

League of Women Voters

**Kane County Government
Monitoring Committee Report**

MEETING: Kane County Board

DATE: Tuesday January 9, 2007 REPORTING: BJ Zaha

ATTENDING: Chairman McConnaughay, Allan, Carlson, Fahy, de la Isla, Greviskes, Holmes, Hoscheit, Hurlbut, Jones, Kenyon, Kissane, Kudlicki, Kunkel, Lewis, Neuberger, Noverini, Shoemaker, Tredup, Wojnicki, Wolfe

ABSENT: Davoust, Leonberger, McConnaughay R., Mitchell, and Van Cleave

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDING: YES X NO

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: YES X NO

SUMMARY OF MEETING: All of the consent agenda items were unanimously approved. The more significant resolutions included the approval of the amended 2007 Budget; approval of amended Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plans for 2005; issuances of \$11.5 million in general obligation bonds for property improvements; annual adoption of the 2030 Transportation Plan; and the vacancy of Board Seat for District 2.

MOST CRITICAL ISSUES(S): Approval of referendum requesting incorporation of Campton Township in up-coming General Election. Proposed incorporation would create a new governmental entity for 10,500 residents within a 22 square mile area. It would require a \$3 million annual budget to operate, including 10 full-time police officers and 5 part-time officers. The annual budget would be infused with \$1.2 million from existing Illinois State Income Tax revenues. For additional information on this issue visit www.opposecamptonincorporation.com; www.preservecampton.com; or www.incorporatecampton.com.

Appointments for the Kane County Community Development Block Grant Program and Commission were unanimously approved as were the Trustee appointments for the newly created Aurora Township Fire Protection District, which combined two smaller Fire Protection Districts to maximize use of personnel and other resources

COMMENTS/NOTES: The Campton Referendum Issues and the Animal Control Contracts were removed from the approved agenda immediately before the meeting. This procedure is allowed at the request of the Board Chairman or any Board Member.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S): Issue of Campton Incorporation should be studied more closely; pros and cons of this issue should be factually presented to voters prior to the General Election.

As the Animal Control Contracts and related fees for dogs or cats picked up by animal control were referred back to Committee for further discussion, this issue should be monitored further.

NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2007