

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Owens, Cavallini Segobiano, Hoselton, O'Connor, Caisley and Gordon

Members Absent: Member McIntyre

Other Board Members Present: Member Schafer

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

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies

Others Present: Mr. Scott Koepfel, Assistant Director, information Technologies

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the March 12, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting and the February 19, 2013 Stand-Up Meeting for approval.

Motion by Caisley/Segobiano to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2013 Meeting and the February 19, 2013 Stand-up 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 to amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County to consider remote attendance. He noted that an amended copy of the Resolution was distributed to Committee members.

Mr. Owens advised that at the Executive Committee meeting last month, members were encouraged to provide suggestions, opinions or comments regarding the Resolution. No responses were received other than those voiced at the Executive Committee.

Mr. Segobiano asked if this amended Resolution reflects his suggestion to clarify section 5.21-4. Mr. Wasson replied that the amended Resolution, as distributed, modified sections 5.21-4 and 5.21-5. He pointed out that "County Board" was mentioned in section 5.21-4, and section 5.21-5 did not specifically address committees and subcommittees. Both of those sections were amended to clarify that the use of remote attendance is restricted to committee and subcommittee meetings only.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County to Consider Remote Attendance, as amended.

Chairman Sorensen clarified that the two changes in the Resolution from last month are:

- The use of Remote Attendance is restricted to committee and subcommittee meetings only and not the full Board;
- There is a sunset or trial period provision of six months to try remote attendance; it automatically goes away after six months unless the Board decides to extend it.

Mr. Owens verified that remote attendance at a committee or subcommittee is restricted to only those members who are on that specific committee or subcommittee. Mr. Segobiano pointed out that a member can attend any committee or subcommittee meeting of this Board and sometimes provides input. Chairman Sorensen responded that according to the rules Board members are allowed to physically attend any committee or subcommittee meetings; however, remote attendance restricts attendance to committee members only.

Chairman Sorensen stated that he appreciates the wisdom of the Rules Committee to acknowledge that remote attendance is probably not a perfect answer, which is why it is being offered on a six-month trial period.

Mr. Segobiano asked if the three-minute rule will be enforced if someone is calling in so that a caller cannot monopolize the meeting. Chairman Sorensen replied that he will default on the side of meeting decorum and flow, and ability to conduct business. Every committee chair has the latitude to enforce those rules to the extent that the committee and the chairman are comfortable.

Mr. Caisley moved to amend section 5.21-3(B) to read "...the member is located more than 100 miles away from Bloomington, Illinois at the time of the meeting in question."

Motion by Caisley/Hoselton to Recommend Approval to Amend Section 5.21-3(B) to read "...the member is located more than 100 miles away from Bloomington, Illinois at the time of the meeting in question."

Chairman Sorensen asked Mr. Caisley if he intends that amendment to replace the entire section 5.21-3(B). Mr. Caisley replied that he would replace the entire section with his recommendation. However, he indicated that he would be willing to simply add his recommendation as another point.

Chairman Sorensen stated that Ms. Eisner has stepped away from the meeting to consult the State Statute regarding this motion. He asked for a motion to table this item until Ms. Eisner returns with information.

Motion by Segobiano/Cavallini to Table Item 5.A.1)d) while the statute is being reviewed.
Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman, Property Committee, advised that the Property 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. Segobiano.

Mr. Ben Owens, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County Administrator's Office.

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

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

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval to apply for a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice for Smart Probation Funding – Court Services Department. He noted that this grant of \$250,000 may be extended.

Mr. Segobiano asked when the grant runs out, does the program run out. Mr. Wasson replied that if the grant runs out, it would require authorization of the oversight committee and the County Board to continue staffing of the program.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to Recommend Approval to Apply for a Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice for Smart Probation Funding – Court Services Department.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee to fund \$2,400 for McLean County Schools Recycling Grant and \$16,000 for the Ongoing Household Battery Recycling Program to be payable to the Ecology Action Center.

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano to Recommend of a Resolution of the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee to Fund \$2,400 for McLean County Schools Recycling Grant and \$16,000 for the Ongoing Household Battery Recycling Program to be payable to the Ecology Action Center.
Motion carried.

Mr. Cavallini asked if they are planning another battery recycling program this coming year. Mr. Gordon replied that the battery recycling program is ongoing. He indicated that the household hazardous waste program will be dependent upon funding, which will also determine the scope of the project.

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

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee presented a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington for Street Sweeping and Gravel Shoulder Maintenance. He explained that Bloomington does not own equipment for the gravel shoulder work and the County does not own equipment to sweep. He indicated that this Intergovernmental Agreement is a solution to help each other out.

Motion by Hoselton/Caisley to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington for Street Sweeping and Gravel Shoulder Maintenance.
Motion carried.

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

Chairman Sorensen called for a motion to take item 5.A.1)d) off the table for discussion.

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano to take 5.A.1)d) off the Table for discussion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen recapped that the item under consideration is the original amended motion for a Resolution regarding remote attendance as presented by the Rules Subcommittee and a second motion to amend the Resolution as presented by Mr. Caisley and seconded by Mr. Hoselton. He asked Ms. Eisner to advise the Committee on the State Statute regarding remote attendance.

Ms. Eisner stated that the rule on remote attendance that is under consideration is authorized by Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act. She indicated that the Statute specifies the reasons for which you can allow remote attendance, as follows:

- Personal illness or disability;
- Employment purposes or the business of the public body; or
- Family or other emergencies.

Ms. Eisner advised that the County's rules must conform to the above requirements and restrictions of this section. She concluded that the State Statute cannot be broadened to include an additional reason for remote attendance. Ms. Eisner added that the attendance requirements can only be made more restrictive.

Chairman Sorensen ruled Mr. Caisley's motion out of order, and returned to the amended Resolution presented by the Rules Subcommittee and distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Cavallini asked how the mechanics will work in regard to noise made by the person on the telephone. Chairman Sorensen responded that this is one of the concerns expressed and why this is being tried on a six-month trial period.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any more questions, comments or discussion on the Resolution presented by the Rules Subcommittee as amended and distributed to the members. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried with Mr. Hoselton voting "no."

Mr. Wasson stated that April 22nd is the "Drug Court Recovery Starts Today" luncheon. The County Administrator's Office will have at least one table. Mr. Wasson asked the Committee members who are interested in attending on April 22nd at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church to please contact the Administrator's Office. Ms. O'Connor responded that she would like to attend.

Mr. Cavallini asked what the status is of the coordination of the Recorder's Office into the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Sorensen replied the County Board and the Administrator's Office are interested in facilitating the smoothest possible transition. He advised that the County Board took affirmative action last month to stabilize the staffing situation in the Recorder's office by making sure that his Chief Deputy would continue to be available to him through the end of the year. In addition, funds were moved into the Recorder's seasonal budget line for temporary staff as some employees seek other employment.

Chairman Sorensen presented the March 31, 2013 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$426,243.10 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to recommend Approval of the Executive Committee bills for March 31, 2013 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary