

**League of Women Voters**

**Kane County Government  
Observer Corps Report**

MEETING: Kane County Board \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 \_\_\_\_\_ REPORTING: BJ ZAHA \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDING: Cathy Hurlbut; Don Wolfe; Deborah Allan; Michael Kenyon; Barbara Wojnicki; Mark Davoust; Paul Greviskes; Bill Wyatt; Bonnie Kunkel; Arlene Shoemaker; Donnell Collins; Sylvia Leonburger; John Hoscheit; Thomas Van Cleve; Gerald Jones; Jan Carlson; Bob Kudlicki; Hollie Kissane; John Noverini; Jackie Tredup; John Fahy; Jesus de la Isla; Jack Cunningham; and Chairwoman Karen McConnaughay.

ABSENT: Philip Lewis; James Mitchell; Rudy Neuberger; and Robert McConnaughay. \_\_\_\_\_

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDING: YES \_\_X\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Including BATV

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Special presentations for those who served on the Kane County Board of Health Advisory Committee as well as Boy Scout Troop 777 for establishing wetlands adjacent to Johnson's Mound.

MOST CRITICAL ISSUES(S): All items on the consent agenda were approved without comment. Two of the four zoning petitions were approved, paving the way for Settlements of LaFox Subdivision and Geneva School District in Mill Creek; the remaining two were continued to the August Board Meeting.

Typical purchases of a replacement squad car, water heaters for the Judicial Center; professional map plotting services; topographical/planimetric data services; emergency telephone system board; copier/fax machine for the Health Department; professional services for inspection of government structures; and IT storage contracts were approved. The Q Center was awarded a \$20,000 contract for an up-coming water supply workshop and planning event; inordinate price for "box lunches."

Road improvements for Bliss Road over Blackberry Creek; Main Street over Mill Creek; and Meredith Road over Union Ditch #3 were approved, as were contracts for construction on McLean Boulevard, Kirk Road at Route 56; and Rutland Township. Phase III Engineering and relocation of utilities for the Stearns Bridge Corridor was also approved along with the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement. Phase I engineering services for McDonald Road at Route 47, including approval of related Intergovernmental Agreement and Right-of-Way and Easement acquisition.

Collective bargaining agreement between Kane County and AFSME, which will have gone into effect retroactively on December 1, 2006, was approved.

Pay period for County Employees has been amended, changing the pay periods from monthly to bi-monthly. Annual, incremental salary increases for Elected Officials through to 2010 are as follows:

County Auditor	\$ 76,873
Circuit Clerk	\$ 79,000
Coroner	\$ 76,873
Recorder	\$ 78,000
Chairman of the Board	\$ 85,000
Board Members	\$ 25,000 (from \$17,000)
Sheriff	\$124,750

An additional \$ 47,306 was added to the Court Services budget for the Juvenile Accountability Grant and “other contractual” expenses.

In response to public opposition, fees for animal control services were slightly lowered. County Collector has been authorized to extend office hours for the three days prior to taxes being due.

COMMENTS/NOTES: Appointments of Ron Preston to the Mill Creek Special Service Area Advisory Board and Donald J. Essling to the Marywood Fire Protection Board were approved as part of the consent agenda. (“Appointments” were specifically listed on the Agenda as a distinguishable and separate part of the meeting, but were never mentioned during the meeting, approved as part of the consent agenda.)

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S): Individually and collectively, these approved resolutions represent a significant amount of money. Interestingly enough, no discussion or debate on the use of taxpayer dollars ensued during the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 9:45 a.m.