRLEY BOLLMAN	956.99	HEALTH INS	EMP GROUP INS
DAVID GILLFILLAN	627.05	IMRF RETIREE	EMP GROUP INS
FRANKS, GERKIN & MCKENNA	350.00	IMRF RETIREE	EMP GROUP INS
NANCY NELSON	470.29	IMRF RETIREE	EMP GROUP INS
ENVISION HEALTHCARE	394.88	REFUND ADJUSTMENT	EMP GROUP INS

I, CATHY MYERS, COUNTY CLERK OF LEE COUNTY AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING REQUEST FOR DEPOSIT OF FUNDS WERE APPROVE BY THE COUNTY BOARD IN SESSION ON JANUARY 18, 2011.

Cathy Myers

CATHY MYERS, LEE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.

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UNDER NEW BUSINESS, MR. WITZLEB DISCUSSED THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD AND POSSIBLY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY BOARD DOWN TO 20 MEMBERS. REAPPORTIONMENT NEEDS TO BE DONE BY JULY.

CHAIRMAN SEEBERG HAD A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT JONES TO THE SHERIFF'S MERIT COMMISSION. MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY CHAIRMAN SEEBERG, SECONDED BY MRS. TAYLOR. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION

No. 02-11-003

WHEREAS, appointment to the Sheriff's Merit Commission are made by the Sheriff of Lee County with the approval of the Lee County Board, and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the County Board of Lee County, Illinois that Robert Jones be reappointed to serve on the Sheriff's Merit Commission of Lee County, Illinois said appointment shall be for term of three (3) years commencing January 1,2011 and ending December 31,2013

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS 15th DAY OF February, 2011

By James Seeberg
Lee County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk

A MOTION FOR MILEAGE AND PER DIEM WAS MADE BY MRS. TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MR. FARSTER. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION FOR BILLS AND APPROPRIATIONS WAS MADE BY MRS. TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MR. KETCHUM. THE CLERK CALLED THE ROLL: THOSE VOTING AYE: LEFFELMAN, MERCER, MORONEY, NICHOLSON, PALEN, SHIPPERT, STEVENS, TAYLOR, TRUCKENBROD, WENTLING, WILLIAMS, WITZLEB, BINDER, BUCKLEY, BUHROW, CHANDLER, DAY, DEMMER, FARSTER, FRITTS, GUSSE, KETCHUM AND SEEBERG. THOSE VOTING NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED. FERRONE, KITZMAN, HUMMEL, PATZER AND ZEIMETZ WERE ABSENT AT THIS ROLL CALL.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MRS. TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MR.FARSTER. CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:34 P.M.