

CHAIRMAN'S ADVISORY LEGISLATIVE FORUM (CALF)
McHenry County Government – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koehler at 6:02 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Koehler; Sue Draffkorn; Pete Merkel for Tina Hill; Marc Munaretto; Lyn Orphal; Virginia Peschke, Nick Provenzano; Dan Shea; Barbara Wheeler; and Mary Lou Zierer. John Hammerand was absent. Other County Board members present: Mary Donner, Mary McCann, Jim Kennedy, John Jung. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator, John W. Labaj, Deputy County Administrator and Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator-finance

Sue Draffkorn	John Hammerand
Tina Hill	Marc Munaretto
Lyn Orphal	Virginia Peschke
Nick Provenzano	Dan Shea
Barbara Wheeler	Mary Lou Zierer
Kenneth D. Koehler, Chairman	

MINUTE APPROVAL

Dan Shea made a motion, seconded by Lyn Orphal, to approve the December 14, 2006 CALF meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Trent Lehman of the Ferguson Group and Peter Austin provided an analysis of the County's 2007 Federal Legislative Program. The following legislative program items were discussed: Ground Water/Storm Water Strategic Protection Plan, Transportation (Miller Rd., Algonquin Rd.), Public Safety Communication, Integrated Criminal Justice Information System, Flexible and Sustainable Training to Meet the Workforce Needs of McHenry County (F.A.S.T.)and support for the Rt. 47 Interchange at I-90.

A Delegation will travel to Washington D.C some time late February early March to lobby for the County Legislative Program

Resolution authorizing adoption of a Federal Legislative Program for FY 2008: Dan Shea made a motion, seconded by Barbara Wheeler to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing adoption of a Federal Legislative Program for FY 2008. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion of State Legislation in 2007: The County will be working with the McHenry County Council of Governments (MCOG) and Metro. Counties on items of mutual interest during the next State Legislative session. Issues that MCOG will be supporting include: Local government participation I referendum issues, transportation projects, support/strengthening RTA, telecommunications regulations and a county/state wide smoking ban. The differing priorities of the Governor and Senate and House leadership will make the next legislative session a difficult one to pass legislation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Proposed Kishwaukee Valley Water Authority: Robert Vestner of Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle has been working with MCOG to protect the 1 ½ mile planning boundary as it relates to the proposed Kishwaukee Valley Water Authority. Since this is a referendum question the County Board may be precluded to adopt an official position due to certain interpretations of the Gift Ban Act. However, we may investigate the possibility of letter being sent by individual County Board Members.

Update – Current Legislative Issues: Legislative issues covered under New Business

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Barbara Wheeler motioned, seconded by Lyn Orphal, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve Resolution adopting the Federal Legislative Program for FY 2008