

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members McIntyre, Segobiano, Hoselton, O'Connor, Caisley and Erickson (for Mr. Gordon)

Members Absent: Members Gordon, Owens and Cavallini

Other Board Members Present: Member Buchanan

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

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies; Mr. Jason Chambers, State's Attorney; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk

Others Present: Ms. Kathi Franklin, Illinois Heart & Lung Foundation; Mr. Tom Leigh, Director, Midwest Energy Sales, Good Energy; Mr. Ken Springer, Project Analyst, Economic Development Council

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the December 11, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting.

Motion by McIntyre/Segobiano to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2012 Meeting.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations.

Motion by Segobiano/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations as Recommended by the Chairman.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Proclaiming the 14th Day of every February "*Automated External Defibrillator: Strive To Revive Day*" in McLean County – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Proclaiming the 14th Day of Every February "*Automated External Defibrillator: Strive To Revive Day*" in McLean County – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Copier Bid Award to Watts Copy Systems – Information Technologies.

Motion by Hoselton/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Copier Bid Award to Watts Copy Systems – Information Technologies Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement for Municipal Aggregation – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Segobiano/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of a Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement for Municipal Aggregation – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Caisley asked if Good Energy is an alternate energy provider. Chairman Sorensen responded that he understands that Good Energy buys power and commodity, and packages for resale through an IP deliveries mechanism. Mr. Wasson indicated that Mr. Tom Leigh is here from Good Energy to answer questions. Mr. Wasson noted that there are some consultants in the field that are also sellers of energy, but Good Energy is not one of those.

Mr. Leigh advised that Good Energy is strictly a consulting and brokerage firm representing buyers, primarily public entity buyers. He indicated that Good Energy maintains separation from the suppliers. Mr. Leigh noted that Good Energy is seeking to represent McLean County in managing its municipal aggregation program for which the County passed a resolution last month. He added that Good Energy would pre-qualify, select the buyer and manage the process of switching the customers.

Mr. Wasson stated that Good Energy is the consultant that has been contracted by the Town of Normal and completed that process with very positive results. He indicated that Good Energy is also the consultant that has been contracted by the City of Bloomington for the City's upcoming aggregation process. Mr. Wasson noted that Good Energy successfully worked with other counties such as Peoria and Tazewell counties.

Mr. Leigh stated that the 105 municipalities represent more than 400,000 residential customers who have been switched to alternative supply through the aggregation process. He stated that Good Energy has leverage with the bidding suppliers in price, and in favorable contract terms, particularly for larger size communities. Mr. Leigh indicated that Good Energy will be aggregating McLean County residents with some of the other communities to get the best prices and contract.

Mr. Hoselton asked if this representation will include small communities such as Cropsey. Mr. Wasson replied that it includes only unincorporated areas except Randolph Township, which has already made an aggregation decision. Mr. Hoselton asked if municipalities, such as Lexington and Hudson would have to make their own arrangements. Mr. Wasson replied that each municipality has to choose on its own to participate or not participate in putting a question on the ballot and in this type of program.

Mr. Hoselton stated that small communities need to be educated on this project. Mr. Leigh indicated that Good Energy has worked with many small communities.

Mr. Erickson asked what the “comprehensive marketing services” are that will be implemented. Mr. Leigh stated that that the services will include public education and outreach to media.

Mr. Erickson asked if County Administration is expected to assist in those services. Mr. Leigh replied that the only administrative support would be when the Administrator’s Office may need to authorize release of information directly to Good Energy.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean regulating the use by the County of McLean of the Police Shooting Range Facility of the City of Bloomington – Sheriff’s Department.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean Regulating the use by the County of McLean of the Police Shooting Range Facility of the City of Bloomington – Sheriff’s Department.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Chuck Erickson, Vice Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, advised that the Land Use and Development Committee had no items for action.

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

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee presented a request for approval of an Agreement for Storm Water Education Program Services with the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington/Normal Water Reclamation District, and Ecology Action Center. He explained that this agreement is to establish the administration and implementation of storm water education programming for the City, Town, County and BNWRD.

Motion by Hoselton/Caisley to Recommend Approval of an Agreement for Storm Water Education Program Services with the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington/Normal Water Reclamation District and Ecology Action Center.
Motion carried.

Mr. Hoselton presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123, McLean County Highway Department 0055. He indicated that McLean County received TARP (Truck Access Route Program) Funds for the upgrade of the Meadows Road, County Highway 23, from County Highway 8 to Turkey Creek Bridge in the amount of \$320,300 in 2012.

Mr. Caisley noted that this route is the route that will be used by trucks hauling biodegradable items from Bloomington-Normal to the ISU Farm. Mr. Hoselton added that this County road is being upgraded from 40,000 to 80,000 pound loads.

Motion by Hoselton/Caisley to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123, McLean County Highway Department 0055.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman, Property Committee, presented a request for approval to apply for an Illinois Prairie Community Foundation Grant for Non-Native Species Removal and Native Restoration – Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion by Segobiano/O'Connor to Recommend Approval to Apply for an Illinois Prairie Community Foundation Grant for Non-Native Species Removal and Native Restoration – Parks and Recreation Department.
Motion carried.

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

Ms. Sonny O'Connor, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by O'Connor/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Ms. O'Connor presented a request for approval of an Ordinance and Tax Incentive Agreement with Bloom Heartland LLC and Wirtz Beverage Illinois, LLC, and McLean County – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by O'Connor/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance and Tax Incentive Agreement with Bloom Heartland LLC and Wirtz Beverage Illinois, LLC, and McLean County – County Administrator's Office.

Ms. O'Connor asked if the agreements between Wirtz and the County, the City and the other entities involved are worded the same. Mr. Wasson replied that they are all similarly worded. He added that each of these agreements will be considered on an individual basis for each taxing body. Mr. Wasson indicated that Mr. Ken Springer from the EDC is available to answer any questions. Mr. Springer advised that the same request is being made of all taxing districts, but each agreement is structured separately in case one entity did not want to participate.

Ms. O'Connor asked who pays for the audit when it is done. Mr. Wasson replied that the EDC completes the audit as part of the work that they do on behalf of the local government. There will not be any additional cost charged to the local governments. Mr. Springer added that this is part of the service the EDC provides to the County. He added that the EDC provides a similar service with their management of the CDAP Revolving Loan Fund.

Mr. Caisley asked what Bloom Heartland is. Mr. Wasson replied that Bloom Heartland is a holding company for Wirtz Realty. Mr. Caisley asked if Bloom Heartland will be the actual owner of the property and will lease the property to Wirtz. Mr. Springer responded that Bloom Heartland LLC will be the owner of the property and will construct the facility, and then Wirtz Beverage Illinois is the entity that leases the property from Bloom Heartland. The investment in real estate is going to come from Bloom Heartland and the jobs are going to come from Wirtz Beverage Illinois.

Mr. Caisley asked if the County Clerk's Office will be burdened by this project. Mr. Wasson replied that the County Clerk and County Treasurer would be responsible for tax extension issues. The audit process will be completed by EDC.

Mr. Erickson stated that he supports putting a business on the west side of town. He expressed some concern with the audit issue. Mr. Erickson suggested that the EDC improve their audit requirements. He pointed out that currently the audit doesn't say what can be requested and it doesn't say who gets the audit information once it is completed. Mr. Erickson questioned whether the audit language could be clarified in the Agreement. Mr. Springer responded that the intent of having the audit go through the EDC is so that the company would only need to respond to one entity and not require an audit for all eight participating taxing bodies. He noted that the EDC has only provided this service once before with the Bridgestone abatement. Mr. Wasson indicated that the County receives information similar to that audit with the CDAP Loan process, which verifies that so many jobs were created and that the capital investment has been made.

Mr. Wasson advised that the Finance Committee had requested that EDC provide a report on the net economic impact of the proposed Wirtz Beverage project on the McLean County community. Mr. Springer distributed the report, which will be included in the County Board packet.

Mr. Wasson noted that the Civil Assistant State's Attorneys reviewed the Agreement. He added that the Administrator's Office can work with EDC in the future to tighten the Agreement language.

Mr. Buchanan expressed some concern with the language in the termination guidelines of the Agreement in Section Three on Page 46 of the Packet. He pointed out the lack of explicit detail on the 120 employees being hired. Mr. Buchanan suggested that it should be indicated if these are full-time or part-time employees. Mr. Springer responded that the intent is that 120 employees would be full-time.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the paragraph about terminating the Agreement within 60 days of breach of the Agreement is a way of putting them on notice. Mr. Wasson replied that he believes that is the intent of the Agreement. Ms. Eisner agreed, adding that the intent is to provide the company with a certain amount of time to cure any defaults.

After additional discussion, Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. O'Connor.

Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, advised that there will be an Orientation Session for new Board members and current members immediately following the County Board meeting next Tuesday.

Chairman Sorensen presented the December 31, 2012 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$366,284.95 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Segobiano/Hoselton to recommend Approval of the Executive Committee bills for December 31, 2012 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 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary