

**The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Minutes of the Finance-Administration Committee Meeting**

November 19, 2009

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held a Finance-Administration Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Building in Downers Grove, Illinois. Those in attendance were as follows:

Chair Paula Wolff	Mr. Greg Stukel
Committee Chairman Jim Banks	Mr. Greg Busey
Director Tom Canham	Ms. Patti Pearn
Director Bill Morris	Mr. Joe Fivelson
Director George Pradel	Ms. Leslie Savickas
Director Jim Roof	Mr. Kent Vedra
Director Carl Towns	Mr. Peter Foernsler
Director Tom Weisner	Mr. Bill O'Connell
Mr. Mike King	Ms. Stella Banak
Mr. Andrew Boron	Ms. Maria Molliconi
Mr. Paul Kovacs	Ms. Patrice Brazil
Mr. Albert Murillo	Ms. Stephanie Stephens
Mr. Stan Ryniewski	Mr. John Benda
Mr. Tom Bamonte	Ms. Joelle McGinnis
Mr. Jeff Redding	Mr. Dick Sandberg
Mr. Mike Colsch	Mr. John Hauk
Capt. Jesernik	Mr. Sharif Abou-Sabh
Mr. Ed Vargas	Ms. Arjana Jaupi
Ms. Trudy Steinhauser	Ms. Nancy LaMasse-Geraci
Mr. Rocco Zucchero	Mr. Joseph Errico
Mr. Tom Morache	Mr. Vince Volante
Mr. Tom Morache	Ms. Colleen Gannon

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Committee Chairman Banks called the meeting to order and called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2009 Finance-Administration Committee Meeting.

Director Morris moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Committee Chairman Banks then called on the Acting Chief of Information Technology. Mr. Ed Vargas gave a presentation on the Tollway’s Tower Location Program (copy attached). There are currently 61 communications towers on the system. The Tollway owns the towers and leases out the excess capacity to third parties. These agreements net approximately \$1.35 million per year. The Tollway has won an award for public/private partnerships for this co-location program.

There was discussion on looking into selling the towers with the Tollway having a long-term lease of the towers. Staff was asked to report back to the Board the cost to staff and maintain these towers.

Mr. Vargas requested approval of a Commercial Tower Co-Location Agreement with T-Mobile at Plaza 13 and a Commercial Tower Co-Location Agreement with Sprint/Clearwire.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda. Director Morris moved to approve; seconded by Director Pradel.

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Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Vargas then requested approval of an Amendment to a Commercial Tower Co-Location Agreement with Sprint/Clearwire at Plaza 73 and an Amendment to a commercial Tower Co-Location Agreement with Business Only Broadband (BOB) at Plaza 93.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion approving said Amendments for the Consent Agenda. Director Morris moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Committee Chairman Banks then called on the Chief of Finance. Mr. Mike Colsch introduced Ms. Patrice Brazil and Mr. John Hauk to present an overview of the Tollway’s Employee Health Benefits Programs, (copy attached).

Ms. Brazil gave an overview of the benefit plan while Mr. Hauk explained that an RFP was released in August for the employee health program. There were 15 vendors in attendance and several proposals were submitted. It was explained that the Tollway was looking for the best total package.

There was a great amount of discussion on this item. Some things discussed were why some bids included vision, dental, drug and health care, while others were for individual segments, such as vision or dental only; if employees should pay part of the premium; and looking into having the Tollway be a part of the State health benefit program.

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On the issue of being put in with the State program, Mr. Hauk explained that when the procurement law went into effect, the Tollway was told they weren't eligible because the Tollway is not in the State's personnel system.

With regard to employees paying some of the premium, the Tollway bargaining contracts currently include language stating that the Tollway will pay employee health insurance benefits without employee co-pay because those contracts are tied to the health insurance benefits the Tollway offers its non-unionized employees.

Mr. Hauk also explained that companies had the option of bidding on the whole health benefit package or individual segments. In the past we have chosen different groups for the whole plan.

It was decided that this item would be deferred until the December meeting and a conference call would be set up with Mr. Hauk and Directors Banks and Canham so the Directors could get more information on this and have their questions answered before a decision is made.

Director Morris requested that in the future, these complex items should be brought to the Board a month or two in advance so these issues can be thoroughly looked into.

Mr. Colsch then requested approval to transfer as much as \$12 million from the Improvement Account to the Debt Service Account for payment of interest on the 2009 Series B Bonds.

After discussion, Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion approving said item for the Consent Agenda.

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Director Morris moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Committee Chairman Banks then called on the Chief of Procurement. Mr. Albert Murillo requested approval of the following:

Award of Contract 09-0181 to A-1 Corporate Hardware d/b/a A-1 Lock, Incorporated for Software and Hardware - Hirsch, in the amount of \$155,000.

Award of Contract 09-0182 to A-1 Corporate Hardware d/b/a A-1 Lock, Incorporated for Locks and Hardware - Schlage, in the amount of \$150,000.

Renewal of Contract 07-0183 to Kent Manufacturing Company for Reclosable Fasteners from \$221, 500 by \$103,000 to \$324,500.

Award of Contract 09-0048 to Pollution Control Industries, Incorporated for Hazardous Waste Removal Services in the amount of \$50,000.

Award of Contract 09-0098 to Anchor Mechanical, Incorporated for Chiller Maintenance in the amount of \$35,820.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda.

Director Morris moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

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Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Director Morris asked that in the future, the number of bidders be put on the summary sheet.

Mr. Murillo then requested approval of the Renewal of Contract 07-0057 to Cullen, Incorporated d/b/a Cullen & Associates, for Legislative Liaison Services by \$80,000 from \$216,800 to \$296,800.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion approving said renewal.

Director Morris moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Committee Chairman Banks then called on the General Counsel. Mr. Tom Bamonte requested approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lockport.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion approving said agreement for the Consent Agenda.

Director Morris moved for approval; seconded by Director Weisner.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

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Mr. Bamonte then requested approval of an Amendment to Resolution No. 18220 regarding the Pilot Program for the Sale of E-35 Alternative Fuel.

Director Morris asked staff to find out how many cars are on the highway that use E-85 fuel.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion approving said amendment for the Consent Agenda.

Director Morris moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Banks called for a motion to adjourn. Director Morris moved to adjourn; seconded by Director Weisner.

Committee Chairman Banks called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____
Trudy Steinhauser