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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Finance Committee Minutes
May 3, 2017**

The Finance Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Stoddard called the meeting to order. Those members present were Mr. Cribben, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Reid, and Chairman Stoddard. A quorum was established with all seven Members present.

Others that were present included Gary Hanson, Pete Stefan, Christine Johnson, Jim Scheffers, Joan Hanson, Chief Deputy Andrew Sullivan, Roy Plote, Dale Hoekstra and Don Moran.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Luebke, seconded by Ms. Leifheit, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Cribben and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Facilities Management Director Jim Scheffers shared with the Committee that the contracts for electricity and natural gas are up and he was requesting the Committee to grant a one year extension on both. Mr. Scheffers shared that the one year extension would help to be able to incorporate the Jail Expansion and he could go out to bid under one big contract. He added that he believes he would be able to get a better price for both electrical and gas if he were able to bundle everything together under only one contract. It additionally would provide for more time to identify how much gas and electric will be used with the addition of the Jail Expansion. It was moved by Mr. Luebke, seconded by Mr. Jones and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to extend the County's Electrical and Natural Gas Contracts for one year.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY SALE RESOLUTION

DeKalb County Treasurer Christine Johnson joined the Committee and shared that the Treasurer's Office is requesting approval for the sale of one parcel with delinquent taxes in order to return the property to the County's tax rolls. The parcel is about 2.80 acres and is actually a stormwater detention pond located in Cortland Township. The Town of Cortland is interested in purchasing the parcel and has bid to purchase it for \$665.00.

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Luebke and it was moved unanimously to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE REVISIONS

Mr. Stefan reviewed that the Committee previously made several changes to the 2017 plan year, mostly prescription drug-type changes. This was done to save money because prescription drugs are the fastest rising component of the County's Health Plan. Two of those changes involved proton pump inhibitors for acid reflux and indigestion and it was discovered that both the brand name and generic were eliminated and Blue Cross and Blue Shield have only eliminated the brand name. The question in place now is whether the Committee would like to continue with the elimination of both or keep the generic and continue to eliminate the brand name. Mr. Stefan noted that this is just a clarification for the 2017 Health Plan so he is just looking for an answer from the Committee on this issue. He added that there were 4 members on the brand name prescription that were effected and 37 on the generic and the dollar savings was similar on both (\$15-20,000). Chairman Stoddard noted that he thought it was a good idea to keep the generic prescriptions. Mr. Jones agreed.

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Luebke and it was approved unanimously by voice vote to clarify the County's 2017 Health Plan by continuing to offering generic proton pump inhibitors and not brand name.

AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENT

Mr. Hanson began by providing a show and tell segment to help demonstrate what the amendment to the Community Host Agreement is asking for. Right now, the Community Host Agreement, that was originally approved in March of 2009, allows up to 500,000 ton of waste to come into the County's landfill and the amendment would say that, in addition to the 500,000 tons of Solid Waste authorized, Waste Management may accept for disposal up to 200,000 tons of nonhazardous special waste generated outside of DeKalb County during any calendar year, without further approval of the County, except that the County Board may reduce the tons to 150,000 after January 1, 2025.

Director of Operations at Waste Management, Inc., Mr. Dale Hoekstra, joined the Committee to provide some additional information regarding the proposed amendment and resolution before them. He additionally passed out a handout that depicted a bar graph showing Landfill Capacity Analysis to better explain the benefits associated with taking in nonhazardous special waste (soil).

Mr. Hoekstra explained that Waste Management has found that there is a number of opportunities to obtain disposal contracts for special waste generated in neighboring county one-time projects, and believes that future opportunities will be available as well. He gave some examples relating to taking in soil from gas station projects and airport expansions.

Mr. Hoekstra additionally established that these materials can already come into the DeKalb County Landfill and does now but not on the large-scale basis they are currently proposing to take in.

As part of the Community Host Agreement, the County receives \$4.73 for every ton that comes through the gate of the Landfill with the exception of some special wastes. When the Landfill takes those special waste products the County loses \$1.27 off of the \$4.73 (\$3.46 per ton). Mr. Hoekstra continued that by coming to the County and asking for the consideration to allow the facility to take these types of large-scale event based jobs over and above the amount that is

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currently being brought in (close to a half million tons a year), the County will benefit financially by taking in the \$3.46 per ton and additionally not having to displace any additional trash in order to take it in.

Mr. Hoekstra further explained the operational benefits of taking in the special waste soil. Right now the Landfill has 40 years or 22 million tons of capacity remaining. There is additionally a guarantee of 25 years on in-County capacity and added that when you add soil to trash you gain in density and compaction. Mr. Hoekstra reviewed a bar graph with the Committee to show that adding soil to the trash over the life of the Landfill could potentially add another 4 million tons of capacity.

Mr. Hoekstra continued to explain how the receipt of such special wastes will provide operational and financial benefits to both Landfill and DeKalb County, while the manner and process of special waste disposal will be protective of the public health, safety, and welfare of the County. It was explained how the County's Landfill goes above and beyond what the EPA standards are for landfills.

Mr. Reid questioned how much special waste soil the DeKalb County Landfill is currently accepting now out of the 500,000 tons. Mr. Hoekstra noted that it was a very small amount, less than 1%.

Mr. Reid additionally questioned that if the soil is contaminated but not listed as a hazardous soil, then how contaminated is it. Mr. Hoekstra replied that hazardous waste materials are going to contain much higher levels of volatile organics and a very low flash point to make it hazardous. There is a list of hazardous waste that if you have that in your waste stream your automatically considered hazardous by the Illinois EPA rules. The soils that are coming in have levels that are very low and shared that in fact, in some cases, levels are low enough to where those materials is actually going into quarries throughout the State of Illinois and quarries have much less protection than the landfill. He continued that these are special wastes and not hazardous wastes in any form. Levels are milligram per kilogram, when you go to the gas station and put the nozzle into your tank, you're probably standing and absorbing more benzene than will come with some of the materials that are being brought into the landfill, Mr. Hoekstra explained.

Mr. Stefan reviewed that the additional proposed amendments provide for technical adjustments to the calculations and application of the annual cost-of-living adjustments contained in the Agreement.

Mr. Reid expressed that he was not comfortable with enabling and encouraging Waste Management to bring contaminated soil into the Landfill and he was concerned with the long-term issues it may cause such as effects that may occur to the areas water tables. He additionally mentioned that he wanted additional time to think about the proposed amendment.

Mr. Hoekstra and Mr. Moran additionally reviewed the many environmental precautions the facility has in place and tried to address Mr. Reid's concerns. Mr. Jones additionally expressed how he felt this amendment would benefit the County.

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Lastly, Mr. Hanson reviewed the financial layout of this amendment and expressed how important it is to protect the Landfill revenues.

Mr. Jones moved to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion and it was approved with six Members voting yea and one abstention from Mr. Reid.

ANNUAL FMO UPDATE

DeKalb County Facilities Management Office's Director Jim Scheffers joined the Finance Committee to present his annual FMO update. Mr. Scheffers also had a PowerPoint presentation that provided the Committee with an overview of work orders that the FMO staff accomplished in 2016, as well as pictures that detailed the major projects that FMO was faced with throughout the multiple Government Campuses over the past year. Mr. Scheffers emphasized that in 2016, FMO completed 12,075 work orders, 394 preventative maintenances, and setup 753 meetings.

Sycamore Campus Projects included: Legislative Center Building Boilers, Legislative Center Parking Lot Cameras, Legislative Center Building LED's, Administration Building LED's, Addition of Panic Alarms to Courthouse and Legislative Center, Jail Shower Controls, Courthouse Hirsch Upgrade, and Sheriff's Garage (Glidden Rd.) Garage Doors.

DeKalb Campus Projects included: Community Outreach sinkholes, landscaping, meeting rooms television project, and humidity control.

A major accomplishment was in the Legislative Center FMO was able to go from using 405 fluorescent T8 bulbs to 270 LED bulbs. Based on a 10 hour day, the cost saving per year is \$1,435.15. In the Administration Building, they went from 471 fluorescent T8 bulbs to 314 LED bulbs which came out to a cost savings per year of \$1668.32. That is a total savings of \$3,103.47 per year by changing out the light bulbs in both buildings.


Mr. Scheffers ended his presentation with interior photos of the Jail Expansion Project. The Committee thanked Mr. Scheffers for joining them and providing his 2016 Annual Report.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

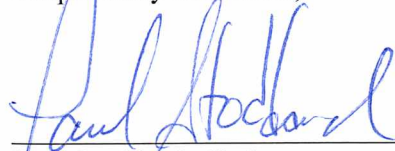
There were no old or new business items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Luebke, seconded by Ms. Polanco, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.


Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Stoddard, Chairman

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Section 7. Service Area

b. Commencing on the day Waste Management begins to accept waste in the Expansion, Waste Management may accept wastes for disposal at the Landfill generated outside of DeKalb County, provided, however, that in no event shall Waste Management accept for disposal in excess of 500,000 tons of Solid Waste for disposal during any calendar year, without approval of the County. In the event of a natural disaster, Waste Management may accept additional quantities of clean-up waste with the approval of the Director of Environmental Health.

c. In addition to the 500,000 tons of Solid Waste authorized in subparagraph (b) above, Waste Management may accept for disposal up to 200,000 tons of nonhazardous special waste generated outside of DeKalb County during any calendar year, without further approval of the County, except that the County Board may reduce the tons to 150,000 after January 1, 2025.

Section 15. Cooperation with DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation.

“ . . . and the minimum contribution per year shall be increased annually by the lower of (a) the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index for the Chicago Region (CPI-U, Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, All Items), as published from time to time by the United States Department of Labor Statistics as provided for in Section 16a of this Agreement ; or (b) 4%.”

Section 16. Per Ton Host Benefit Fees.

a. Calculation of Host Benefit Fee

“ . . . and annually thereafter as long as Waste Management continues to receive waste for disposal at the Landfill, the Host Benefit Fee shall be adjusted by the lessor of: (a) the percentage of increase during the previous year in the Consumer Price Index for the Chicago Region (CPI-U, Chicago-Gary-Kenosha), All Items as published from time to time by the United States Department of Labor Statistics, or (b) 5% but in no case will the then-current Host Benefit Fee be decreased. Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective January 1, 2018, the Host Benefit Fee shall be adjusted on January 1st each year and the Consumer Price Index for the Chicago Region (CPI-U, Chicago-Gary-Kenosha) referred to above shall be defined as the index reported for the month of December each year and shall not be the Annual average index reported for the entire year.”

b. Payment

“The Host Benefit Fee shall be payable to the County on a monthly basis on or before the 30th 45th day following the end of each month. Any Host Benefit Fee payment not received by the County within this 30 45 day period shall be subject to a late charge of one (1%) percent of the total Host Benefit Fee ~~plus accrued late charges~~ per month or fraction of the month in which the payment is late.

Landfill Capacity Analysis
DeKalb County Landfill

