

The proceedings of the County Board of DuPage County at a Special Call Meeting held at the DuPage Center, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 7:30 P.M. pursuant to the following call notice read by Gary A. King, County Clerk:

TO: Gary A. King
County Clerk

FROM: Robert J. Schillerstrom, Chairman
DuPage County Board

RE: Special Call Meeting of the DuPage County Board
Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

DATE: November 10, 2009

In accordance with 55 ILCS 5/2-6006, I call a Special Meeting of the DuPage County Board on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Board Room. This meeting will be held for discussion, recommendations and/or amendments to the 2010 budget and levy as proposed by the Finance Committee.

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Meeting called to order with Chairman Schillerstrom presiding.

On roll call, Members Curran, Eckhoff, Enger, Fichtner, Gonzalez, Healy, Kurzawa, Michelassi, Olson, O'Shea, Puchalski, Redick, Sheahan, Zediker and Zay were present. Members Bennington and McMahon were not present at the time of roll call.

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Chairman Schillerstrom declared the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2010 Budget open for discussion.

The following people voiced Public Comment:

Jennifer Henaghan - Pace Bus Routes
Veronica Shawke - Wood Dale Reservoir beautification

As there are no further comments to be heard, Chairman Schillerstrom closed the Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2010 Budget.

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Member O'Shea, Chairman of the ETSB and Linda Zerwin, 9-1-1 System Coordinator, presented the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County's FY10 Budget.

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Member Fichtner stated that the County Budget is on line. The County has held multiple Budget meetings in four different communities. The Budget has been approved as presented with a few minor changes: \$125,000 will be added for Senior Meals on Wheels.

Chairman Schillerstrom remarked that the intention of the Board was to make any amendments to the budget tonight and pass the Budget at the November 24th meeting.

Member Healy stated that he will amend the budget for the Children's Center with an increase of \$300,000.

Member Fichtner asked Member Healy if his request was for a new building.

Member Healy replied that \$30.00 from each ticket was designated for the Children's Center. In DuPage County, 180,000 tickets have been issued with 100,000 of them coming to the court system. The \$30.00 fee should equal \$3 million. The County only receives 38.675% or \$1.14 million. The Children's Center operating budget is \$600,000 a year. His desire is to set aside \$300,000 a year for a new building.

Member Fichtner stated that he foresees a long term problem. Any project over \$500,000 needs an impact statement. It has never been discussed by the Children's Center. He asked Assistant State's Attorney Nancy Wolfe if the \$400,000 amount in the budget is adequate for this year. She stated that the old building does need repair. Ms. Wolfe believed there should be an ongoing study of the needs for the Children's Center.

Member Olson said that the needs for the building will be there whether or not the Children's Center is there. She invited Ms. Wolfe to the Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the problem.

Member O'Shea suggested that they look at the 3rd floor of the new 503 building since it is not being used.

Member Healy stated that he wants to start the conversation. The County Board should allocate money from the traffic tickets for the Children's Center to the Children's

Center. He believed the money should be put away for this purpose.

Chairman Schillerstrom raised other questions about the money given to the State and Municipalities for Children's Centers. He believed an audit should find out how much of the traffic ticket fee is allocated for the Children's Center.

Circuit Court Clerk Chris Kachiroubas stated that he is doing everything according to the law. Depending on the type of ticket, the law distributes them differently. Some are done by dollar figure while others are distributed by percentage.

Member Healy remarked that he will amend the budget next week to add \$300,000 to the Children's Center to be set aside for future use. This money will be coming out of Fund 799-3790 and put into Fund 792-4240.

Member Fichtner asked why the dollar amount was \$300,000.

Member Enger asked if there were any grants available through Homeland Security.

Member Olson stated that she wants to work with the Children's Center but the Facilities Management budget includes money to help fix the building. If this money is taken out and set aside, the improvements cannot be made.

Chairman Schillerstrom stated that the County has always provided for the Children's Center. The Board will work to find a solution.

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Member Gonzalez thanked Chairman Schillerstrom for extra help with the Meals on Wheels program for Human Services.

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Member Enger thanked Chairman Schillerstrom for his open door policy.

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Member O'Shea moved, seconded by Member Zay, that the meeting of the September Session of the County Board of DuPage County be adjourned to Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. for passage of the Property Tax Levy, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-10. On voice vote, motion carried.

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County Clerk