

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Sorensen, Members Segobiano, Gordon, Bass, Renner, Hoselton, Nuckolls and Bostic

Members Absent: Chairman Sweeney

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

Other Members Present: None

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services;
Mr. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management

Others Present: None

Vice Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the November 14, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting and the minutes from the October 17, 2006 Stand-up Committee Meeting for approval. Hearing no corrections to those minutes, Vice Chairman Sorensen advised that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Vice Chairman Sorensen presented the Appointments and Reappointments for approval. He noted that Sheriff Mike Emery's appointment to the ETSB Board should be moved from "Reappointments" to "Appointments" and Mr. Robert Behrends' appointment should be deleted until his appointment can be confirmed.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments and Appointments as recommended by the Vice Chairman.
Motion carried.

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Vice Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Establishing the County Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2007.

Motion by Bostic/Bass to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Establishing County Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2007.
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Holiday Schedule for County Employees for the Calendar Year 2007.

Motion by Bostic/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Holiday Schedule for County Employees for the Calendar Year 2007.
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval to purchase a Server for the Financial/Budgetary System as submitted by Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services. Mr. Nelson explained that all bid procedures were followed and an effort was made to involve multiple bidders, but only one bid was received from Levi, Ray & Shoup (LRS). He indicated that monies for this purchase have been budgeted in the FY 2007 budget. Mr. Nelson pointed out a typographical error on the Memorandum, under "total" in the box, a decimal should be replaced with a comma in the total figure of \$53,027.

Mr. Hoselton asked if there are warranties on the Server. Mr. Nelson replied that the warranties are included as part of the software subscription.

Motion by Hoselton/Renner to Recommend Approval to Purchase an IBM AS/400 Server for the Financial/Budgetary System as recommended by the Information Services Department.
Motion carried.

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

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, reported that the Property Committee brings two items for action to the Executive Committee. The first is a request for approval of Attachment Number 16 to the Amendment to the Lease and Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Law and Justice Center – Facilities Management.

Motion by Bostic/Bass to Recommend Approval of Attachment Number 16 to the Amendment to the Lease and Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Law and Justice Center.
Motion carried.

Ms. Bostic presented a request for approval of Lease and Contract Extension Agreement No. 4 Extending the Lease of the Courthouse Building and the Contract for Operation and Maintenance all dated December 3, 2002 – Facilities Management.

Motion by Bostic/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of Lease and Contract Extension Agreement No. 4 Extending the Lease of the Courthouse Building and the Contract for Operation and Maintenance all Dated December 3, 2002 – Facilities Management.
Motion carried.

Ms. Bostic stated that there will be one more action item that will be presented at a Stand-up Committee meeting prior to the Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 19th. She asked Mr. Moody to elaborate.

Mr. Moody reported that, at the Property Committee meeting, he presented an overview of the alternatives for bidding the County's purchase of electricity. He noted that electric costs are significantly increasing. Mr. Moody recommends that the County purchase its electricity from a licensed supplier that is authorized to sell in this district (the Ameren IP District). He indicated that he has six potential energy companies that have received an invitation to bid to sell the County electricity. There is a potential of saving \$265,000.00 per year over all of the County's Ameren IP accounts. Mr. Moody explained that the County would then receive two bills per month, one from Ameren IP for the transmission lines and one from the energy firm that offers the County the lowest bid.

Mr. Moody advised that the price of electricity changes hourly and no firm will hold their bid for more than 48 hours. He informed the Committee that he expects to receive the bids on Monday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Moody requested that the Property Committee and the County Board review the bids on Tuesday, December 19th and make a recommendation.

Mr. Segobiano expressed concern about the phrase "potential savings of..." He indicated that he is apprehensive about the potential of the costs going up significantly. Mr. Segobiano requested that Mr. Moody prepare for the Board a quarterly report on the costs of the electricity, should this request be approved. Mr. Moody concurred that the price goes up and down on an hourly basis. He

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assured the Committee that the cost to the County will definitely be lower than Ameren IP.

Vice Chairman Sorensen suggested that Mr. Moody prepare a quarterly report for the Property Committee. The Committee agreed on this suggestion.

Vice Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic and Mr. Moody.

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

Vice Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Bass.

Mr. Bob Nuckolls, Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Health Department Fund 0112 – Health Department.

Motion by Nuckolls/Renner to recommend approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Health Department Fund 0112 – Health Department.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, reported that the Justice Committee brings several items for action to the Executive Committee. The first item is a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2006 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, Coroner's Office 0031 – Coroner's Office.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2006 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, Coroner's Office 0031 – Coroner's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between McLean County and the Town of Normal creating the MetCom Centralized Communications Center – MetCom Department 0030.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between McLean County and the Town of Normal Creating the MetCom Centralized Communications Center – MetCom Department 0030.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2006 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Metro McLean County Centralized Communications Center Fund 0452, MetCom Department 0030.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2006 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Metro McLean County Centralized Communications Center Fund 0452, MetCom Department 0030.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a Contract for Lease of Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center between McLean County and Ford County – Court Services.

Motion by Renner/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of a Contract for Lease of Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center between McLean County and Ford County – Court Services.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, Agreement #503603 – Court Services.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, Agreement #503603 – Court Services.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Hoselton asked if it was possible for an exception to be made on a subdivision regarding curbs and gutters. He pointed out an instance in Bellflower where a developer was unable to develop a six-home subdivision because he could not afford to put in the curbs and gutters. Mr. Hoselton expressed his opinion that subdivisions proposed in rural areas far removed from Bloomington/Normal should be exempt from this rule.

Mr. Bass responded that the main reason for the curbs and gutters is an attempt to stop erosion and for safety issues.

Mr. Segobiano expressed his confidence that the subdivision ordinance the Board adopted was adopted for good reasons and no exceptions should be allowed. He noted that if one exception is made, more will follow. Mr. Segobiano indicated that the only alternative would be to go back and re-evaluate the subdivision ordinance.

Vice Chairman Sorensen noted that the property in question is actually in Saybrook. He further noted that the Saybrook Trustees are considering annexing this property.

Mr. Segobiano recommended that Mr. Hoselton prepare a written proposal to the Land Use and Development Committee requesting an exception to the curb and gutter ordinance. Mr. Gordon asked if he means a general exception for rural areas or a specific exception for the Saybrook subdivision. Mr. Segobiano stated that it would be for general exceptions.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Gordon.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator stated that, on November 21st, the County received approval from IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration on the contract with Clark Dietz Engineering for the East Side Highway Corridor Feasibility Study. Mr. Zeunik noted that, last Friday, he, Jack Mitchell, the City Engineer from Bloomington, the Town Engineer from Normal and Paul Russell from Regional Planning met with Clark Dietz to look at the schedule as to when the work will begin. He indicated that the work was originally intended to begin in October, but due to a delay in approval, it will now begin after the first of the year.

Mr. Zeunik encouraged members of the Committee to supply a list of individuals who might be affected by the Study. This could include individuals who own property from Towanda Barnes Road east to County Road 2200 East and from I74 to I55, which is the three mile wide area that will be studied. Mr. Zeunik stated that this could include property owners, businesses, community organizations, not-for-profit organizations, etc. He advised that they are putting together an extensive list of stake-holders which will be forwarded to Clark Dietz so that everyone has an opportunity to be involved in the study.

Mr. Segobiano expressed his concern with the Main Street Corridor Study being conducted by the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal. He asked where this corridor begins and ends, and will the County be involved in this study. Mr. Segobiano pointed out that the Regional Planning Commission, which is funded by the County, is involved in both the East Side Corridor and the Main Street Corridor. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Main Street Corridor study begins at the corporate limits of Normal on the north and ends at the corporate limits of Bloomington on the south. The focus of the Main Street Corridor is primarily in terms of economic. Mr. Zeunik explained that the study will look at ways to improve the appearance and the mix of commercial, retail and service businesses along U.S. 51.

Mr. Segobiano asked how will this study enhance the community. Mr. Renner stated that he believes the Study is an attempt to promote business and enhance the physical appearance for people who are driving through the area. Mr. Zeunik indicated that the five major stake-holders who have committed dollars to the Study are the Town of Normal, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bro-Men Regional Medical Center and the City of Bloomington. He noted that they have retained the services of Farr and Associates, which is the same consulting group that the Town of Normal used to develop the "uptown" redevelopment plan. Mr. Zeunik advised that if they proceed the way they have talked about proceeding, there will be a number of public forums and a number of meetings that will occur for people to provide input and make suggestions. He informed the Committee that the County has been invited to all of the meetings, but the County is not investing any money in the Study or investing any money in the proposed redevelopment of the Corridor at this point.

Mr. Segobiano suggested that the County is monetarily involved because the County supports the McLean County Regional Planning Commission.

Chairman Sweeney presented the November 30, 2006 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Prepaid Total is \$335,649.02 and the fund total is the same.

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Motion by Gordon/Bostic to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for November 30, 2006 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 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary