

**COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006**

Chairman of the Board – Kenneth D. Koehler (District 2)

District 1 Donald R. Brewer Anne May Miller Marc Munaretto Dan Shea	District 2 James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Lyn Orphal Marie Chmiel	District 3 Ed Dvorak Vacant Nick Provenzano Barbara Wheeler
District 4 Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	District 5 Tina Hill John Jung, Jr. Perry Moy Virginia Peschke	District 6 Ann Gilman Richard Klasen Don Larson Mary Lou Zierer

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building; 667 Ware Road, Woodstock Illinois.

Chairman Kenneth D. Koehler called the meeting to order at 5:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Koehler, with Members of the Board, department heads and visitors participating.

The roll of members were called, the following County Board Members were present: Don Brewer, Anne May Miller, Marc Munaretto, Dan Shea, James Heisler, Lyn Orphal, Marie Chmiel, Ed Dvorak, Sue Draffkorn, John Hammerand, Pete Merkel, Tina Hill, Perry Moy, Virginia Peschke, Ann Gilman, Richard Klasen, Don Larson and Mary Lou Zierer. Nick Provenzano, Barbara Wheeler and Sandra Fay Salgado were absent.

Also attending: Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator - Finance; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Tom Sullivan, I.T.; Tom Carroll, Assistant State's Attorney; and Peter Austin, County Administrator.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler reported meeting with University of Illinois officials to discuss a proposal to seek a grant from USEPA to study the sustainability of ground water supply. A presentation to the Planning and Development Committee on ground water supply by the University of Illinois will be scheduled for the Committee's first meeting in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – Review / Discussion: Mr. Austin provided opening comments and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Labaj who provided a review of the "Draft" Action Plan 2006 which had been distributed to members.

Comments and suggestions from members included:

- Observations that there were not many elected official items
- Suggestion to raise the importance of the "campus" plan for the County
- The importance of State and Federal Legislative items
- Requests to have legislators address the Board more frequently
- Concerns with rumors that the RTA portion of the sales tax may be increased. Mr. Austin commented that the public safety sales tax ranked 43rd but it may be possible to research / study this issue.
- Suggestion that the personnel policy and vacation policy should be tied together
- The County's overall disaster plan was questioned and it was suggested that plans should be added to ensure that County business can keep operating even if it is forced to move off-site. Chairman Koehler noted that these issues and concerns are currently being addressed

MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

As noted above.

MOTION TO RISE:

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Klasen, seconded by Mr. Shea, with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this second day of May, A.D., 2006.

Kenneth D. Koehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Katherine C. Schultz, County Clerk

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