

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney Members Sorensen, Bass, Bostic, Berglund, Hoselton, Renner and Segobiano

Members Absent: Member Gordon

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Christine Northcutt, Recording Secretary

Other Members Present: None

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes from the January 17, 2006 and February 14, 2006 Executive Committee Meetings for approval.

Motion by Berglund/Bostic to approve and place on file the minutes of the January 17, 2006 and February 14, 2006 meetings. Motion carried

Chairman Sweeney announced that there are no Reappointments, Appointments or Resignations. He stated that we could move forward with the report of the Standing Committees.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee, stated that the first two items were related and that he would present them as a set. Mr. Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Budget Amendment for Grant Fund 0106, Provision for Improved Parking Lot Monitoring for the 200 W. Front Street Building, and a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2006 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution associated with an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2006 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0106. Mr. Sorensen explained that these amendments are intended to add a part-time position to the Health Department to augment the parking lot security staff which is expected to become necessary with the opening of the new Coliseum.

Motion by Sorensen/Renner to Recommend Approval of a Budget Amendment for Grant Fund 0106 for a provision for improved parking lot monitoring for the 200 W. Front Street Building for the Health Department and a Resolution Amending the FY 2006 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution associated with an Ordinance to amend the FY 2006 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0106 – Health Department.

Mr. Segobiano asked if the Health Department parking lot was going to become available for patrons of the Coliseum. Mr. Sorensen replied that the Coliseum management and the County are presently working on an agreement for some special use parking during the County's non-working hours. The reasoning behind the additional position is that with increased traffic in the downtown area, the Health Department lot needs to remain available for Health Department clients during working hours.

Mr. Zeunik stated that the County is still in negotiations with the Coliseum regarding the parking agreement. As Chairman Sorensen has indicated, the agreement would provide for "premium parking", where season ticket holders for indoor football or hockey would be able to purchase VIP parking in the Health Department lot. This would only be available after hours or on weekends and would not conflict with any of the Health Department's activities. Mr. Zeunik noted that the Coliseum management would rent the lot from the County and provide all of the staffing to ensure that only the patrons who paid for the premium spaces park in them. In addition, the Coliseum management will provide for all of the clean up after the event.

Mr. Segobiano asked if the County would be renting out the Sheriff's vehicle spaces. Mr. Sorensen responded that the Sheriff's vehicle spaces will not be rented out. He advised the Committee that this issue will be dealt with when the Health Department and Sheriff's parking areas are remodeled. That item will be coming through the Property Committee soon.

Mr. Segobiano asked how much the County was planning to charge per parking space. Mr. Zeunik responded that is what is still being negotiated. Mr. Segobiano asked what is an estimated cost. Mr. Zeunik responded that, if the County was going manage the parking on a "first com, first serve" basis, the County was considering charging \$5.00 per parking space per event.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the price for each parking space and the concern for availability of parking for County use. Mr. Zeunik advised the Committee that the negotiations with Coliseum management seek to recover the following costs,

1. the expense of the additional Health Department part-time parking attendant;
2. capital replacement dollars for the wear and tear on the parking lot;
3. hire back expense for a Sheriff's Deputy to patrol the area when an event ends.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there was any other discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the previous motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen noted that the Finance Committee will have one item to be presented to the County Board which is a CDAP Revolving Loan Application. Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any further questions for Mr. Sorensen. Hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee stated that the Justice Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval to accept a Grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, for the County's Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.).

Motion by Renner/Berglund to Recommend Approval to Accept a Grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force for the Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.). Motion carried.

Mr. Renner stated that the Justice Committee has an item to be presented to the County Board regarding the application for a County-owned credit card to be used by the Public Defender's Office.

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

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Vice-Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Segobiano.

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

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

Mr. Duffy Bass, Chairman, Transportation Committee, stated that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action.

Chairman Bass informed the Committee that the Transportation Committee held a special meeting this morning. The Committee forwarded, without recommendation, the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and the County of McLean for the East Side Highway Study.

Mr. Renner stated that he will be opposing this Agreement due to the fact that our community can look towards better avenues of growth. Adding water and power lines to areas farther out in the County costs additional money. The community should be looking at smarter growth.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he opposes this Agreement for entirely different reasons.

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

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator stated that he had no items to report at this time.

Chairman Sweeney reminded the Committee that they should have received an invitation to a dedication ceremony on March 17th at the Central Illinois Regional Airport. There will be a presentation showcasing the new StarCom 21 equipment. He invited all Board Members to attend.

Chairman Sweeney presented the February 28, 2006 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for the month is \$325,515.17 with the prepaid total the same.

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Motion by Bass/Bostic to approve the Executive Committee bills for February 28, 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 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Northcutt
Recording Secretary