

League of Women Voters

Kane County Government Monitoring Report

MEETING: [Executive Committee](#)

DATE: February 4, 2009 REPORTING: D Bakk

Members: Chairman K McConnaughay, Hurlbut, Jones, Kenyon, Kissane, Lewis, R. McConnaughay, Mitchell, Van Cleave, Wyatt, Hoscheit. Not present: Davoust. Also present: Allan, Collins, Wojnicki, Frasz, Tredup, Kunkel

Two press in attendance: *Examiner and Herald* (?)
Did press cover issues? N/A I couldn't find it.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

- **Zoning Petitions:** Aurora Twp. Petitioner Krass/Minor. Proposed special use in the B-3 Bus. Dist. for storage of equipment and vehicles for landscaping & snow plowing business. Approved with stipulation that privacy fence be installed.
- **Zoning Petitions:** Burlington Twp./Plato Twp. Petitioner: Greg Peloquin. Proposed F-District Farming to F-1 Rural Residential (11.50 acres) approved.
- **Additional resolutions and ordinances:** Approval of several purchases through **administration** including Coroner/Emergency response generator and installation; vehicles KDOT; Purchases for personal computers, fiber optic extensions and ESRI software maintenance (ITD). Approval of **County Development** issues: Mill Creek parkway tree planting program; increase of CDBG funds for Ogden Gardens Drainage project; approve annual operations and maintenance fee for stream and rain gage. Approval of **Finance/Budget** issues: Amend 08 and 09 fiscal year budget Kane County Sheriff's dept. Increase certain fees charged by KC clerk; amend FY 09 County Clerk's budget for Vital Records automation fund. **Judicial & Public Safety** issues: Contract with Attorneys for trial cases. Chief Judge of 16th Judicial circuit is authorized to contract with and appoint not less than 2 attorneys to conduct trial work in felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile trial and juvenile appeal cases. Total to be \$68,100 annually. **Liquor Control Commission:** Amend chapter 3 of Kane County Code. Allen asked/commented that she thought the possible cost (unknown to her at the time) of becoming compliant under this amendment would be costly to small business owners. (see concerns at end of this report). **Public Health** Various agreements for establishing a "fit for Kids Fund", a professional service contract for the Circles project and the KC Health Dept. office renovation. **Transportation:** Several approved resolutions for various construction projects (See transportation minutes for details)

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CRITICAL ISSUES: At a previous Executive meeting there was a discussion on not allowing Kunkel to ask questions regarding proposed business. At this meeting the Chairman stated that those not sitting directly on the executive committee could only comment and not ask questions of the members. She told Allan when she tried to ask questions regarding costs to small business owners regarding the new liquor ordinance that it was her job to do her own fact-finding: have questions answered outside of the meeting. However Allan could comment if she wanted to. For the observer, she would have to attend every single committee meeting to obtain this information which seems like an unfair way for the public and board members not sitting on those committees to figure out what is going on.

Also, while this observer commented with her concerns regarding the CDBG extension of Ogden Gardens at an earlier development meeting, it was not mentioned at this meeting by Hurlbut, chair of the Development committee.

FUTURE ACTION: We must continue to keep vigilant. While it takes a while to figure out what is going on, the more we attend meetings, the easier it gets, thus allowing us to discuss future action for the observer corps.