

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Renner, Segobiano, Hoselton, Nuckolls, Owens and Bostic

Members Absent: Members Selzer and Gordon

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: None

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the August 14, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Renner/Owens to approve and place on file the minutes of the August 14, 2007 meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented two Reappointments to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Owens/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of the two Reappointments as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Vice Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee was delayed. Therefore, Board Chairman Sorensen reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval of a three-year Agreement between McLean County, the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and the Ecology Action Center for administration and implementation of the McLean County Solid Waste Program.

Motion by Bostic/Renner to Recommend Approval of a Three-year Agreement between McLean County, the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and the Ecology Action Center for Administration and Implementation of the McLean County Solid Waste Program.

Mr. Hoselton referred to the payment of \$7,500.00 made by the County every month to the Ecology Action Center for the implementation of the McLean County Solid Waste Program. He asked if the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal participate in any manner, and, if they do not, are the rural towns included in the program. Mr. Zeunik replied that the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal do not participate financially in the program. He explained that the \$7,500.00 comes from the Host Fee that is paid by Allied Waste Management to the County. Under State law, the County is required to provide an educational program and a recycling program County-wide.

Mr. Zeunik stated that the County contracts with the Ecology Action Center for the programs and applies the Host Fee revenue as payment. Mr. Zeunik advised that the program does include the rural areas, including Chenoa. The rural municipalities are eligible to receive a recycling grant. The educational component of the program is offered to school districts on a regular basis, targeting 4th and 5th grade classes.

Mr. Hoselton asked if some of the smaller communities, such as Anchor and Cropsy, are also participants in this program. Mr. Zeunik replied that any incorporated City, Town or Village is invited, on an annual basis, to apply for a grant to assist that community with recycling. This helps defray the cost of a dumpster in some communities and in others it helps defray the cost of setting up a recycling station.

Mr. Zeunik indicated that the educational component, which is directed at the schools, is available to all of the school districts in McLean County.

Mr. Hoselton asked if the McLean County school districts that extend into adjacent Counties, such as Prairie Central in Livingston County, can also participate. Mr. Zeunik replied that they can still participate in the program.

Mr. Segobiano arrived at 4:36 p.m.

Mr. Owens asked if all of the Towns take advantage of this program. Mr. Zeunik responded that there are some communities that do not apply for the program. He stated that a Resolution is presented to the Board each year, which summarizes the recycling grants and the communities that participate. Mr. Zeunik added that some communities that participate need to be reminded to send the County an invoice so they can receive the funds. He noted that the County requires proof that the municipality operated a program before the money can be sent.

Mr. Segobiano recommended that a representative of the Ecology Action Committee appear before the County Board to give a presentation on the various programs offered by the Center.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the Motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, reported that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee, reported that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Segobiano complimented the Transportation Committee on the work done on the White Oak Bridge. He noted, however, that he has received several complaints on the approach to White Oak Road from Graham Street. Mr. Segobiano suggested that there needs to be a light at the corner of White Oak Road and Graham Street.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Benjamin Owens, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee.

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Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2007 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, County Recorder's Document Storage Fund 0137, County Recorder's Office 0006.

Mr. Owens explained that this item is a result of the recommendations presented in the MAXIMUS Report. He noted that there are no FTE changes.

Motion by Owens/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2007 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, County Recorder's Document Storage Fund 0137, County Recorder's Office 0006.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Owens.

Mr. Owens announced that the Finance Committee meetings have been moved to the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, reported that the Justice Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Renner announced that the Justice Committee meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Renner.

Mr. Hoselton expressed concern that the Transportation Committee is short one individual due to a Member's teaching schedule. He stated that Mr. Baggett advised him that he would be unable to attend the Transportation Committee meeting in the near future.

Chairman Sorensen advised that the Board has experienced situations where a Board Member was unable to attend or chose not to attend meetings. He noted that, as elected officials, they are seated until they choose to do otherwise. Chairman Sorensen stated that, according to the County Board Rules, only six members can be appointed to a Committee.

Mr. Zeunik suggested that the Transportation Committee consider moving their meeting date and time, such as was done by the Finance and Justice Committees.

Mr. Segobiano indicated that he may consider moving the time of the Land Use and Development Committee meetings.

Mr. Hoselton advised that he will be gone most of the month of October, which adds a burden to the remaining four members of the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Zeunik stated that Mr. Baggett has an early morning class that makes it difficult for him to get to early morning meetings, including the County Board meeting.

After a discussion, Chairman Sorensen noted that the Committee suggested the following possible solutions:

- Change the meeting date and time;
- Appoint an alternate to the Transportation Committee;
- Board Chairman and Committee Chairman sit down with Board members who cannot or do not attend Committee meetings to remind them of their responsibility to serve on the County Board and Board Committees.

Chairman Sorensen announced that he received a communication regarding the Human Services Transportation Planning Committee, which is a policy-setting board that meets quarterly in Pontiac. It covers the geographic area of McLean County, Champaign County, DeWitt County and Livingston County. Chairman Sorensen stated that they have requested that a member of the County Board serve on this Committee. He asked anyone who is interested in representing the County to let him know. Chairman Sorensen indicated that if he does not get a volunteer from the Executive Committee, he will present the request at the Board meeting.

Ms. Bostic asked if this is part of SHOWBUS. Chairman Sorensen replied that SHOWBUS is one of many programs that operate in the region that receives grant funding through this policy board. He noted that the policy board is made up of one County Board Member from each of these Counties.

Mr. Zeunik reminded the Committee that he will present the Fiscal Year 2008 Recommended Budget at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 18th. He stated that, following the presentation of the budget, the oversight committees will need to look at the calendar to schedule meetings to review individual departmental budgets.

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Chairman Sorensen presented the August 31, 2007 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Prepaid Total is \$211,673.17 and the fund total is the same.

Motion by Owens/Bostic to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for August 31, 2007 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary