DuPage Water Commission
MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Rathje and Commissioners

FROM: Robert L. Martin, P.E.
General Manager

DATE: May 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Supplemental Board Package Material

Attached please find the following:

1. Memorandum dated May 8, 2007 regarding the Sale of DuPage Water Commission Personal Property

2. Media Articles

   - Daily Herald, dated May 8, 2007 – Handout comes at expense of taxpayers

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TO: Robert Martin
General Manger

FROM: Terry McGhee
Manager of Water Operations

DATE: May 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Sale of DuPage Water Commission Personal Property

Resolution No. R-14-07 authorized the General Manger to disposal of certain personal property owned by the DuPage Water Commission. These assets were deemed no longer useful to the Commission and were becoming devalued due to age and lack of use, while occupying valuable storage space.

The assets were sold at an auction through Obenauf Auction Services Inc. in Lake County on May 5, 2007. The results of the auction are as follows:

Quantity	DWC Inventory #	Description	Date Purchased	Purchase Price	**Auction Price**
1	M91076	Mack Dump Truck	11-11-93	$67,250.00	**$43,000.00**
1	M86773T	Towmaster Trailer	8-1-93	$7,825.00	**$3,750.00**
1	N/A	Wacker Compactor	12-8-94	$14,457.60	**$2,000.00**
1	N/A	Steel Trench Box	12-08-94	$9,770.00	**$850.00**
			Total	$99,302.00	**$49,600.00**

Obenauf Auction Service Inc. charges a fee of 6% of the selling price for their auction services which equals $2,976.00 for our assets. We will receive a check for $46,624.00 within 10 to 15 working days.

Operations/memorandum/asset auction

Daily Herald
Big Picture . Local Focus

Handout comes at expense of taxpayers

I attended the DuPage Water Commission meeting on April 12 and heard one mayor after another expound on how their towns needed the proposed "rebates" from the water commission in order to repair and maintain aging infrastructure.

They were there expecting a handout in spite of the fact that they signed a Charter Member Contract back in 1986 that very clearly requires each of them to "own and maintain its Unit System, and all improvements and extensions of its Unit System, in good and working order" (Section 9 (a)).

It would seem from their statements that many have not done so, including Naperville, Roselle and Bensenville.

They were all there seeking subsidies from the water commission, and the commission rewarded them and other charter members with a $40 million handout at the expense of taxpayers throughout DuPage County.

Everyone in the county pays a quarter-cent sales tax to the DuPage Water Commission, whether they get Lake Michigan water or not, and it seems the water commission can vote to award that money to its charter members with very little accountability.

They are appointed, and half are mayors, former mayors, or employees of charter members. So we give them taxes and they give their towns "rebates."

Debra Fulks

Glen Ellyn