

**League of Women Voters**

**Kane County Government  
Monitoring Committee Report**

MEETING: Transportation Comm.

DATE: April 23, 2007 REPORTING: Candice Goldstein

ATTENDING: Carlson, Davoust, Hoshheit, Jones, Kenyon, Kissane, Wolfe & ex officio Hurlbut

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDANCE: YES. 4 reporters

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: haven't seen YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Reports given on Finance, Maintenance, Planning and Programming, Permitting, and Project Implementation. \$1.3 million has been collected from impact fees as of January 2007. The impact fee ordinance will be voted on by the board June 12.

Project staff reported on amending the current Qualifications-Based Selections ordinance that guides the procedure for choosing consultants. They want to increase public notice of these positions by using the county website as well as notice to professional organizations and newspapers. They propose shortlisting 3 not 5 firms, offering a no interview option for firms with a good track record with the county, and standardizing forms and procedures for these hires. The committee doesn't want to sacrifice integrity for efficiency and also wants to make sure newer firms have a good chance of being hired.

Passed resolutions for approving engineering agreements, pavement marking, construction observation, construction, and an intergovernmental agreement to obtain forest preserve district land to realign Stearns Road, Dunham Road and Route 25. No discussion these resolutions except for construction of a portion of Bowes Road over Otter Creek that was just completed two years ago. The developer's engineers plan was proved to be inadequate, but since the county approved the plans, the county must pay for the repairs.

MOST CRITICAL ISSUES(S): Most time spent on a presentation by National Sign Plaza at the request of local builders. They propose to build metal plaza signage on county right of ways to reduce the clutter caused by builders' directional signs which are illegal and go up every weekend. The county would need to pass an exception to the county code to allow these signs. Grundy County has adopted an exception and Will is considering one. The county would direct design, color and plaza placement and receive rent. NSP would trim grass around signs.

Another presentation was made by a Settlements of LaFox representative regarding the Bunker Road extension. The developer. Proposes to prepay the impact fee by building the road entitling them to credit on their impact fee of \$3.5 million. She also promoted paydown bond financing. The developer would place a tax lien on each lot which would be paid off as each lot is sold. The board sent it to the legal staff for review.

COMMENTS/NOTES.

NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2007. Building A, 9 am.