

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 8:50 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members McIntyre, Segobiano, Gordon, Owens, O'Connor

Members Absent: Members Hoselton and Cavallini

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Judith A. LaCasse, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's office

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: None

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board on Legislation impacting County Zoning Authority.

Mr. Wasson, County Administrator, advised that this request was made by the Executive Committee to draft a separate resolution addressing the issue of legislation impacting County zoning authority.

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board on Legislation Impacting County Zoning Authority – County Administrator's Office.

Motion carried.

Mr. Benjamin Owens, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented two requests that can be grouped together, namely a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2013 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund - County Administrator's Office; and a request for approval of a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2013 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2013 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund – County Administrator's Office; and to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2013 – County Administrator's Office.

Chairman Sorensen advised that this action is the County Board's effort to do everything it can to assist Mr. Newcom create stability within his staff by ensuring that the Recorder's Office retain Chief Deputy Recorder Amy Brooke. He added that, at the same time, the Board is establishing and building the capabilities within the Administrator's Office to help facilitate the transition at the end of the year.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he read the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting and noted that it didn't sound like a very pleasant meeting. He asked if Mr. Newcom will be speaking at the Board Meeting. Chairman Sorensen replied that Mr. Newcom is not going to address the County Board today. Mr. Wasson added that Mr. Newcom withdrew his request to speak.

Chairman Sorensen advised that Mr. Newcom's concerns were legitimate in that he was concerned about his ability to keep the office running effectively through the end of the year with staff turnover at a high rate. He stated that this is a positive move on the part of the Finance Committee and the Board to stabilize that employment situation so that Mr. Newcom can keep that office running as effectively as possible.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he recognized that they are both elected officials and the Board only has "bottom line" authority over these departments. Chairman Sorensen noted that if this had been a typical election cycle and a new Recorder was elected to replace an incumbent Recorder, the new Recorder would have six to eight weeks to manage the transition. Chairman Sorensen indicated that we are in an awkward position in that there is almost a year for this transition. He added that he is in agreement with both sides of this argument -- he understands Mr. Newcom's desire to be the Recorder until the end of his term and he understands Ms. Michael's desire to get in and get started.

Mr. Caisley asked if this action affects the County's full-time equivalent positions. Mr. Wasson replied that there are two changes, namely the movement of one person to the Administrator's Office from the Recorder's Office, and the transfer of funds from Personnel to Contractual Employment. Chairman Sorensen added that in terms of FTE's it is plus one, minus two, and moving some dollars into Contractual Employment.

Mr. McIntyre indicated that Mr. Newcom's goal is to make sure that all of the past records be restored and updated before he leaves office. He noted that this action will assist Mr. Newcom to expedite this effort.

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Chairman Sorensen advised that the Board is doing everything it can to make this a smooth transition for everyone.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions, comments or discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there was any other business or communication for the Executive Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary

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