

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

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

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

Members Absent: Member Segobiano

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator; Mr. Pablo Eves, First Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Division

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

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the June 11, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting and the May 21, 2013 Stand-Up Meeting for approval.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2013 Meeting and May 21, 2013 Stand-Up Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the reappointments, appointments and resignations.

Motion by Owens/Cavallini to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations as Recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Agreement with CIRBN, LLC (Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network). He indicated that Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies, will provide a presentation regarding CIRBN.

Mr. Nelson advised that CIRBN (Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network) is a new resource to Central Illinois, bringing unprecedented bandwidth and speed to its participants. He noted that this is an important resource to the County and the community. Mr. Nelson indicated that CIRBN, locally, will be our largest information super highway.

Mr. Nelson stated that CIRBN is part of a \$100 million grant that was obtained through Illinois State University. He indicated that 70% was from federal funds, 20% was state money, and 2% was local match coming from both public and private contributors in the community, including the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, schools, and private companies. He stated that the County Government's contribution was just a little under \$25,000 for the initial build of the network.

Mr. Nelson noted that CIRBN provides very high speed connectivity between communities throughout Central Illinois. It is a very large web delivery system. He indicated that part of the goal was to assist underserved rural communities, such as Arrowsmith, Colfax, Downs, Gridley, Hudson, Towanda and Lexington, while improving services in Bloomington and Normal. He indicated that CIRBN will allow the County to pursue an affordable disaster recovery design, and reduce costs while expanding capability between its facilities, specifically the Highway Department, Nursing Home and Juvenile Detention Center with downtown.

Mr. Nelson stated that services will be delivered in August. There are some schools, because of legislation, that are already live.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the amount of bandwidth that is currently available as compared to what it will be with CIRBN. He noted that, with CIRBN, the data will be delivered with the speed of light. Mr. Nelson stated that this is a huge improvement in speed and service. He indicated that some areas will be receiving their delivery of transport through a wireless system that will be about half of that speed, but it will still be far more adequate than anything that is provided today. How that service is delivered within that community varies by each community.

Mr. Nelson compared the time necessary to back up five gig of data, which is just a little over a DVD worth of data, as follows:

- By dial up, it would take 20 days;
- By current cell phone it would take two and a half days;
- By cell phones that will be available by next year, it would take seven hours;
- By cable connection at home, it would take about 1 ½ hours;
- With the new connection the County will have, it will take less than a minute.

Mr. Nelson stated that, with CIRBN, the County will go from its current 50 meg capacity today to 227 meg per internet access. He noted that the big advantage for the County will be the ability to move information much quicker.

Mr. Nelson advised that this project has been underway since 2004.

Mr. Owens asked if the County is or can be part of the LLC. Mr. Wasson replied that the County was asked to be a member of the LLC, but, after legal review, it was determined that the County, under statute, did not have the authority to be a member of the LLC. He pointed out that the Home Rule units do have that authority. Mr. Wasson indicated that the County does have local representatives and partners, such as the City, the Town, ISU and Heartland that we work very closely with, that are members of the LLC who will represent the community as a whole.

Mr. Owens asked if the \$25,000 payment was a one-time expense. Mr. Nelson replied that the current subscription price is under \$500 per month. He indicated that he cannot guarantee that that price will be the same after this one year period. Mr. Nelson stated that he suspects the prices will go up a little bit in year two, but this is a huge jump in service for a very small increment in their data expense at this time. Ms. Eisner pointed out that the \$25,000 paid for the infrastructure to run the connections to the County buildings.

Mr. Gordon asked if other municipalities, such as Heyworth, are part of the LLC. Mr. Nelson replied that he believes only Bloomington and Normal are part of the LLC. Mr. Wasson stated that the LLC has indicated that they will create a user group that we will participate in. Mr. Nelson indicated that the presence of CIRBN coming into the community has positively impacted competition in the area with better pricing from some of the competitive services.

Mr. Caisley asked what building is Normal site #829 at 905 N. Main Street. Mr. Nelson replied that the three sites within that jurisdiction are the Nursing Home, the Juvenile Detention Center and the Fairview Building, which is the 905 N. Main Street site.

Mr. Caisley asked what it would cost a home-owner to sign up for this service. Mr. Nelson replied that it is not currently available for residential, but there will be service providers buying from CIRBN to provide residential service.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to Recommend Approval of an Agreement with CIRBN, LLC (Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network).
Motion carried.

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

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. He explained that the Land Use and Development Committee met on June 27th but, since there was not a quorum, the meeting was continued to a Stand-up meeting that will be held at 8:15 a.m., July 16th in Room 404, and will continue a Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee presented a request for approval of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail Grant Funding. The grant will be used for construction of a section of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail South of Shirley at a cost of \$525,000; 80% federal funding and 20% local; McLean County's share is \$26,145. The second part of the project is Phase I of the Engineering Section of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail from Towanda to Lexington. The estimated cost of the project is \$280,000, with 80% federal and 20% local; McLean County's share is \$13,944.

Motion by Hoselton/Cavallini to Recommend Approval of the
Historic Route 66 Bike Trail Grant Funding.
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, was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Sorensen noted that the Property Committee has no items for action.

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented two requests regarding the additional of an Assistant Public Defender. The first is a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2013 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, Public Defender's Office 0021 (to fund a new Attorney in the Public Defender's Office) – Public Defender's Office. He noted that there is a standard for the number of cases that an Assistant Public Defender should be handling and the County is in excess of that at the present time.

Mr. Caisley stated that the second is a request for approval a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2013 – Public Defender's Office.

Mr. Wasson advised that the Finance Committee also approved the Funded Full-time Equivalent Positions Resolution at its meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2013 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, general Fund 0001, Public Defender's Office 0021 (to fund a new Attorney in the Public Defender's Office); and to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2013 – Public Defender's Office.

Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley presented a request for approval of a County-wide Reciprocal Reporting Agreement – Sheriff's Department. He noted that this is an Agreement between the Sheriff's Department, the Police Departments of the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal and all of the school districts whose boundaries overlap into McLean County.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of a County-wide Reciprocal Reporting Agreement – Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Hoselton pointed out that Livingston County is not included on the list and asked if it came under the three-county area. Mr. Wasson replied that this agreement is for the school districts that exist in McLean County. He pointed out that it was difficult to determine "where to stop" with the Agreement because there are a number of school districts that exist both within McLean County and outside of McLean County.

Mr. Eves explained that the Intergovernmental Agreement is centered in McLean County. He acknowledged that there are branches of some of the entities that reach into other counties. Mr. Eves advised that it is hoped that this Agreement will set an example for other counties to follow. He indicated that he expects that executed copies of this Agreement will be shared with adjacent counties. Mr. Wasson noted that the County actively worked with the Regional Superintendent of schools, Mr. Mark Jontry, who was extremely helpful in the process in working with our community and unit school districts and who will continue to work with those school districts as they turn to neighboring counties in this process.

Ms. Eisner stated that this Agreement is based on the statute that directs how schools and law enforcements share information, but law enforcement can share with other law enforcement without the requirement of an agreement.

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 Mr. Caisley.

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.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement between the County of McLean, Illinois and Green Building, LLC – County Administrator’s Office.

Mr. Owens noted that the Mr. David Hales, Bloomington City Manager, was present at the Finance Committee and provided a strong presentation. He stated that this is different than the types of requests from the Economic Development Council; however, the application process is also very stringent. Mr. Owens advised that the Finance Committee supported the request with one absent and one abstention.

Motion by Owens/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement between the County of McLean, Illinois and Green Building, LLC – County Administrator’s Office.

Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the County of McLean, Illinois, abating County Property Tax – County Administrator’s Office.

Motion by Owens/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of the County of McLean, Illinois, Abating County Property Tax – County Administrator’s Office.

Motion carried.

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

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Chairman Sorensen presented the June 30, 2013 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$226,163.50 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Cavallini/Owens to recommend Approval of the Executive Committee bills for June 30, 2013 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen called for a motion to go into *Executive Session*.

Motion by McIntyre/Caisley to Recommend the Executive Committee go into *Executive Session* at 5:03 p.m. to discuss the Annual Performance Review of the County Administrator with the Committee Members and the County Administrator.
Motion carried.

Motion by Caisley/Gordon to recommend the Executive Committee return to *Open Session* at 5:38 p.m.
Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Sorensen called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Gordon/Caisley to Recommend that the Executive
Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:39 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary