

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Renner and Bostic

Other Members Present: Member Selzer

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Christine Northcutt, County Administrator's Assistant

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the April 8, 2003 Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Hoselton/Gordon to approve and place on file the minutes of the April 8, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that there are appointments and resignations for which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Berglund/Bass to recommend approval of the appointments and resignations as recommended by the Chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that the next item for consideration is a request for approval of a master software agreement with Cirone Computer Consulting. There were no questions for Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, on this matter.

Motion by Berglund/Gordon to recommend approval of a Master Software Agreement with Cirone Computer Consulting. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated the next item is a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between McLean and Tazewell Counties to share reports developed for IJIS.

Motion by Bass/Gordon to recommend approval of a an Intergovernmental Agreement between McLean and Tazewell Counties to share reports developed for an Integrated Justice Information System. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the last item for the Committee's approval. It is a request for approval of an Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of a direct Annual Tax Sufficient to pay the rent payable under a Lease Agreement to be entered into by and between the Public Building Commission of McLean County, Illinois as Lessor, and the County of McLean, Illinois, and the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois as Lessees.

Motion by Berglund/Segobiano to recommend approval of an Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of a direct Annual Tax Sufficient to pay the rent payable under a Lease Agreement to be entered into by and between the Public Building Commission of McLean County, Illinois as Lessor, and the County of McLean, Illinois, and the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois as Lessees. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that the next item is a report on the status of the Ad Hoc Committee on Emergency Communications and Dispatch. Mr. Sorensen has called to inform the Committee that he would be a few minutes late. He can present that information at the end of the meeting. Mr. Segobiano asked if that report would be presented to the Board. Chairman Sweeney replied that it would. It is only on the Executive Committee's agenda as information.

Mr. Selzer, Vice-Chairman of the Property Committee, stated that there were no items for action. There are four items for the Committee's information. There were no questions for Mr. Selzer.

Mr. Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for action. The Committee had no questions at this time.

Ms. Berglund, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of CDAP Revolving Loan Fund Recapture Guidelines.

Motion by Berglund/Hoselton to recommend approval of the CDAP Revolving Loan Fund Recapture Guidelines. Motion carried.

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Ms. Berglund stated that next item is a request for approval of proposed Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2004.

Motion by Berglund/Gordon to recommend approval of the Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2004. Motion carried.

Ms. Berglund stated that there are two items which will be presented to the Board. There were no questions for Ms. Berglund.

Chairman Sweeney noted that Mr. Renner was not in attendance at the meeting. The item for action on the Justice Committee's agenda will need to be considered at a Stand-Up Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, presented no items for action. The Committee had no questions for Mr. Gordon at this time.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, stated that he wanted to update the Committee on the status of receivables due to the County from the State of Illinois. Through the end of April the total due is now \$1,279,257.00. Of that number, over \$600,000.00 is due to the Nursing Home, and \$484,776.00 is due in salary reimbursement to probation officers. \$23,376.00 is due in salary reimbursement to the State's Attorney's Office and \$6,823.00 is due to the Supervisor of Assessment's Office. In addition, the IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program, which operates in the State's Attorney's Office, the Circuit Clerk's Office and the Circuit Court is owed over \$53,000.00. For the County's General Fund, the three largest sources of revenue, other than the property tax, are on target as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. The 2003 Sales Tax revenue, as of April 30, is at 34% of budget. The State Income Tax revenue is at 32% of budget. The Personal Property Replacement Tax revenue is at 42% of budget. The first installment of property tax bills have been sent out. Mr. Zeunik informed the Committee that he has been advised by Mr. Craig Nelson and Ms. Becky McNeil that taxpayers are taking advantage of payment via the internet.

Mr. Zeunik explained that there are a lot of "unknowns" in the State of Illinois budget. In an article in *Illinois Issues* Magazine, it was stated that there is a potential for an additional shortfall which may affect local governments. Mr. Zeunik asked Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, to explain.

Mr. Lindberg stated that both Houses of the General Assembly were originally scheduled to complete their work on May 23, 2003. They have extended their schedules to May 31, 2003.

This is a year when County government will probably not be able to reconcile what the General Assembly does budget-wise with the Governor's budget proposal until August or September. Presently, there is no lead effort on the part of the General Assembly to introduce a budget alternative. One proposal in the Governor's Budget will impact local governments. The State is facing an \$835 million shortfall in the income tax refund over the last three years. To make up this shortfall, the Governor is proposing that 10% of the Income Tax Distributive Fund be diverted. What that means to McLean County alone, is a \$140,000.00 hit to our normal income tax distribution revenue. There is another item, which is a proposal to begin charging an additional 5% administrative fee on all the non-general revenue funds. It is suspected that it will come off the distribution side of these funds.

On the good news side, House Bill 269, which allows County government to increase a range of Circuit Clerk/Court fees was passed by both Houses and is on its way to the Governor's desk. This could potentially mean an increase of \$150,000.00 in revenue. The County will also be able to charge users of internet data special fees to download that data. There is also a bill that has passed both houses that will permit an increase the Court Security fees from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per qualified case. On balance today, the County will neither lose nor gain. What is lost in income tax distribution will be gained in the other proposed bills. There were no questions for Mr. Lindberg.

Mr. Zeunik stated that his last item is the invitation to County Board Members from Mr. Roger Hunt, President and CEO of BroMenn Regional Medical Center, to tour the new additions and renovations immediately after the May 20 County Board Meeting. Mr. Zeunik informed the Committee if they were interested in taking the tour to please call Chris in the Administrator's Office. There were no questions for Mr. Zeunik.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he has a concern that he would like to bring to the Committee's attention. In the past few months, there have been some Board Members who are hawking their own wares. Mr. Segobiano stated that he feels that the County Board Meeting is not the appropriate place for such behavior. There are other means of getting information to the Board Members. He asked that this item be referred to the Rule's Committee. Ms. Berglund stated that she agrees with Mr. Segobiano's assessment.

Motion by Segobiano/Berglund to refer the subject of Board Members using the Board Agenda at Meetings to promote fund-raising events and promotions to the Rule's Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for this month is \$232,712.22.

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Motion by Bass/Sorensen to recommend approval of the  
Bills as of April 30, 2003 as presented by the Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked if the Committee wanted to hear a verbal report on the Ad Hoc Committee. There were no questions. The matter will be discussed at the May 20<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt  
Recording Secretary