# FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building 667 Ware Road Woodstock IL 60098

# MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010

Chairman Munaretto called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The following Committee members were present: Marc Munaretto, Chairman; Lyn Orphal; John Hammerand; Scott Breeden; Mary Donner; Dan Ryan and Tina Hill. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Kenneth Koehler, County Board Chairman; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator-Finance; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Julie Courtney, Workforce Network; Dennis Sandquist, Planning and Development; John Hadley, Facilities Management; Tom Annarella, Valley Hi; Pam Palmer and Shannon Teresi, Auditor's Office; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health Board; interested public; and press.

Marc Munaretto, Chairman

Scott Breeden Mary L. Donner John Hammerand Tina Hill Lyn Orphal Daniel P. Ryan

MINUTES: Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hammerand, to recommend approval of the minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting of October 19, 2010. The minutes were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rich Tobias of Spring Grove, Illinois, addressed the committee concerning the University of Illinois Extension Service and spoke on behalf of the Extension Service. He understands the County Board is proposing budget cuts for the Extension Service and he asked the committee to consider restoring the budget cuts to the Extension Service. Most of what is done through the McHenry County Extension Service is being carried out by volunteers, many of them being 4-H members and master gardeners. If the County is going to spend \$70,000 for the Extension Service, he feels the County should have oversight of the money and make sure it is spent in McHenry County.

Jane Collins of Woodstock, Illinois, joined committee members and had a question concerning the Camiros contract. In the interest of cutting costs, she asked the committee if they would consider using a basic model UDO and amplify certain portions of the UDO that relate specifically to McHenry County. She does not believe the County needs a new ordinance. She had a question concerning agenda item #5.10 and asked if this was something that was given to the Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority (UIRVDA) and they gave it to the County to use, or is something actually being allocated to the UIRVDA. Chairman Munaretto stated that this matter will become clearer when that agenda item is discussed later in the meeting.

PRESENTATION: None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Reduction Modification to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-071002 and a Reduction Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2010 Budget: Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Ms. Courtney informed committee members that this grant was for a youth summer employment program. Funds were received late in the year They knew they would not be able to spend the entire grant amount for a summer program, and they gave some of the funds back to other programs that had youth recruited for summer programs. Their goal was to serve 30 youth and they were able to serve 28 youth at 22 work sites in the County. Five youths have remained for their year-round program. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hammerand, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto).

Resolution Authorizing an Increase in Hours to Position #022-0905-08 (Part-Time Veterans Service Officer) in the Veterans Assistance Commission Departmental Roster. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Mr. Sarbaugh stated that the

Veterans Assistance Commission has a part-time service officer who has been working over 1000 hours per year, and it is anticipated the position will continue to work slightly over 1000 hours per year. It is requested that the working hours for this position be increased to 1350 per year in order for the employee to become IMRF eligible. The funds necessary to support the cost are in the VAC budget and the position is being retained as a part-time position. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hammerand, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto).

Resolution Authorizing Monthly Transactions for the Delinquent Tax Program: Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Chairman Munaretto mentioned that the County sells their delinquent property taxes in order for McHenry County's budget to not be impacted by residents who have not paid their property taxes. Mr. Hammerand questioned two McHenry County Conservation District properties that are on the list. Chairman Munaretto stated that the MCCD is a tax exempt entity. Mr. Austin and Mr. Labaj will follow up as to why the two properties are on the list and report their findings back to the committee. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hammerand, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto).

Resolution Authorizing the Entry into a Contractual Agreement with Camiros, Ltd. for Developing a Unified Development Ordinance and an Emergency Appropriation in the Planning and Development Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget: Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Mr. Sandquist stated that at the time of the adoption of the 2030 Plan, the County Board made a commitment to move forward with this project and this is a key step to the implementation of the 2030 Plan. They issued an RFP for the purpose of contracting with a qualified firm to provide the services. Seven responses were received, six of which were deemed complete. Staff reviewed the proposals, conducted reference checks, and conducted three in-house interviews. The UDO Staff Committee and the Planning & Development Committee selected Camiros Ltd. as the most qualified vendor. They are a national firm located in Chicago, Illinois. Baxter & Woodman have been identified as a subcontractor to provide technical support with regard to water resources, stormwater management and general engineering subdivision advice. Mr. Sandquist mentioned that they are negotiating a final contract amount with the firm on a final scope of services which they will review in detail with the P & D Committee. They hope to have the contract under \$225,000. Ms. Hill mentioned that the P & D Committee discussed having the work performed in-house and they thought it would be too much of a drain on staff resources and felt this was the correct way to proceed. They want to make sure there is consistency between all of the ordinances. This project is scheduled to take 22 months. The motion carried on a roll call vote of five ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto) and one nay (Hammerand).

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One Replacement Vehicle and Snow Plow Equipment for the Facilities Management Department for Snow Removal from the Fiscal Year 2010 Contingency Fund: Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Mr. Hadley provided committee members with a memorandum to accompany the resolution. There currently are two vehicles that plow snow for the campus, one being a 2000 Chevy with over 120,000 miles. This vehicle has exceeded \$22,000 for its YTD repairs and has met its useful capacity. They solicited 39 potential bidders for quotes for a used vehicle and they received one quote which was disqualified because it was not signed. They then solicited 24 potential bidders for quotes for a new vehicle and they received four quotes. The lowest bid was \$21,767. Mr. Hadley mentioned that they have to purchase a snow plow package for this vehicle. His cover memorandum mentions the snow plow package is not to exceed \$5,000, but the resolution mentions the snow plow package is not to exceed \$3,000. He is requesting the resolution be changed to reflect the snow plow package not to exceed \$5,000. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, to amend the resolution to increase the \$3,000 snow plow package to \$5,000. Mr. Breeden asked if anyone in McHenry County responded to the request for a quote and the answer was no. On the amendment to the motion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with five ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto) and one nay (Hammerand). The Resolution will be amended by Mr. Sarbaugh to reflect a new snow plow package at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. The original motion carried with five ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto) and one nay (Hammerand).

Resolution Authorizing Rescission of Resolutions No. R-201004-12-94 and R-201009-12-224 for the Allocation of Recovery Zone Volume Cap to Equity One Development Corporation for the Purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009: Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Mr. Labaj reported that the County had allocated \$3.5 million of recovery zone facility bonds for Equity One Sports Development for a sports stadium in Woodstock. Their request was for an amount greater than \$3.5 million. It appears that their time schedule has slipped and they are actually looking at 2013 as the first year they will be playing in the stadium, which left approximately one year where the bonds would close, but they would have to service the debt. They deferred on the excess cap the County found from another governmental unit. Equity One Development has agreed to release the cap of the recovery zone facility bonds to the County with the understanding that if the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009, or some version of it, is extended beyond December 31, 2010 so the bond allocations will be available in 2011 and the intended user for the bonds that Equity One is releasing does not close on the bonds by December 31, then the allocation will revert back to Equity One Development. Mr. Labaj reported the County has been contacted by a firm that is interested in the cap and they feel they can close on the bonds by December 31. Mr. Labaj anticipates coming before the committee at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with a Resolution to this effect. Chairman Munaretto mentioned that Equity One is giving the funds back to the County in hopes they can put it to use. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hammerand, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto).

Resolution Authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfer in the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Security Budget. Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Mr. Sarbaugh mentioned that they are replacing two cameras in the secured parking area and one in the general parking lot. The cameras are an amount that meets the capital threshold of the County's assets. The Sheriff has this money under commodity. We are asking to move the money from commodity to a capital. The threshold for capital is \$5,000. Chairman Munaretto stated that it was his opinion that \$5,000 was low and typically that figure is higher in the private sector. It may be appropriate for them to reexamine the figure. Ms. Palmer stated that they will be reviewing the capital asset policy and will be bringing forth some recommendations. The \$5,000 was a recommendation by the GFOA at the time they wrote the fixed asset policy in 2002 which is the policy that is presently in place. It was mentioned that there may be a typographical error in the proposed Resolution, that being in the third "Whereas" paragraph and it was requested the word "is" be changed appropriately. Mr. Sarbaugh will make the correction to the Resolution before it being presented to the County Board. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hammerand, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto).

Resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of a Full Time Certified Nursing Assistant Position (#61-0102-99) to Two Part Time Certified Nursing Assistant Positions in the Valley Hi Departmental Roster: Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Mr. Annarella stated that Valley Hi currently has a vacant CNA position and rather than fill the full-time position, they would like to reclassify the position into two part-time positions. Currently, most of the facility's overtime is occurred during the weekends by CNAs. The potential amount of savings is \$15,870.78 which does not include IMRF or insurance costs. Mr. Breeden mentioned that both the Valley Hi Board and the Human Resources Committee concurred with this request. Mr. Hammerand thanked Mr. Annarella for saving the County this amount of money. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hammerand, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto).

Resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of Two Part Time Professional Nurse Positions (#61-0173-090 and #61-0067-99) Into Two Part Time Certified Nursing Assistant Positions in the Valley Hi Nursing Home Departmental Roster. Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend the County Board approve the above resolution. Mr. Annarella stated that they have two part-time LPN positions that have been vacant and the positions have not been filled because they have enough nurses to meet their current needs. They are requesting to have these two positions reclassified into two part-time CNA positions. There is a potential savings of approximately \$62,789 which does not include IMRF or insurance costs. Mr. Hammerand once again thanked Mr. Annarella for saving the County approximately \$63,000. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Breeden, Donner, Hammerand, Hill, Orphal, Ryan and Munaretto).

Resolution Allocating Recovery Zone Volume Cap to the Upper Illinois River Development Authority for a Previously Approved Project for McHenry County Sportsplex LLC for the Purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Allocating Recovery Zone Volume Cap to the Upper Illinois River Development Authority for a Previously Approved Project for McHenry County Sportsplex LLC for the Purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009. Chairman Munaretto stated that a request has been made to the County Board to change its strategy about the issuance of the \$18 million volume cap that was awarded to the McHenry County Sportsplex a few months ago. Ms. Cho stated that the project is progressing, and a few hurdles have recently developed, specifically the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requesting substantial improvements to the interchange located at the north end of Rts. 176 and 47, which has substantially increased the cost of the project. They suggested issuing a taxable portion of the bond in order to cover the costs that are not eligible under the tax exempt bond proceeds, specifically the purchase of the land. Federal statutes do not allow tax exempt recovery zone bonds to be used to purchase land and the land needs to be purchased by the end of the year and it is in excess of \$7 million. They are requesting the County transfer the volume cap that has already been allocated to the Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority (UIRVDA) to act as a conduit issuer. To facilitate the process and allow them to close on the land, they are requesting the transfer be made. Chairman Munaretto stated that the issue is who is the most efficient issuer of the bonds. UIRVDA is an efficient lender and they have the ability to be a conduit and handle both the tax exempt and taxable piece. The question posed to the committee is whether or not they are willing to give the \$18 million volume cap to UIRVDA to allow them to finish the transaction that the County originally commenced and approved as a County Board. Ms. Cho mentioned that they are not asking the County to give them anything over and above what has been authorized for the project. In addition, McHenry County Sportsplex is going to incur and pay for any costs the County has incurred in connection with the transaction. This is a key point because the County has incurred legal costs for this matter. Concerning the additional improvements that IDOT is requesting, it is estimated the additional costs will be between \$3 and \$5 million more than what was originally planned for. If the bonds would have been issued before, they would have said McHenry County was the issuer for the McHenry County Sportsplex project. McHenry County would have used its authority to issue tax exempt debt to the project. If the Resolution passes, it will have URIVDA as the issuer. Ms. Cho is confident that they will be able to use the allocation, close on the bond, and have the project completed. Chairman Munaretto mentioned that there is legislation proposing the extension of the program through May, 2011, but there is no assurance that will take place. Ms. Cho has talked with Andy Hamilton, Executive Director of UIRVDA, and they are in support of this. Chairman Munaretto spoke with Blake Hobson who represents McHenry County on the UIRVDA Board, and he mentioned that they were interested in this type of project. Ms. Donner requested a letter from UIRVDA stating this fact and that they will transfer the money for the bonds. Chairman Munaretto noted that if this does not get used by the end of the year, or it cannot be used, it will revert back to McHenry County so the County has a subsequent authorization to reuse the dollars. When the volume cap was originally allocated to McHenry County, there was no mechanism for the County to reallocate the bonds to UIRVDA or anyone else. There is now a mechanism for the County to reallocate the dollars to UIRVDA. The County will have an agreement with UIRVDA that will state that if it does not get done, it will be reallocated to the County. Ms. Donner made a motion for an amendment to the Resolution that provides a stipulation that states that in the event the volume cap is not used by December 31, 2010, it shall revert back to McHenry County for subsequent reauthorization according to any extension that may apply. The committee reviewed Section 3 of the Resolution which states "In the event the bonds do not close by December 31, 2010, then the allocation shall expire and revert back to the County." Ms. Donner withdrew her motion since the information she was requesting was already included in the Resolution.

Catherine Peterson, Village Manager of the Village of Lakewood, addressed the committee and mentioned that they are in very close contact with the developer concerning the progress of the project. They have been assured the bonds will be sold and the land will be purchased by the end of the year. Mr. Hammerand asked if there are any other applications for recovery zone bond financing. Chairman Munaretto mentioned that they are waiting for one application. There have been conversations with another company that will not be able to use recovery zone bond financing because of lending agreements that are already in place that would bar them from doing so. Currently the County has \$3.5 million for recovery zone bond financing, and they plan to allocate it if they receive an application and it is approved.

The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to forward this Resolution to the County Board for consideration. Mr. Hammerand was not in consensus with the Committee's decision.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: *FY2010-2011 Budget*: Mr. Austin joined committee members and stated that the budget is currently on 30-day review. Chairman Munaretto mentioned changes to the budget were not anticipated.

Ms. Donner mentioned that she attended the Mental Health Board (MHB) meeting last night and there was discussion concerning salaries. Ms. Lewis stated that the MHB typically includes 2% in their budget for merit raises, but the decision to actually utilize that for merit does not come until later in the year and the reason is because they want to mirror what the County is doing concerning merit increases. They conservatively reserve dollars for merit. Mr. Sarbaugh mentioned because they were mirroring the County, and the County has not built merit into any other funds, they did not pull the funding from the MHB balances, they moved it into their fund balance enhancement, reduced their operating transfers, and reduced their utilization of fund balance. There is currently no merit built into their budget. Chairman Munaretto mentioned that the Community Mental Health Act provides fairly broad powers to the operation of the 708 Board, but the connection between a County Board and the MHB is the budget and the process of its approval, which is the domain of the County Board. The MHB has fairly broad powers to determine what is in the best interests of its constituents. Ms. Lewis mentioned another option, if the money was not used for merit, was to move the dollars to other line items such as training and education or community services, but they were not ready to make that decision last night. Ms. Lewis stated that the MHB is asking the County Board to move the original amount of \$37,500 back to where it was originally, which is personnel.

Ms. Hill asked what the projected budget surplus was and Chairman Munaretto stated it was \$301,000. Ms. Hill asked if the budget cuts made to five entities (Extension Service, MCEDC, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Soil and Water, and the Ferguson Group) would be restored. Chairman Munaretto's observation was to provide the Board more time to see what added pressures they will be experiencing in the next few months before making any decision to restore any funds cut from the budget. They will have a better idea if there are any funds left over by approximately April, 2011. He would suggest that on the April, 2011 Finance and Audit agenda they reevaluate some of the reductions that were made in the FY10-11 budget that had to do with some external programs they participate in. Mr. Hammerand inquired about Line 4310, Juvenile Detention. He noted in 2009 the 12 month actual was \$163,400 but the department's request for the future budget was \$50,000. Mr. Sarbaugh mentioned they were working with Judge Sullivan and the Director of Court Services and they have allowed moving some of the costs into the probation fee fund. Ms. Lewis informed the committee they were informed that one of their grants from the state was reduced by \$20,000 and their budget will be reduced accordingly. Mr. Hammerand inquired as to why the microfilming services' budget more than doubled from \$3600 to \$8000. He also asked why the noxious weed control budget was increased from zero to \$1500 as stated on the '09 actual budget. He guestioned if they could adopt the line item to include the gypsy moth program since that was zeroed out. It was stated that there was a reduction in the amount for the gypsy moth program. The noxious weed line item is from the Health Department. Mr. Hammerand asked why line item 4005, association dues' budget increased from \$80,000 to \$115,000. Mr. Sarbaugh will report back to the committee concerning these questions about the association dues, microfilming, and noxious weed budgets.

### REPORTS TO COMMITTEE:

Auditors Report: Ms. Palmer mentioned that Baker Tilley will be here on November 15, and possibly November 16, concerning preliminary work and committee members were asked if there were any additional areas they would like reviewed. Ms. Teresi presented a review of the Countywide Mobile Device Audit. She stated that they have completed a review of the County's mobile device expenditures for May, 2010 and this audit is a follow up to the previous audits conducted in FY2006 and FY2009. There were a total of four findings as a result of the audit. Finding #1 concerns the number of cell phones and air cards which has increased by 48 devices. However, the total cost has decreased in FY2010 by 11% or \$25,000. The County will see additional savings in 2011 because some departments incurred extra costs to switch carriers to reduce their monthly service long term during FY2010. It is the Auditor's recommendation to use Account 4095 for cell phones and air cards and use Account 4096 for landlines and other related expenses. Department Heads will be asked to use the correct object level 3 classifications. Finding #2 concerned underutilized or unused devices. It is

recommended that all department heads review their mobile device plans on a regular basis. The consolidation and standardization of plans to either AT&T or Verizon now allows for the periodic reviews by either the Purchasing Department or the Auditor's Office. Finding #3 noted that the County is now in compliance with the IRS's listed property substantiation rules. Finding #4 noted that the description on invoices of the employee who uses the device is sometimes vague. It is recommended that an invoice include a name or employee's title for clarification. It is important to have a name associated with the serial number of the device for inventory purposes, notwithstanding the confidential part of the government the County wants to be sensitive to. The Auditor's Office does not always receive the complete bills from the departments. However, with the agreements with AT&T and Verizon, the Auditor's Office and Purchasing Department have the ability to go online and review the statements, which they will do periodically. In approximately a year the Auditor's Office will provide this committee with an update on this audit.

Contingency Reports: Chairman Munaretto mentioned that the ending balance is \$383,759.33, not \$301,000 as previously reported.

Economic Development Corporation: Ms. Orphal reported that the 2010 GLOCAL Economic Event and Manufacturing Matchmaking event will be tomorrow from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake. She attended last year's event and was very impressed and committee members were invited to stop by the event.

Convention & Visitors Bureau: Chairman Munaretto reported that the Convention & Visitors Bureau continues to execute its plan. They have a large fall tourism business because of many local orchards. He has asked the Illinois Board of Tourism to provide them with statistics with respect to the financial value of tourism in McHenry County for the most recent year they have that information on. When he has the information, he will share it with the committee. He has talked with Mr. Austin about the possibility of state legislation that would allow them to implement a County hotel/motel tax that would fund just the CVB.

Valley Hi Financial Update: Mr. Annarella reported that Medicare Part A increased \$30,000 from July to August, along with a reduction of employee overtime. The net operating income for the month was positive for the first time in this budget year. In December, 2011 the County will be paying the bonds off for the building. They are working on collecting outstanding debt due the facility, those being Medicare co-insurance and insurance payments. Valley Hi staff are handling the collection efforts and they would like to collect as much as possible during this fiscal year.

FUTURE TOPICS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Noting no further business, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hammerand, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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# RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

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