

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present: Members Erickson, Pyne, Schafer, Soeldner, Robustelli, Wendt

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: None

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the April 8, 2014 Executive Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the reappointments, appointments and resignations.

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

Chairman Sorensen introduced the four candidates who have expressed an interest in being appointed to the District 1 County Board vacancy, namely Ms. Catherine Metsker, Mr. Donald E. Meyer, Mr. Brian Taylor and Mr. Gerald D. Thompson. He indicated that each candidate will be allowed five minutes to introduce themselves.

Ms. Catherine Metsker thanked Chairman Sorensen, the Executive Committee and County Board members for the opportunity to speak and share her interest in the position. She stated that she has significant governmental and business experience, has lived in McLean County since 1985 and considers herself a true public servant.

Ms. Metsker indicated that she has served over five years as the Supervisor for White Oak Township, the Chairperson for the Multi-township Assessment District from Dry Grove and White Oak Township and a Committee Precinct person. She stated that being a public servant is an honor. Ms. Metsker stated that she works tirelessly to stay in touch with Boards, taxing bodies and local citizens.

Ms. Metsker noted that she has experience creating and implementing levies and knows the importance of estimated assessed values (EAV's) and tax rates. She indicated that because EAV's impact levies and ultimately the tax bill, appropriate knowledge is critical. Ms. Metsker stated that most important is living within those constraints and limits that the budget provides. She thanked the Board for its efforts to maintain the services, yet lowering her tax bill this year.

Ms. Metsker advised that she has been employed at State Farm Insurance for nearly 25 years holding a variety of professional positions within the Human Resources and Systems Departments. She indicated that she has developed sound analytical, communication, teamwork and leadership skills. Ms. Metsker noted that her department leadership supports her desire to apply her skills and knowledge outside of State Farm.

Ms. Metsker stated that she brings enthusiasm and passion to what she does and she is very resourceful. She prides herself in relationship building and her network skills. Ms. Metsker indicated that she knows the importance of working together regardless of party affiliation.

Ms. Metsker noted that her strong agricultural background is a plus for this Board vacancy as she grew up on a 1,000 acre livestock and grain farm where she worked side by side with her family. She reviewed the many farm duties she performed.

Ms. Metsker noted that she and her husband have lived in rural Carlock on a farm since 1986 and raised four sons there.

Ms. Metsker stated that her passion, energy, and enthusiasm are evident in her church and community volunteer work. She concluded that she would welcome the challenge to bring her education, business acumen, career experience, skills, and personal attributes to the District 1 McLean County Board position.

Ms. Pyne asked Ms. Metsker what issues she sees as important for the County Board for the next few years. Ms. Metsker replied that one of the largest challenges is the Jail and mental health issue. She noted that growth and the East Side Highway is an important issue as well.

Mr. Caisley asked if she would contemplate continuing as Supervisor of White Oak Township if she is appointed. Ms. Metsker replied that she hasn't made a decision on that, but would consider the option and if didn't work, she would help with the transition to the new supervisor.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Metsker.

Mr. Donald E. Meyer thanked Chairman Sorensen and the Executive Committee for their consideration of his candidacy for the District 1 County Board seat. He expressed his deep respect for the work of county governments and the excellent leaders who serve McLean County on the Board. Mr. Meyer noted that he has attended many meetings of the full Board as well as several committee meetings and has had experience working with the County Board during his 27 years of Extension work.

Mr. Meyer stated that he has resided in District 1 his entire life from his childhood through high school and grew up on a farm west of Gridley. After graduating from Illinois State University, he taught high school agriculture for six years at Lexington while finishing his Master's Degree from the University of Illinois. Mr. Meyer indicated that in 1983 he became Extension Advisor and later County Extension Director in McLean County until August 2010. He noted that since his early retirement, he returned to the classroom, teaching courses in Agriculture and Family Consumer Science at Illinois State University. He added that he is also a licensed (farmland) real estate broker with Lee Realty Group and a licensed auctioneer.

Mr. Meyer stated that he appreciates the work of the County Board and noted that it is one of the most under-appreciated Boards because it touches every life in McLean County in a very splendid manner. He indicated that when he attended Board meetings he was impressed with the demeanor of the Board. He stated that he believes that McLean County is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Mr. Meyer advised that he would be happy to take on this important task. He prides himself on trying to be a humble servant who listens to people. Mr. Meyer stated that he is interested in the Board position because he wants to bring his countywide experiences to best serve the citizens of District 1 with County matters. He indicated that he appreciates being considered for this position.

Mr. Cavallini asked what he sees as potential issues and how he might address those issues on the County Board. Mr. Meyer replied that it would be important to keep the tax base where it needs to be just coming out of a difficult economic climate. He noted that a good urban-rural relationship is important, as well as the growth of Bloomington-Normal and the balance that needs to be maintained. Mr. Meyer added that the East Side Highway is an important issue, as well as the mental health issues.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Meyer.

Mr. Brian Taylor thanked the Executive Committee for the opportunity to speak today to express his interest in the position of District 1 County Board member. He noted that he is 38 years old and he and his wife and two young daughters have lived in the Cropsey area for three years. Mr. Taylor stated that he is currently a member of the LeRoy Police Department, and his wife is an M.D. working at OSF in Fairbury. He noted that he was born and raised in Normal and graduated from Normal Community High School in 1994.

Mr. Taylor advised that both his wife and the LeRoy Police Department support his interest in this position. He added that the Mayor of LeRoy was pleased that he was applying for this vacancy.

Mr. Taylor stated that he has always voted Republican because that is where his philosophy leaned. He indicated that he is interested in local government and had several opportunities to attend council meetings in LeRoy, feels comfortable in his knowledge of city government, and is very interested in County government. Mr. Taylor acknowledged that he doesn't have any political experience but he is hungry to learn and is a fast learner. He noted that his lack of political experience could be a good thing because he would be open-minded about issues.

Mr. Taylor indicated that through his duty with the Police Department he is also assigned to the Mobile Field Force Region 7, which is the Department of Homeland Security and responds to national disasters or civil unrest. He pointed out that through this responsibility he has contact with other departments around the state. Mr. Taylor added that, through his job, he has contact with County Departments such as Animal Control, the Sheriff's Department and the Jail, and he recognizes the challenges that they face.

Mr. Soeldner asked if he would have any difficulty leaving work to attend meetings. Mr. Taylor replied that he has the support of the LeRoy Police Department, the Mayor and the City Administrator and they are supportive of his seeking this position and would accommodate his schedule.

Ms. Pyne asked him what experience he has with budgets. Mr. Taylor replied that he doesn't have a lot of experience other than his personal budget. He indicated that he contacted the LeRoy City Manager and several council members who gave him some guidance about budgets.

Ms. O'Connor asked him what his younger perspective will bring to the County Board. Mr. Taylor replied that he has good communication skills and can relate to the many younger members of the County.

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

Mr. Gerald D. Thompson thanked Chairman Sorensen and Members of the County Board for providing him the opportunity to talk about his interest in being considered for the District 1 County Board member vacancy. He noted that he and his wife, who is a nurse at Advocate Home Health, live on the family farm with their three children. Mr. Thompson stated that he has had the privilege to grow up, live, work and raise a family in McLean County.

Mr. Thompson indicated that the opportunity to serve on the County Board, to give back to the community and to represent the people of McLean County is a worthwhile cause and a job worth pursuing. He noted that he is a third generation farmer and believes it is imperative that those in agriculture be engaged in the process and serve on local government. Mr. Thompson stated that most of his career has been advocating for agriculture and he would like to bring his voice for agriculture to the County Board.

Mr. Thompson indicated that he has been in business for himself for 30 years. He believes his experience and service as a Director of Illinois Farm Bureau and Country Insurance prepared him well for the responsibilities and duties that would come with serving on the County Board. Mr. Thompson thanked each of the Board members for their service, and he understands the commitment that it takes to do this job. He stated that he looks forward to the opportunity to get to know each of the Board members and asked for their support.

Ms. Pyne asked him what he believes are the top three hot issues for the County in the next ten years. Mr. Thompson replied that he believes money is the most crucial issue, citing declining revenues, and increasing costs and need for services. He believes revenue needs to be managed in an appropriate manner and still provide services that are required of the County.

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

Chairman Sorensen encouraged members of the Board to provide feedback and thoughts to him over the next week. He noted that the timing is unique with this one in that the Republican Party Precinct Committeemen will also be caucusing before the County Board meeting next Tuesday and will be making a decision regarding which of these candidates or someone else will be on the ballot in November.

Mr. Caisley expressed his objection to limiting this appointment, under statute, to Republican candidates only. He stated that he does not mean to demean any of the candidates, but he objects to not considering Democrats or other candidates. Chairman Sorensen responded that Mr. Caisley brings this up every time we have

an appointment, but he reminded the Committee that legally we do not have a choice.

There was a brief discussion about the impact of the Republican Caucus on the decision the Board will make on the appointment. Chairman Sorensen assured the Committee that there is no impact on this decision.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board setting salaries of the Members of the McLean County Board – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Wasson distributed a corrected first page to the Ordinance, and reviewed the changes.

Mr. Wasson stated that he and Ms. Eisner reviewed the minutes of the 2012 meeting and the two specific things that members of the Executive Committee discussed related to additional compensation for leadership and the Chairman's responsibilities, as well as a discussion of mileage reimbursement. He noted that a majority of members felt that the mileage reimbursement process was difficult and required additional administrative staff time. Because of the concerns expressed in both of these areas, an attempt was made to address these as the recommendation was brought forward for County Board salaries for the 2014 adoption.

Motion by Segobiano/Cavallini to Recommend Approval
of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Setting
Salaries of the Members of the McLean County Board –
County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Gordon referred to Page 16, Sections (4) and (5), related to instituting of the monthly mileage and business expense allowance, and additional compensation for Vice Chairman, or Chairman of a Standing Committee or Ad Hoc Group, etc. He asked if that is in addition to the regular increase in salary. Chairman Sorensen replied that Section (5) addresses the \$75 stipend for Committee Chairs, Advisory Group Chairs, etc.; and Section (4) addresses the mileage reimbursement. He noted that this section streamlines the expense reimbursement process. Chairman Sorensen pointed out that with this, members will no longer be eligible for mileage reimburse, but will instead receive a \$40 monthly expense allowance.

After a discussion, there was the consensus of the Committee and Board members that the Mileage stipend be approved, as submitted, with the understanding that it may be reviewed again in a couple years to determine its success.

Mr. Wendt expressed concern with the implementation of this stipend to those members elected on a four year term. Mr. Wasson replied that he will check with the legal staff and if it is found to be an issue, the implementation can be delayed for those members on four-year terms until the completion of their terms.

Mr. Robustelli expressed concern that salary increases are being set for County Board Members for future years when we do not know what the salary increases will be for the County employees. He asked if there was a way to change the wording to make any increase comparable to the increase of employees. Chairman Sorensen replied that there is no legal way to provide that discretion under law. He added that County Board members compensation has been frozen for almost four years. In the meantime, employees have received raises. Mr. Segobiano concurred with Chairman Sorensen.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a Request for Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board establishing the annual salary of the Sheriff, County Treasurer, and County Clerk – County Administrator's Office. He stated that these are the three Countywide elected positions that are on the ballot in November and we are required by State Law to set the salaries for those positions for the next four years.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing the Annual Salary for the following Elected Officials: Sheriff, County Treasurer, and County Clerk – County Administrator's Office.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board proclaiming May, 2014 as Constitution Trail Month in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Constitution Trail – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Gordon/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Proclaiming May, 2014 as Constitution Trail Month in Honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Constitution Trail – County Administrator's Office.

After a discussion, Mr. McIntyre asked that the Resolution be amended to include the following three additional sections after the fifth paragraph:

- **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Constitution Trail played an important role in the advocacy and initial development of the Trail; and,
- **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Constitution Trail have provided cooperative leadership, funding, enhancements, improvements, and impetus in developing extensions of the Trail; and,

- **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Constitution Trail continue to support the Trail through provision of public information and promotion of increased utilization for the citizens of our community; and,

Chairman Sorenson called for a vote on the motion with the amendments.

Motion carried as amended.

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.

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

Mr. Don Cavallini, Vice Chairman, Transportation Committee presented a request for approval of an IDOT CY'2014 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Rolling Stock Capital Assistance Grant Application for Six (6) Vehicles. He noted that this is part of SHOW BUS.

Motion by Cavallini/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of IDOT CY'2014 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Rolling Stock Capital Assistance Grant Application for Six (6) Vehicles.

Motion carried.

Mr. Cavallini presented a request for approval of three Emergency Appropriation Ordinances that can be acted upon together, as follows:

- A request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123, McLean County Highway Department 0055 (TARP);
- A request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Highway Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055 (Dump Truck Body);
- A request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Highway Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055 (Winter Overtime).

Motion by Cavallini/Owens to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123, McLean County Highway Department 0055 (TARP); to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Highway Department Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055 (Dump Truck Body); and to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Highway Department Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055 (Winter Overtime).
Motion carried.

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

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. Bill Caisley, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented three items to be considered together, namely a request for approval of the Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the State's Attorney's Office, Agreement 2014-55-013-K2E, Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Grant – State's Attorney's Office; a request for approval of the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the McLean County Office of the Chief Judge, Agreement 2015-55-008-K, Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Grant – Circuit Court; and a request for approval of a Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Circuit Clerk's Office, Agreement #2015-55-007-KK, Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Grant – Circuit Clerk's Office.

Motion by Caisley/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of the Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the State's Attorney's Office, Agreement 2014-55-013-K2E – State's Attorney's Office, to Recommend Approval of the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the McLean County Office of the Chief Judge, Agreement 2015-55-008-K, Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Grant – Circuit Court; and to Recommend Approval of a Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Circuit Clerk's Office, Agreement #2015-55-007-KK, Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Grant – Circuit Clerk's Office.

Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley 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/Cavallini 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.

Mr. Caisley presented two requests to be acted upon together, namely a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Fund 0001 General Fund, Court Services Department 0022 (Juvenile Justice Planning Grant) – Court Services Department, and a request for approval to apply for and accept an Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission – Juvenile Justice Council Project Implementation Grant – Court Services Department.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Fund 0001 General Fund, Court Services Department 0022 (Juvenile Justice Planning Grant) – Court Services Department; and to Recommend Approval to Apply for and Accept an Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission – Juvenile Justice Council Project Implementation Grant – Court Services Department.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any 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/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County Administrator's Office.

Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of the Resolution establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2015 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of the Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2015 – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Segobiano referred to section 12.25-2 Capital Equipment Purchases and recommended that language be added for Sections (1) Purchase of Furnishings/Office Equipment and (2) Lease/Purchase of Office Equipment. He felt that these purchases should be passed through the Facilities Manager for centralized purchasing. Mr. Wasson replied that Section (2) Lease/Purchase of Office Equipment, is often copiers that are coordinated by the information Technologies Department. He indicated that both Information Technologies and Facilities Management can be coordinated through the Administrator's office. Mr. Wasson noted that if it is the Committee's desire, the coordinated purchases can be completed through the County Administrator's Office and that office will work with the appropriate departments to identify the departments that will handle those coordinated purchases.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he wants to make sure that it is in print how that is going to happen so that there is no question on any department or Oversight Committee where the responsibility lies.

Mr. Segobiano also referred to section 12.27-1 Staffing Levels. He recommended that critical hiring requests for departments should be reviewed and approved by the appropriate Oversight Committee. Chairman Sorensen clarified that the current policy is that when a staff vacancy occurs in the County, the Department Head works with the Administrator's Office to determine whether or not the position should be replaced and then that list comes to the Finance Committee every month, but spans all departments. He noted that this process is taking the responsibility away from the Oversight Committee, and Mr. Segobiano would like to see that responsibility be placed in the hands of the appropriate Oversight Committee.

Mr. Wasson advised that one option would be to modify the last paragraph of section 12.27-1 to replace "Finance Committee" with the appropriate Oversight Committee, so it would read:

- "...an elected official or department head must request approval and authorization from the department's appropriate Oversight Committee. The recommendation(s) of the Oversight Committee will be presented to the Executive Committee for review and approval."

Mr. Wasson noted that this would take the responsibility out of the hands of the Finance Committee and transfer it to the Oversight Committees. Mr. Owens stated that he has no problem with this change, noting that often department heads under the oversight of other Committees sit through the Finance Committee meeting waiting for the Critical Hire request to be considered. Chairman Sorensen added that he would recommend that if it passes the Oversight Committee that the Administrator's Office consolidate it into a single report to be presented to the Executive Committee by the County Administrator's Office.

Chairman Sorensen called for a motion to recommend two amendments to the original request to the Resolution establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2015.

Motion by Segobiano/Cavallini to Recommend Two Amendments to the original request to Recommend Approval of the Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2015 – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorenson called for a vote on the amended Motion to recommend approval of the Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2015 – County Administrator's office.

Motion carried as Amended.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of Schedule A – Calendar for Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, and the Recommended Three Year Budget – County Administrator’s Office.

Motion by Owens/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of Schedule A – Calendar for Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, and Recommended Three Year Budget – County Administrator’s Office.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Owens advised that the Finance Committee asked that he bring forward to the Executive Committee their recommendation that the Administrator’s Office prepare a Resolution for the June 10th Executive Committee to place the County Auditor’s position on the ballot for November to convert the position from an elected position to an appointed position. He reminded the Committee that there was conversation about making this recommendation at the same time that the Recorder’s position was placed on the ballot, but it was determined, at that time, to only consider the Recorder’s Office. Mr. Owens recommended that the Auditor’s Office be changed to a Finance Office and that a person be appointed. He noted that this person might also be available to assist the Administrator’s Office with budget preparation.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he supports this recommendation as long as the language is clear that the position will come under the supervision of the Administrator’s Office.

Chairman Sorensen advised that there are several ways that this role and responsibilities could be structured without an elected Auditor. He clarified that the Finance Committee believes it is time to understand those options more clearly and it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to bring the question forward.

Mr. Gordon noted that he respectfully disagrees with moving in that direction for the same reason that he disagreed when the Recorder’s Office was on the ballot. He believes that the time to consider something like this is when there has not been any particular focus on the occupant of any particular office. Mr. Gordon cautioned that a referendum in November can’t help but be influenced by the merits given the fact that there has been controversy on the occupant in the office. Mr. Segobiano responded that it is unfortunate that there has been controversy about this, but it is not a new concept or idea; rather, it has been talked about five and even 20 years ago and throughout the years. He believes we need to extract what happened here recently as we were able to do with the Recorder’s position. He pointed out that the county saved money by eliminating the Recorder’s Office and believes it will be possible to save money by eliminating the Auditor’s Office.

Mr. Caisley state that he agrees with Mr. Gordon's position.

Mr. Cavallini asked if numbers showed moving the Recorder's office into the County Clerk's Office has been successful. Mr. Owens replied that merger has been successful. He noted that many of the same employees have been maintained. Mr. Wasson clarified that recordings have been down the first three or four months of the year due to the poor housing market, but hopefully the spring will improve recording requests.

Ms. O'Connor clarified that there may be a savings to the taxpayer but it will not be as large a savings as was experienced when we eliminated the Recorder's position because a Finance Director will still have to be hired. There may be some savings on the lesser salaries in the office.

Mr. Owens advised that the mother of Ms. Diana Hospelhorn in the Administrator's Office and Denise Cesario in the County Clerk's Office passed away on Mother's Day. He asked that the Board members keep the family in their thoughts and prayers. The Visitation is tomorrow evening from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home.

Mr. Wasson stated that an email was received from Congressman Davis' Office inviting County Board members to a press conference in Normal tomorrow. In addition, the Administrator's Office was informed this afternoon that former Mayor Carol Reitan passed away.

Chairman Sorensen presented the April 30, 2014 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$348,206.78 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

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Motion by Cavallini/Owens to recommend Approval of the Executive Committee bills for April 30, 2014 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary