

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, August 15, 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, Berglund and Bostic

Members Absent: Chairman Sweeney and Members Renner and Hoselton

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

Other Members Present: Member Owens

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: None

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

Vice Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the July 11, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting and the June 20, 2006 Stand-up Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Bostic/Berglund to approve and place on file the minutes of the July 11, 2006 Committee Meeting and the June 20, 2006 Stand-up Committee Meeting.

Motion carried

Vice Chairman Sorensen announced that there are fourteen Reappointments, no Appointments and one Resignation.

Motion by Owens/Bass to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments and Resignation as recommended by the Chairman.

Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution proclaiming the week of August 27-September 2, 2006 as "Workforce Development Week" to showcase the McLean County workforce system.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, explained that McLean County is one of four Counties that belong to the Illinois Workforce Development Board, which is headed by Gary Cicciu. This is a federally funded job-training grant program. Mr. Zeunik stated that this Resolution was passed out to the four County Board Chairmen at the last meeting and each County Board Chairman was asked to bring this Resolution before their Board for approval in August, as the designation date is August 27-September 2.

Vice Chairman Sorensen expressed concern that the Resolution read like a precursor to the group asking for money from the County. Mr. Zeunik stated that the group will seek Federal funding, but is not seeking funds from the County.

Ms. Bostic asked if the Illinois Workforce Development Board was previously UPIC. Mr. Zeunik stated that, at one time, it was the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, which was CETA, which was replaced by United Private Industry Council (UPIC), which became something else. It is now the Illinois Workforce Development Board.

Mr. Segobiano expressed concern with grants. He recommended that a report be shared with the Board and the general public on how much of the grant funds go to administrative overhead versus the grant purpose. Mr. Segobiano stated that the general public needs to know how grant funds are dispersed and what they are providing to the McLean County community.

Vice Chairman Sorensen advised that the Finance Committee has asked the Auditor to refine the grant information flow process and the grant tracking process, such as where the money comes from, where it goes and when it ends. He indicated that, in the Outside Auditor's Report, one of the few concerns they shared was how some of the grant money was being tracked.

Mr. Zeunik stated that he will contact Mr. Gary Cicciu and ask him to provide this Committee with a report. He noted that the County does not receive grant money from the Workforce Development Board. The County is part of a four-County region and the money goes to the region. Mr. Zeunik assured the Committee that the federal job trading funds do not flow through the County. He indicated that, since the County is part of the region, it is appropriate to ask for an update on how the monies are being spent in the County and who is being served by the grant.

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Motion by Berglund/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Proclaiming the Week of August 27-September 2, 2006 as "Workforce Development Week."
Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy Bass, Chairman, Transportation Committee, stated that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. Mr. Bass advised that there is some dialogue that is not completely finished yet on road improvements and maintenance, which should be available by the end of the week.

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

Ms. Sue Berglund, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee or items to be presented to the Board.

Mr. Ben Owens, Acting Chairman, Justice Committee stated that the Justice Committee brings three items for action to the Executive Committee. The first 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, Court Services Department 0022, Juvenile Detention Center 0022 for Court Services. Mr. Owens explained that these funds will be used to send four employees at the Juvenile Detention Center for additional training.

Motion by Owens/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, Court Services Department 0022, Juvenile Detention Center 0022 for Court Services.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of a Contract with Livingston County for Lease of Bed Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center – Court Services Department.

Motion by Owens/Bostic to Recommend Approval of a Contract with Livingston County for Lease of Bed Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center – Court Services Department.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2006 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Owens explained that these radios will replace the current radios carried by the Correctional Officers in the jail. The current radios have a man-down button that is only available by pushing the button. The new radios will automatically send a signal to the Control Room when an officer is down.

Vice Chairman Sorensen advised that the Ordinance Amendment used the incorrect tenses. The Ordinance indicated that the Sheriff's Department had already purchased the radios and cameras. In fact, the dollars have not been spent and will not be spent until the Board approves the Ordinance.

Motion by Owens/Berglund to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2006 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Sheriff's Department as amended to reflect that the purchase has not been made.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens stated that there are several items to be presented to the Board.

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

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval of the Regional Planning Services Agreement between McLean County and the Regional Planning Commission.

Motion by Gordon/Bostic to Recommend Approval of the Regional Planning Services Agreement between McLean County and the Regional Planning Commission.
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Gordon. There were none.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, reported that the Property Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee. Ms. Bostic presented a request for approval of a Lease Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the County for office space for the 11th Circuit Court Arbitration Center.

Motion by Bostic/Berglund to recommend Approval of a Lease Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the County for office space for the 11th Circuit Court Arbitration and Mediation Center.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Segobiano referred to a recent article in *The Pantagraph* regarding the long-term plans for a regional water system for the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and McLean County. He commended Chairman Sweeney on his comments in the article regarding the need to have a plan. Mr. Segobiano expressed concern with who is directing the water study, who makes the final decisions on the plan and who has control of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Mr. Zeunik advised that, regarding the long-range regional water study and the long-range regional water Intergovernmental Agreement that brought together the City, Town and County, very little has been done. There were discussions several years ago with water authorities in Tazewell County. Mr. Zeunik indicated that the water authorities had retained counsel from Chicago to draft agreements to form their own wholesale authority that would drill the wells and provide raw water that municipalities could contract to purchase and the municipalities would build their own treatment facilities. He noted that nothing happened with that plan.

Mr. Zeunik stated that, as far as the Intergovernmental Agreement is concerned, the County, the City and the Town continue to fund an annual update of the Mahomet Aquifer drawdown and recharge by the Illinois Geological Survey and the Department of Natural Resources. The State has test sites in the Mahomet Aquifer that they regularly sample and they provide updates as to the drawdown and refill capacity.

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Mr. Zeunik noted that the Town of Normal has indicated that it does not need to move forward with a regional water supply system, as they are in good shape and anticipate that their supply is adequate to meet their needs for the next 15+ years. The City of Bloomington recognizes that their needs are more immediate than waiting for a regional system. Mr. Zeunik advised that, in conversations with the City and Town Managers, the City Manager of Bloomington indicated that Bloomington is prepared to move on its own if the other two parties are not ready to move forward with a more regional approach.

Mr. Segobiano asked that the County Board be kept apprised of what is happening in regards to the regional water system plan.

Vice Chairman Sorensen presented the July 31, 2006 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Prepaid Total is \$316,343.41 and a fund total that is the same.

Motion by Owens/Bostic to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for July 31, 2006 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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Vice Chairman Sorensen asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary