

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 9, 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, Salch, Bass, Gordon, Berglund, Pokorney

Members Absent: Members Sorensen, Segobiano

Other County  
Board Members  
Present: Member Hoselton

Staff Present: Mr. John M. Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Martha B. Ross, County Administrator's Assistant, County Administrator's Office

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

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the March 12, 2002 meeting for approval.

Motion by Pokorney/Sommer to approve and place on file the minutes of the March 12, 2002 meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 12, 2002 meeting were approved and placed on file as presented.

Chairman Sweeney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that there are 14 reappointments, no appointments, and no resignations upon which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Bass/Pokorney to recommend approval of the 14 reappointments.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the request for approval of the bid for printing of the County Board District Map.

Motion by Pokorney/Berglund to recommend approval of the bid by Original Smith Printing, Bloomington, Illinois for the printing of the County Board District Map. Motion carried.

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Chairman Sweeney presented the request for approval of a resolution recognizing National County Government Week.

Motion by Gordon/Sommer to recommend approval of the Resolution Recognizing National County Government Week. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval of a Resolution Naming Student Government Day, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, In Honor of Senator John W. Maitland Jr.

Motion by Sommer/Pokorney to recommend approval of the Resolution Naming Student Government Day, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, In Honor of Senator John W. Maitland Jr. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney commented that Vice Chairman Joseph Sommer has agreed to read the Resolution during the County Board meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2002.

Chairman Sweeney presented the Resolutions of Congratulations for three public school athletic teams who have achieved noteworthy accolades. The three teams are: Bloomington Junior High School Boys' Basketball Team; Central Catholic High School Boys' Basketball Team; and, Chiddix Junior High School Girls' Volleyball Team.

Motion by Gordon/Pokorney to recommend approval of the Resolutions of Congratulations for Bloomington Junior High School Boys' Basketball Team, Central Catholic High School Boys' Basketball Team, and Chiddix Junior High School Girls' Volleyball Team. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the request for approval of a Resolution in Recognition of the Month of May as National Community Action Month.

Motion by Sommer/Pokorney to recommend approval of a Resolution in Recognition of the Month of May as National Community Action Month. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval of a Resolution in Support of an Illinois Main Street Certification for the City of Bloomington Downtown.

Motion by Pokorney/Salch to recommend approval of a Resolution in Support of an Illinois Main Street Certification for the City of Bloomington Downtown. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval to award long distance and calling card services to Sprint as recommended by the Information Services Department.

Motion by Salch/Gordon to recommend approval of a request to  
Award Long Distance and Calling Card Services to Sprint  
as recommended by the Information Services Department.

Mr. Sommer commented that it may be impractical for County offices and departments to utilize prepaid calling cards for long distance calls. He noted that the rate per minute quoted for the companies submitting bids is substantially higher than prepaid calling rates.

Mr. Zeunik explained that both the Finance Committee and the County Auditor have remarked that employees who travel on County business could purchase a prepaid calling card for use during that business travel. The receipt provided at the point of sale is more easily processed as a part of the expense record than telephone charges. Additionally, costs are likely to be lower with the prepaid card, as callers are more aware of the time spent on calls.

Motion carried.

Ms. P.A. "Sue" Berglund, Legislative Liaison, presented Legislative Briefing #1, for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Illinois General Assembly, Spring 2002. She noted that House Bill 4976 proposes to allow counties to increase fees, except Circuit Clerk fees, if a cost study justifies the increase. This bill expired following its third reading on April 3, 2002.

House Bill 4287, would increase the threshold for competitive bidding from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This bill has been sent back to the House Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 1756 proposes a change in the time requirement for posting information regarding public meetings. The current requirement is a 48-hour notice. The proposed change is to a 72-hour notice. Ms. Berglund explained that this bill is still active and it is anticipated that the posting requirement will return to a 48-hour notice time period.

Ms. Berglund remarked that House Bill 4973, which was introduced by Representative Dan Brady at the request of McLean County, was assigned to Committee and will not receive further consideration during the Spring session.

Ms. Berglund presented a draft copy of the certificate for closed meetings under the Illinois Open Meetings Act. She provided a sample copy for each Committee member.

Chairman Sweeney asked Mr. Lindberg to elaborate on the details of Senate Bill 1756, regarding the time requirement for posting public meeting information. Mr. Lindberg explained that the current requirement is to post the meeting agenda for a public meeting 48 hours prior to the meeting. The original introduction to the Senate Bill proposed a change in the posting time to 72 hours prior to a meeting. Mr. Lindberg further explained that Representative Dan Brady was instrumental in returning that requirement to 48 hours. Mr. Lindberg remarked that the bill would still require minutes for most public meetings to be posted on a governmental entity's web site.

Mr. Lindberg explained that the State's Attorney's Office will provide additional guidance to the Executive Committee and the full County Board in May 2002 regarding the change to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Effective July 1, 2002, the Act now requires certification of a closed meeting or portion of a meeting. Names of the members of the public body who are present during the closed meeting or portion of a meeting, as well as the date and time of the meeting are among the details required in the certification. A draft form entitled, "Illinois Open Meetings Act Closed Meeting Certification," and provided to the Committee for examination, is an example of the type of certification record that will be required.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether a certification form would be required if only, for example, 5% of a public meeting was a closed session. Mr. Lindberg responded that even a minimal amount of time spent in closed session must be certified.

Mr. Sommer asked whether the certification form could be incorporated into the roll call or Committee attendance form. Mr. Lindberg responded that Chief Civil Assistant State's Attorney Eric Ruud should be consulted on that question. He noted that the bill that was passed prescribed a specific form. The draft certification form before the Committee at this time was modeled after that specific form.

Chairman Sweeney asked why the certification form couldn't just include the date, time, and a signature line, and then be incorporated into the meeting attendance sheet. Mr. Lindberg responded that the reason precipitating the closed session must also be stated on the certification form.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether the Committee had any further questions regarding the certification of closed meeting requirement. Hearing none, Mr. Sweeney asked Ms. Berglund to continue with the Legislative report.

Ms. Berglund stated that the final legislative item, Responsibility for Defending Sexually Violent Offenders, is still under consideration.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether the Committee had any questions regarding the monthly status report by the Information Services Department. Hearing none, Chairman Sweeney introduced the report of the Land Use and Development Committee.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for action at this time. There will be one item presented to the Board, which will appear on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. "Duffy" Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for action at this time. There will be one item presented to the Board, which will appear on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Gene Salch, Chairman of the Property Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for action at this time.

Ms. Sue Berglund, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the Committee has four (4) items for Executive Committee action. The first item is a Request for Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105. It is for the "Straight From the Heart" project, at the Health Department.

Motion by Berglund/Pokorney to recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation and Budget Ordinance For Fund 0105 – "Straight From the Heart" project – Health Department.  
Motion carried.

Ms. Berglund presented a request to approve an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0113 for the S.P.I.C.E. Program, administered by the Health Department.

Motion by Berglund/Pokorney to recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0113 – S.P.I.C.E. Program – Health Department.

Mr. Gordon stated that he has a question regarding the Ordinance for the "Straight From the Heart" project, which was the first item approved under the heading of the Finance Committee. Chairman Sweeney stated that he would return to that item before moving on to the Justice Committee items.

Motion carried.

Ms. Berglund presented the request for approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Certain Documents in Connection Therewith, and Related Matters regarding the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Assist 2002 First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program.

Motion by Berglund/Salch to recommend approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Certain Documents in Connection Therewith, and Related Matters - Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Assist 2002 First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program. Motion carried.

Ms. Berglund presented the request for approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Assist 2002 First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program.

Motion by Berglund/Salch to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement – Issuance of Revenue Bonds For the Assist 2002 First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program.

Mr. Gordon asked whether the purpose of this item is to add McLean County to the list of governmental entities already taking part in the First Time Homebuyer Program. Mr. Zeunik stated that McLean County is not the only new entity to be added. There are other entities which, because of new legislation, may now participate. Mr. Gordon asked whether some of the other governmental entities listed already were in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement as it was previously provided for under Illinois Statute. With the revisions, many others have now decided to take part as well. Mr. Zeunik responded that this is correct.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether there were further questions or discussion regarding the Assist 2002 First Time Homebuyer Program. Hearing none, Chairman Sweeney called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney directed the Committee's attention back to the agenda item regarding the "Straight From the Heart" project. Mr. Gordon commented that in the line item listings in Paragraph 2 of the Ordinance, there is a column marked "Reduce." However, the numbers listed in that column actually amount to an increase for each line item in the New Amount column. Mr. Lindberg stated that the word Reduce should have been listed as Increase, but that the amounts were correct.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether there needed to be a new motion to approve this item, since there is a change noted from the original form of the document. Mr. Zeunik stated that a new motion was in order.

Motion by Sommer/Gordon to recommend approval of the Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation and Budget Ordinance For Fund 0105 – “Straight From the Heart” project, by common consent, as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Joe Sommer, Chairman of the Justice Committee, presented a request for approval of a Domestic Violence Protocol Grant Agreement, which was submitted by the Sheriff’s Department. He stated that the amount of the grant is \$85,296.00 with a match of \$28,432.00. He stated that this is a soft match that allocates existing budgeted expenses.

Motion by Sommer/Salch to recommend approval of a Domestic Violence Protocol Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Sheriff’s Department 0029. He noted that this request was for the purchase of one automated external defibrillator.

Motion by Sommer/Gordon to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Sheriff’s Department 0029 for the Purchase of One Automated External Defibrillator. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer presented a request from the State’s Attorney’s Office for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. The Agreement addresses Crime Victim and Witness Notification.

Motion by Sommer/Pokorney to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office for Crime Victim and Witness Notification. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer presented a request submitted by the Court Services Department for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Court Services Department 0022. He stated that the grant request is for the Juvenile Justice Commission, in the amount of \$51,798.00. The local match is \$1,580.00, which will come from Juvenile probation fees.

Motion by Sommer/Pokorney to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Court Services Department 0022 – Court Services Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer stated that there is one item that will be submitted to the Board. It is a request for copier procurement for the Public Defender's Office, the Coroner's Office and MetCom.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, remarked that all Committee members should have received a listing of the 10 schools that are participating in Student Government Day 2002. Activities for the day, include student attendance at the regular County Board meeting, with a mock County Board session to follow the regular meeting. This year's topic is Homeland Security and how it affects schools. Security in the school environment, and how it affects personal liberties, as well as Fourth Amendment Constitutional issues of unreasonable search and seizure will be discussed.

Mr. Zeunik stated that, through March 31<sup>st</sup>, the County's major state reimbursements stand as follows:

Sales Tax – the County has received 27.15% of the budgeted amount. That is slightly ahead of last year's amount at this time, which was 24.62%

State Income Tax – the County has received 24.4% to date. Last year at this time, the County had only received 17.5%.

Personal Property Replacement Tax – the County has received 17.1% of the budgeted amount. Last year at this time, the County had received 20.2%.

Mr. Zeunik remarked that, of the three major state revenue funds, two of the three funds are currently ahead of last year's revenues. The McLean County Nursing Home expects to be 120 days behind in its reimbursements from the State, as of the end of April 2002.

Mr. Salch asked what the ramifications are for the Nursing Home, given the reimbursement situation. Mr. Zeunik remarked that the County Nursing Home has enough retained earnings from its operation as an Enterprise Fund, to continue to meet all its obligations. Assuming that there are no further delays, the Nursing Home should be able to withstand the budget debate in the General Assembly.

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Mr. Sommer asked how many days would the Nursing Home have been behind at this time in Fiscal Year 2001. Mr. Zeunik responded that the Nursing Home was within 30-45 days of receiving Medicaid reimbursement from the State.

Mr. Gordon announced that the Moses Montefiore Temple in Bloomington would hold a Holocaust Remembrance Observance on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Gordon invited all Committee members to attend.

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

Motion by Bass/Pokorney to recommend approval of the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office as of March 31, 2002.  
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross  
Recording Secretary

