

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 12, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Salch

Other County Board Members Present: Members Owens, Nuckolls, Renner, Selzer, Kinzinger, Hoselton and Bostic

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Lucretia Wherry, Human Resources Assistant, County Administrator's Office; Mrs. Carmen Zielinski, County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services; Mr. Michael Gallagher, Assistant Director, Information Services; Ms. Peggy Ann Milton, County Clerk; Ms. Maria Pascua, Chief Deputy Clerk, County Clerk's Office; Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the October 8, 2002 meeting for approval.

Motion by Bass/Berglund to approve and place on file the minutes of the October 8, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 8, 2002 meeting were approved and placed on file as presented.

Chairman Sweeney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that there are two reappointments, three appointments and no resignations for which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Sommer/Bass to recommend approval of the two reappointments and three appointments. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that there will be an introduction and presentation by the three candidates who are seeking appointment to the State's Attorney position for the balance of the

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term of office. Chairman Sweeney explained that each of the three candidates will have five minutes for their presentation to the Committee and then will answer any questions presented by Committee and members of the County Board.

Mr. W. Keith Davis, attorney at law, addressed the Committee. Mr. Davis noted that he has practiced criminal law in McLean County and surrounding counties for the last nineteen years and is a member of the District 87 School Board. Mr. Davis was an Assistant State's Attorney for McLean County from 1984 through 1990. Mr. Davis said he was seeking the position of McLean County State's Attorney because the office needs a new direction. Mr. Davis believes the State's Attorney's Office could make do with fewer employees, including attorneys. Mr. Davis commented that the State's Attorney's Office has too much fluff and not enough muscle. He wants to make a strong, lean State's Attorney Office.

Chairman Sweeney asked if any member had any questions for Mr. Davis. Mr. Renner asked that based on a recent article published in The Pantagraph, what is Mr. Davis outlook regarding gang activities and crimes. Mr. Davis answered that gang violence in McLean County is almost directly related to drugs and can only be addressed with serious law enforcement. This serious law enforcement process needs to begin with the State's Attorney's Office method of defining the risk level of these types of crimes right from the start.

Mr. Sommer stated that it is the State's Attorney's responsibility to manage and charge a case and this decision ultimately impacts the Courts, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk and the Jail. With the reduction of size Mr. Davis is proposing, how will this reduction effect the other departments that are directly involved with the cases. Mr. Davis answered that the State's Attorney's Office can immediately impact the population of the jail. One of the primary functions of a prosecutor is to make recommendations regarding bond options for the offender. Mr. Davis noted that for every "low level" offender placed in jail, a "high level" offender can not be held in jail.

Mr. Owens referred to the Alternative to Jail program being considered. Mr. Owens asked if Mr. Davis was in favor or opposed to any of the options being researched by the Alternative to Jail Committee. Mr. Davis replied that he favors Diversion Programs because it is another means of re-directing offenders. Mr. Davis estimated that it cost \$29,000.00 a year to house an inmate in jail. By using diversion programs, some of the \$29,000.00 can be used for other measures in the law enforcement process. Chairman Sweeney thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation.

Chairman Sweeney invited Ms. Teena Griffin to make her presentation to the Committee. Ms. Griffin stated that she has been training for the State's Attorney's position for over eighteen years. She started working for the McLean County State's Attorney's Office in 1984 as an

Assistant's State's Attorney in the Traffic Division. Ms. Griffin stated that her experience has allowed her to develop a vision statement for the McLean County State's Attorney's Office. Her

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vision statement includes the implementation of an Accelerated Disposition program for felony cases that meets the criteria for reduced charges; the reorganization of the supervisory structure of the State's Attorney's Office in order to provide more accountability, and to continue the use and expansion of court alternative programs for first-time offenders. Ms. Griffin said that she is the only candidate that would not need transition time, since she knows the strengths and weaknesses of the State's Attorney's Office.

Mr. Sommer stated that it is the State's Attorney's responsibility to manage and charge a case ultimately reflects on the Courts, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk and the Jail. Mr. Sommer asked Ms. Griffin for her thoughts regarding the State's Attorney's responsibilities. Ms. Griffin answered that it is the State's Attorney's responsibility to screen each and every case in order to determine the appropriate changes.

Mr. Owens referred to the Alternative to Jail program being considered. Mr. Owens asked if Ms. Griffin was in favor or opposed to any of the options being researched by the Alternative to Jail Committee. Ms. Griffin answered that just because an offender is considered non-violent does not mean that offender should not be in jail. Repeat offenders need to be dealt with no matter the level of their crime. An Electronic Monitoring Program, personal recognizance bonding, and telephone reminder calls are methods that can be used to help reduce the number of inmates in the jail.

Mr. Renner asked that based on a recent article published in The Pantagraph, what is Ms. Griffin's outlook regarding gang activities and crimes in McLean County. Ms. Griffin answered that she has been certified as a member of the Capital Litigation Trial Bar and Lead Counsel on twenty-two murder cases. In many of those cases, gang related involvement was present.

Chairman Sweeney welcomed Mr. William Yoder, attorney at law. Mr. Yoder stated that his experience as both a prosecutor and a defense lawyer would give him significant knowledge for the position of State's Attorney. Mr. Yoder stated that he would like to create a Drug/Vice Unit while assigning an additional attorney to prosecute drug-related offenses. Mr. Yoder believes that the State's Attorney's Office needs an aggressive stance on gang crime and needs to screen cases more thoroughly to avoid wasting valuable prosecutor time.

Mr. Sommer stated that it is the State's Attorney's responsibility to manage and charge a case ultimately reflects on the Courts, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk and the Jail. Mr. Yoder agrees that the high population of the County Jail is a problem that can be dealt with through better bond settings, case screening, monitoring programs, etc. Mr. Yoder noted that 35% of the court cases are dismissed or knocked down to a misdemeanor level. Reducing cases going in front of

the judges will reduce the population in the jail and provide savings to all of the departments involved in the justice system.

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Mr. Renner asked that based on a recent article published in The Pantagraph, what is Mr. Yoder's outlook regarding gang activities and crimes in McLean County. Mr. Yoder stated that offenses related to drugs need to be dealt with forcefully in order to remove drug dealers and gangs from McLean County. Mr. Yoder noted that by reassigning staff in the State's Attorney's Office, a drug/vice unit can be implemented to help the law enforcement agencies reduce the availability of drugs within the community.

Mr. Owens referred to the Alternative to Jail program being considered. Mr. Owens asked if Mr. Yoder was in favor or opposed to any of the options being researched by the Alternative to Jail Committee. Mr. Yoder answered that he encourages the use of drug treatment programs for minor drug offenses. Mr. Yoder stated that ordering offenders to perform community service as a form of payment for their offense is another way to redirect offenders. Chairman Sweeney thanked Mr. Yoder for his presentation.

Chairman Sweeney noted that he has met with the three candidates. At this time, Chairman Sweeney invited all the Board Members to contact him via telephone, e-mail or letter with any comments or recommendations for the State's Attorney position.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Request for Approval of a Proclamation declaring the Official Christmas Ornament for the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County, Illinois.

Motion by Bass/Sommer to recommend approval of a
Proclamation declaring the Official Christmas Ornament
for the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean
County, Illinois. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Request for Consideration of a Policy stating that Meetings should not be scheduled on Election Night in the Law and Justice Center during the year 2003.

Ms. Peggy Ann Milton, County Clerk, addressed the Committee. Ms. Milton referred to her request to not have any meetings scheduled in the Law and Justice Center during election nights. Ms. Milton commented that it is a priority to reduce personnel and the public to a bare minimum on election nights and to maintain the integrity of the ballots. Mr. Sorensen commented that the Finance Committee met past 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2002, which was election night.

Mr. Gordon made reference to the table of contents in the Executive Committee agenda where it states the request is for the year 2003 only. Mr. Gordon asked for clarification, is the request just for

anytime there is an election night or just during next year. Mr. Zeunik clarified that the request proposed by the County Clerk specified an election night in the Law and Justice Center, which

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limits the request to 2003, since offices will be residing in the new Government Center in 2004. The policy being requested tonight is specific to the Law and Justice Center for the year 2003.

Ms. Milton would like to make the request inclusive of the new Government Center starting in 2004. Chairman Sweeney noted that in the Government Center, two governments will share the space and approving this policy to include both is not a possible. At this time, Chairman Sweeney recommended that this request be limited to just one year, consisting of the remainder of year 2002 and all of 2003.

Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning, stated that this was the first time he was aware of a problem existing regarding the use of the County Board Room during election nights. Zoning Board meetings have been scheduled on election nights for many years now. Mr. Dick stated that there are seven Zoning Board members from throughout the County with multiple occupations. They have adjusted their schedules to accommodate the Zoning Board meetings at specified times for all of these years. At this time, Mr. Dick is asking the Executive Committee to reconsider request for a “blanket policy” of not scheduling any meetings during election nights. Mr. Dick suggested that the reservation of the County Board Room be strictly coordinated through the County Administrator’s Office in order to prevent any future problems.

Mr. Sommer asked if the rationale behind this request was due to a security issue that occur.

Ms. Milton answered that this request is based on reducing some of the issues faced by her Department regarding security and integrity of the ballots and election materials.

Motion by Sorensen/Segobiano to recommend consideration of a Policy stating that Meetings should not be scheduled, after 4:00 p.m., on Election Night in the Law and Justice Center during the year 2003. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Request for Approval a Warranty Contract with STL Technologies for Computer Repair and Support Services. Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services and Mr. Michael Gallagher, Assistant Director, Information Services, were present. Mr. Nelson stated that for warranty work on Compaq Computers, the parts are covered by the warranty, but the labor has to be performed by an authorized vendor.

Motion by Sommer/Sorensen to recommend approval of Warranty Contract with STL Technologies for Computer Repair and Support Services. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson presented a Request for Approval to Adopt a Virtual Private Network (VPN) Policy. This policy would allow a County employee to work from home. In order to participate, the employee must first read and sign an agreement to follow the established rules.

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Motion by Gordon/Sorensen to recommend approval
of the Virtual Private Network (VPN) Policy. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson explained that the phrase “strong password” requires the mixing of lower case, upper case and alphanumeric digits in the password. This will guarantee a high level of security.

Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson presented a Request for Approval of a Wireless Communications Policy. This policy sets a standard for encryptions regarding the connections used with the County Network.

Motion by Sommer/Berglund to recommend approval of
a Wireless Communications Policy. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney referred to the review of Fiscal Year 2003 Departmental Budgets. Mr. Zeunik referred to the Information Services Department 0043. Mr. Zeunik stated that the Total Operating Budget for the Information Services Department is \$1,939,858.00, reflecting an increase of 8.82%.

Mr. Zeunik noted the decrease in the Personnel line item account of a 1.00 FTE Computer Operator I and the addition of a 0.50 FTE Data Security Specialist. Under the Contractual, Software License Agreement line item account 750.0004, has increased from \$12,250.00 in the Fiscal Year 2002 Adopted Budget to \$67,000.00 in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget. This increase is based on the following: Norton Anti-Virus - \$10,000.00; ArcView upgrade for Building & Zoning - \$400.00; PAMSPRO Universal License - \$20,000.00; Microsoft Office XP - \$35,000.00. Also under Contractual, Contract Services line item account 706.0001 has increased from \$460,000.00 in the Fiscal Year 2002 Adopted Budget to \$645,000.00 in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget. This increase is based on Contractual and Intergovernmental Agreements IJIS Work on Civil, Probation, and Juvenile, and the County share of Geographic Information System (GIS) development and implementation costs. Software Maintenance Contract line item account 750.0005 has increased from \$65,000.00 in the Fiscal Year 2002 Adopted Budget to \$72,000.00 in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget. This increase is based on the contract for New World Financial Systems - \$18,400.00; ORACLE software - \$37,163.00; Smartnet Pix – 2 at \$1,500.00/each for 3 years - \$3,000.00, and SmartNet Router - \$3,000.00.

Motion by Sommer/Berglund to recommend tentative
approval of the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended
Budget for the Information Services Department.

Motion carried.

Mr. Zeunik referred to the County Administrator's Office. Mr. Zeunik noted that the total recommended budget is \$391,758.00, reflecting a 4.23% increase. There is a slight change in the

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FTE Staffing Level in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget where the position of Human Resources Assistant is reduced from 1.00 FTE to 0.80 FTE. A significant increase in the Administrator's Office budget can be found in the Auditing/Accounting Services line item account 784.0001 which increased from \$50,000.00 in the Fiscal Year 2002 Adopted Budget to \$65,135.00 in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget. This increase is based on the three-year contract approved by the County Board for outside auditing services with Clifton Gunderson. The Fiscal Year 2002 audit fee includes professional services such as General Audit for all County funds - \$55,735.00; AOIC Audit for the Circuit Clerk's Office - \$5,000.00; and consulting services for the implementation of the GASB 34 standard - \$4,400.00.

Motion by Gordon/Sommer to recommend tentative approval of the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget for the County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Zeunik discussed the County Board Budget. Mr. Zeunik noted that the General Property Taxes line item account 401.0001 has increased from \$5,945,737.00 in the Fiscal Year 2002 Adopted Budget to \$6,426,320.00 in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget. The increase in the General Fund Property Tax Levy is based on the final 2001 adjusted Equalized Assessed Valuation of \$2,434,817,683.00. The projected 2002 Equalized Assessed Valuation of \$2,770,325,723.00 reflects a 5.76% increase over the previous year. The adjusted Equalized Assessed Valuation, which is used to compute the tax rate, is projected at \$2,570,755,800.00 which is an increase of 5.93% over the prior year. The proposed General Fund property tax levy would result in a tax rate of \$0.24998 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. The statutory maximum tax rate is \$0.25000 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. Mr. Zeunik also noted that the Contingent line item account 760.0001 has decreased from \$20,000.00 to \$0.00 in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget. This decrease reflects the tight Fiscal Year 2003 General Fund budget. Mr. Zeunik stated that no one can express absolute confidence that the three major sources of revenue from the State of Illinois will in fact reach the projected figure in the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget.

Mr. Segobiano asked why there needs to be any funding in the Schooling/Conference line items and how are the discussion going regarding the equipment and personnel problems in MetCom. Mr. Zeunik answered that the Schooling/Conference line item issue is an issue that the Executive Committee needs to address. Regarding the equipment and personnel problems, Mr. Zeunik stated that expenses have been held to a minimum and the projected increase for MetCom is just 1%. In regards to the Operational issue in MetCom, a new Interim Director is in place and new trainees are

being added to the schedule, thus alleviating the high rate of overtime and increasing the quality of service being provided.

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Motion by Sommer/Bass to recommend tentative approval of the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended Budget for the County Board 0001. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Diane Bostic, Vice Chairman of the Property Committee, presented no items for action at this time.

Mr. B.H. "Duffy" Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, presented no items for action at this time.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request approval of proposed Amendments to the County's Food Ordinance, Health and Sanitation Ordinance, and Animal Ordinance for the Health Department.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend approval of proposed Amendments to the County's Food Ordinance, Health and Sanitation Ordinance, and Animal Ordinance for the Health Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen presented requests for approval to fill Vacant Positions in the Circuit Court's Office, County Clerk's Office and the County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend approval of the request to fill Vacant Positions in the Circuit Court's Office, County Clerk's Office and the County Administrator's Office. Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen presented an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Veterans Assistance Fund 0136, Veterans Assistance Office 0065.

Motion by Sorensen/Bass to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal

Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget
Ordinance for the Veterans Assistance Fund 0136,
Veterans Assistance Office 0065. Motion carried.

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Mr. Sorensen presented a Request for Approval of the Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2003.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend tentative
approval of the Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2003.
Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen presented a Request for Approval of the Position Classification and Pay Range
Schedule for Fiscal Year 2003.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend tentative
approval of the Position Classification and Pay
Range Schedule for Fiscal Year 2003. Motion carried.

Mr. Joe Sommer, Chairman of the Justice Committee, presented a Request for Approval of a Grant
from the Department of Nuclear Safety to acquire a Mobile Data Terminal for the E.S.D.A.
Department.

Motion by Sommer/Berglund to recommend approval
of a Grant from the Department of Nuclear Safety
acquire a Mobile Data Terminal for the E.S.D.A.
Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer presented a Request for Approval of a State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor
Resolution for the State's Attorney's Office.

Motion by Sommer/Bass to recommend approval
of a State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Resolution
for the State's Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeunik noted that a member of the Administrator's Staff, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County
Administrator, is absent. Mr. Lindberg is scheduled to undergo triple-bypass surgery today at OSF
St. Joseph Hospital.

Chairman Sweeney referred to the items for consideration of the Fiscal Year 2003 Recommended
Budget.

Mr. Sommer requested consideration and approval of departmental budgets under the oversight of the Executive Committee.

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Motion by Sommer/Sorensen to tentative recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the oversight of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen requested consideration and approval of departmental budgets under the oversight of the Finance Committee with the exception of the Departmental budget for the Bloomington Election Commission, which is being presented without the recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Mr. Segobiano asked that any requests, whether approved or not, regarding additions or deletions of personnel be acknowledged during these departmental budget considerations.

Mr. Sorensen noted that the Administrator's Office reduced his staffing level by 0.20 FTE. The Treasurer's Office reduced their staffing level by 1.00 FTE. The Supervisor of Assessment Office reduced their staffing level by 1.00 FTE.

Motion by Sommer/Berglund to recommend approval of the amended Departmental Budgets under the oversight of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer requested consideration and approval of departmental budgets under the oversight of the Justice Committee. Mr. Sommer noted that the State's Attorney's Office reduced their staffing level by 3.0 FTE's and the E.S.D.A. Department reduced their staff level by 0.20 FTE.

Motion by Sommer/Berglund to recommend approval of the departmental budget under the oversight of the Justice Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon requested consideration and approval of departmental budgets under the oversight of the Land Use and Development Committee.

Motion by Gordon/Bostic to recommend approval of the departmental budget under the oversight of the Land Use and Development Committee. Motion carried.

Ms. Bostic requested consideration and approval of departmental budgets under the oversight of the Property Committee. Ms. Bostic noted that the Parks and Recreation Department reduced their staffing level by 1.50 FTE's.

Motion by Bostic/Bass to recommend approval of the departmental budgets under the Oversight of the Property Committee. Motion carried.

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Mr. Bass requested consideration and approval of departmental budgets under the oversight of the Transportation Committee.

Motion by Bass/Sorensen to recommend approval of the departmental budgets under the oversight of the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Sorensen noted that on Page 96 of the Executive Agenda, the Highway Department shows an increase of two new Truck Driver/Laborer positions. As a member of the Finance Committee and adhering to the County Board's request of a hiring freeze, the adding of two new positions in the Highway Department can be seen as a contradiction to the other departments that have requested additional staff. Mr. Segobiano agreed with Mr. Sorensen and stated that allowing the Highway Department to use the Motor Fuel Tax Revenue to fund these two new positions, is not equitable when another County Department requested a position which would be funded from an automation fund.

Mr. Bass stated that this request was thoroughly discussed with the members of the Transportation Committee and the Administrator during budget discussions. Mr. Bass stated that this Committee needs to take into account the fact that the County is responsible for a 7.5 miles Towanda-Barnes Road. Mr. Bass noted that the Towanda-Barnes Road is traveled by 13,000 vehicles on any given day and keeping it clean, clear and safe is a major responsibility for the County Highway Department. Mr. Bass explained that temporary/on-call employees called "snowbirds" were hired in the past and they did not provide adequate service. They did not show up when called upon and they did not take care of the equipment.

Mr. Kinzinger commented that as a member of the Finance Committee, requests for new positions have been denied per the motion passed by the County Board placing a hiring freeze in place. Mr. Kinzinger stated that as a member of the County Board, he would vote against approving of the addition of two employees for the County Highway Department.

Chairman Sweeney asked if any other options had been considered by the Transportation Committee when discussing this request. Mr. Owens stated that a lengthy discussion occurred regarding this issue in the Transportation Committee. An option that was discussed in the meeting was the hiring of farmers to perform these duties as needed, but it was discovered that this option would create some problems with the Union. Mr. Owens stated that he plans to vote against this at

the County Board meeting even though he did not object to the request during the Transportation meeting. Mr. Renner stated that consistency regarding these requests needs to be maintained. Even though these positions can be funded from Motor Fuel Tax Revenues, some kind of ripple effect can be expected on the General Fund. Mr. Renner stated that he will probably also vote against this request at the County Board.

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Mr. Hoselton agreed with Mr. Bass explanation of the discussion during the Transportation Committee meeting. Other points were also discussed. One of the points discussed was one of a "probationary period" of six months for these positions. Mr. Hoselton did vote to recommend approval of this request during the Transportation Committee meeting because the overtime rate for the County is very high. The intent for these two positions is to work second shift maintaining Towanda-Barnes Road at a safe level, thus eliminating overtime expenses.

Mr. Gordon presumed that the line of argument being discussed at this time is the basis for the recommendation of this request to the Executive Committee from the Transportation Committee. Mr. Zeunik explained that the Highway Department originally asked for three positions. It was the Administrator's Office opinion that there is no need for the hiring of three new positions. The two positions being recommend are based on the justification and need presented by the Highway Department. The issue in terms of the overall budget actually resulted in the net savings of dollars versus the continuing use of the Occasional/Seasonal line item, which was the approach approved last year and incorporated into the 2002 Adopted Budget. This option did not work very efficiently because there is a need to have people who are qualified and experienced to be behind a snow plow. Also, the Occasional/Seasonal people were considered non-union and issues developed with the union personnel regarding performing duties that were covered by the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Zeunik noted that the agreement reached at the Transportation Committee meeting was to approve the request for just two new positions, the positions would be considered Union positions and work the second shift. Also, the Occasional/Seasonal line item account would be significantly reduced, with the Summer Help usually hired also reduced.

Mr. Nuckolls asked if the maintenance necessary for Towanda-Barnes Road could be handled by just filling one of the requested positions. Mr. Bass answered that if it is the only way to approve this request, one person help with do the duties, but the safety issue would still be an issue.

Mr. Sommer stated that since the duties being discussed for these positions depends mostly on what the weather is for the day, he is reluctant to breach the hiring freeze imposed by the County Board. Mr. Sommer commented that even though expenses may be surpassed in the overtime line items accounts, new positions will be paid for their work no matter what.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the oversight of the Transportation Committee and to remove two FTE positions in the Highway Department fund added to the Fiscal Year 2003

Recommended Budget and return of the Occasional/Seasonal line item and the Overtime line item in the Highway Fund to the Fiscal Year 2002 Adopted Budget levels.

Roll Call:

Gordon - No

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Bostic - No

Segobiano - Yes

Sommer - Yes

Bass - No

Sorensen - Yes

Berglund - Yes

Chairman Sweeney stated that the motion passes, as amended, by a 4 to 3 vote.

Chairman Sweeney presented requests for approval of the Fiscal Year 2003 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, as recommended by the Oversight Committees.

Motion by Sommer/Bostic to recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, as recommended by the Oversight Committees. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Request for Approval of the Proposed 2003 Tax Levy Ordinance for McLean County.

Motion by Sommer/Bostic to recommend approval of the Proposed 2003 Tax Levy Ordinance for McLean County.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Request for Approval of the Fiscal Year 2003 Full-Time Equivalent Positions Resolution.

Motion by Sommer/Bostic to recommend tentative approval of the Fiscal Year 2003 Full-Time Equivalent Positions Resolution.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether there were any other Business and Communications matters to address. Hearing none, the bills were presented.

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Chairman Sweeney presented the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office for approval.

Motion by Bostic/Berglund to recommend approval of the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Zielinski
Recording Secretary