

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Owens, Renner, Hoselton, Gordon, and Butler (4:37 p.m.)

Members Absent: Members Bostic, Nuckolls and Segobiano

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator; Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies; Mr. Ryan Leuty, Assistant Director, Information Technologies

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Sorensen noted that Ms. Bostic and Mr. Segobiano called the Administrator's Office to advise that they were unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the January 12, 2010 Executive Committee meeting for approval. Hearing no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Sorensen advised that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Chairman Sorensen presented the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations. He noted that there were no new appointments or resignations.

Motion by Gordon/Owens to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments as recommended by the Chairman.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution of Recognition of Mr. Gregory Keith Lemons – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/Renner to Recommend Approval of
a Resolution of Recognition of Mr. Gregory Keith
Lemons.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an annual Maintenance and Support agreement between McLean County and E_Justice Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies reminded the Committee that in December he informed the Committee that the County received notification from Crimecog on Thursday, November 5, 2009 that the company filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11. Mr. Nelson noted that Crimecog is the software vendor who developed the County's integrated justice software package.

Mr. Nelson stated that the sale of Crimecog to E_Justice Solutions was approved by the Federal Bankruptcy court of Eastern Michigan in January. One of the consequences of that sale is that the new owner, E_Justice Solutions, opted to not assume the contract with the County previously held by Crimecog. Mr. Nelson indicated that the Administrator's Office obtained legal guidance from the County's State's Attorney's Civil Division as well as a bankruptcy law firm that the State's Attorney engaged.

Mr. Nelson advised that, under the original contract, the County would have been entitled to eight (8) years of system support at \$1 per year upon system acceptance. He noted that the project remains a few months from completion and the maintenance phase does not begin until after system acceptance, so the County will not realize that benefit.

Mr. Nelson indicated that although E_Justice Solutions did not accept Crimecog's contractual obligations as part of the bankruptcy and subsequent buyout, they have offered the County a contract to provide support at a cost of \$140,000 per year.

Mr. Nelson stated that Information Technologies has worked with the County Administration and the State's Attorney's Civil Division to negotiate the terms of the agreement. Funding for this agreement was not budgeted as part of the FY'2010 budget because we were not area of the impending bankruptcy when the budget was prepared. Mr. Nelson noted that available resources have been identified in the Circuit Clerk's Automation Fund and the Information Technologies departmental budget to cover the costs of this agreement.

Mr. Nelson asked that this Maintenance Agreement with E_Justice Solutions be approved.

Motion by Owens/Renner to Recommend Approval of
an Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement
between McLean County and EJustice Solutions, LLC
– Information Technologies.

Mr. Gordon referred to the agreement and asked if three-fourths of the \$140,000 will be covered in the current fiscal year and the remaining \$35,000 is to be paid January 31, 2011. Mr. Nelson replied that he is correct.

Mr. Lindberg advised that this project is about a \$9 million investment and the County has no viable alternative to this agreement. He indicated that, through aggressive negotiations, some of the proposed expenses were decreased and some eliminated. Mr. Lindberg stated that the hope is that everyone who uses the system, including the Public Defender's Office, the State's Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal, will be willing to share the cost of the agreement in the future.

Mr. Hoselton asked what the "5% of future annual maintenance renewals" refers to. Mr. Nelson responded that it is 5% of the \$140,000 annual maintenance. He noted that 5% is a standard maintenance increase in software packages.

Mr. Owens asked if the County's legal department reviewed the contract. Mr. Lindberg replied that the legal department was involved early in the process.

Chairman Sorensen pointed out that the County is giving up eight years of free support, or close to \$1 million. He asked if the County owns unfettered use of the code, and, if so, would it be possible for Information Technologies to provide the maintenance of the system in the future. Mr. Nelson responded that the last item in the agreement stated that Crimecog will provide the code to the County as long as the maintenance agreement is in place. He advised that, based on the losses Crimecog sustained while they were in operation, he is not confident that the new owner will remain profitable two or three years from now. Mr. Nelson noted that Information Technologies is positioning itself so that it will always have the ability to maintain the system whether or not there is a company behind the system.

Chairman Sorensen asked if the County has access to the code as long as we have a maintenance agreement, what happens if the new company goes away. Mr. Lindberg replied that if the new company should go out of business, the County already has the code and there would be no one to contest the County using the code. He indicated that the code needs continually be updated as we move into the web-based solution so that if that company goes away, we will have the updated code. However, Mr. Lindberg advised that there is no way to know if we will have the capability to maintain the system on our own.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the Motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Contract between New World Systems and McLean County to upgrade the New World Systems Software.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to Recommend Approval of
a Contract between New World Systems and McLean
County to upgrade the New World Systems Software
– Information Technologies.

Chairman Sorensen advised that this is the new version of the financial management system software.

Mr. Nelson explained that this upgrade will transition the system from a text-based “green-screen” system into one which can leverage the capabilities of the Microsoft platform. The current system was originally purchased in the 1980s.

Mr. Nelson stated that in addition to providing more flexible reporting capabilities, the new system will allow Information Technologies to seamlessly move its data in and out of Excel, integrate it with Microsoft Word and use email as part of the workflow process.

Mr. Nelson indicated that he is confident that the transition will be a smooth one. New World Systems has performed dozens of upgrades for customers from the current platform to the Windows/Microsoft platform.

Mr. Nelson advised that the monies for this project are part of the FY’2010 approved budget.

Mr. Nelson asked that this contract between New World Systems and McLean County be approved.

Chairman Sorensen asked if the service contracts for the AS400 machine will go away by upgrading to the new software. Mr. Nelson replied that we will not have any more dependencies on those systems. He added that the machine will not have to be replaced, which is a significant factor as the machine runs about \$82,000. Mr. Nelson stated that the machine will continue to be kept up while the conversion work is done.

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Chairman Sorensen asked what the annual maintenance cost is on the machine. Mr. Lindberg stated that the cost is approximately \$30,000.

Chairman Sorensen asked for a vote on the Motion.

Motion carried.

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

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval to Participate in the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts Child Protection Data Collection Project – Circuit Court. He explained that McLean County was chosen along with Kankakee and Madison counties by the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) to participate in this project.

Motion by Renner/Hoselton to Recommend Approval to Participate in the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts Child Protection Data Collection Project – Circuit Court.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, advised that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

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

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Sorensen advised that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee, advised that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no questions.

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Mr. Ben Owens, Chairman, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2009 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, County Recorder's Document Storage Fund 0137, County Recorder's Office 0006. He advised that the Administrator's Office discovered this oversight in the budget, discussed it with Mr. Lee Newcom, County Recorder, and made this correction.

Motion by Owens/Renner to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2009 Combined annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, County Recorder's Document Storage Fund 0137, County Recorder's Office 0006.
Motion carried.

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

Chairman Sorensen presented the final December 31, 2009 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$81,552.90 and the Prepaid Total is the same. Chairman Sorensen also presented the January 31, 2010 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$430,252.69 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

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Motion by Owens/Gordon to recommend approval of the final Executive Committee bills for December 31, 2009, and the bills for January 31, 2010 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary