

Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on April 3, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 W. Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Gordon, Members Cavallini, Ahart, and Johnson

Members Absent: Members Segobiano and Rackauskas

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Lucretia Wherry, Human Resources Assistant

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning;

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Covi, Director, Ecology Action Center;
Ms. Christine Brauer, McLean County Regional Planning Commission,

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Chairman Gordon placed the Land Use Committee minutes of February 6, 2003 on file as presented.

Chairman Gordon presented the bills from March 31, 2003, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Land Use and Development Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion by Cavallini/Johnson to recommend approval of the bills as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning, presented a request for Solid Waste Plan Implementation for dispersal of funds as recommended by the McLean County Solid Waste Technical and Policy Committee. The projects are funded from tipping fees collected by the landfill. The McLean County Solid Waste Technical and Policy Committee approved the following plans:

- 1) Children's Discovery Museum was approved for funding up to \$5,000.00 for design and cost estimates of a display in the future Children's Discovery Museum location.
- 2) Tire Amnesty Collection for the City of Bloomington was approved for \$10,000.00 funding.
- 3) \$2,000.00 was award to the Ecology Action Center and the Town of Normal for the recycling of lithium batteries.
- 4) The Ecology Action Center was awarded \$1,000.00 for Stormwater Management Display and Brochures.
- 5) The Town of Normal was awarded \$1,000.00 for Electronics Recycling.
- 6) Rural Communities were award \$1,000.00 grants to offset existing municipal recycling programs.
- 7) Four local schools were awarded \$1,000.00 for Composting projects. Due to the school calendar year, schools may still apply for funding for composting projects.

Mr. Cavallini asked how schools were notified of the funding available for composting projects and, if the battery recycling is available to people who do not live in the Town of Normal. Mr. Dick replied that letters were sent out to the schools to notify the schools that funding is available for composting projects. Mr. Dick added that people do not have to live in the Town of Normal in order to participate in the battery recycling project. Mr. Cavallini suggested that Tom Guth at Lexington High School be contacted for the composting project funding. Mr. Guth is the FFA Sponsor and Agriculture Teacher.

Ms. Johnson asked if the Committee should wait until all the schools have responded before voting on the issue. Mr. Dick replied that waiting is not necessary as there are sufficient funds available for any school that wishes to apply for the grant.

Mr. Cavallini asked what is the time limit for schools to apply. Mr. Dick replied that there is enough money available for all K-12 schools in McLean County. Mr. Cavallini suggested that the program be made available to the local colleges as well. Mr. Cavallini added that Heartland Community College has an active Environmental Club. Mr. Dick stated that if other schools apply there requests would be brought to the Solid Waste Technical and Policy Committee.

Chairman Gordon noted that due to the results of the election on Tuesday, the location of the Children's Discovery Museum may be in question. He added that even though the Electronics collection in Normal has slowed some, this is still a very popular program.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator stated that \$170,000.00 was expected to be collected from tipping fees for Fiscal Year 2003. The anticipated spending for Fiscal Year 2003 is \$151,236.00. The current fund balance is \$366,539.00, which was collected in the prior two fiscal years. No grants were awarded last year in effort to see if tipping fees collected would remain constant.

Motion by Ahart/Cavallini to recommend approval of a request for the Solid Waste Plan Implementation to disperse funds as recommended by the McLean County Solid Waste Technical and Policy Committee.

Chairman Gordon stated that he would vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon asked if the request would be presented to the Executive Committee. Mr. Zeunik replied that the request would be presented to the Executive Committee.

Ms. Michelle Covi, Director, Ecology Action Center, presented the Annual Summary for the Ecology Action Center (EAC). The summary included publications written by the Ecology Action Center. The EAC produces a biannual newsletter for the public as well as a publication written specifically for local teachers participating in EAC programs.

The Business Materials Program is still active and doing well. This program helps not for profit organizations find materials needed that are donated by private businesses.

Mr. Dick passed out to the Committee a flyer explaining the Hazardous Household Waste program hosted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Covi stated that the program would be held on May 3, 2003 at the Interstate Center. The program has not been available to McLean County since 1998.

Mr. Dick suggested that the Committee hold a Stand-Up meeting prior to the April 15, 2003 County Board meeting for the purpose of discussing a time for a field

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trip to visit County developments. The Committee agreed to schedule a brief Stand-Up meeting.

The Committee reviewed the February and March Permit Activity Reports for the Department of Building and Zoning. Mr. Cavallini asked what are "Structures". Mr. Dick replied that radio towers are an example.

Mr. Cavallini asked for clarification on his roll in Zoning issues. Mr. Dick explained that Mr. Cavallini should feel free to speak with individuals who have not yet filed a complaint. Members of the Committee should feel free to explain the process, however, members are cautioned not to become involved in the merits of the case. Mr. Zeunik stated that these cases may come before the Land Use and Development Committee at a later date. If a Committee member is involved in the case prior to the case being presented to the Committee or the Board, the member may not be able to vote on the issue.

Mr. Gordon reminded the Committee of the public meeting on April 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the U of I Extension office to present ideas on conservation developments for a 6 county area. This is the beginning of the process to receive approval from the USDA for the proposed Resource Conservation and Development District.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Gordon adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia A. Wherry
Recording Secretary