

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 9, 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, Caisley, Erickson and Buchanan, Vice Chair, Transportation Committee

Members Absent: Members O'Connor and Soeldner

Other Board Members Present: Members Robustelli and Harris

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney, and Ms. Jessica Woods, Assistance Civil State's Attorney

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

Others Present: Mr. Mike O'Grady, Vice President, Economic Development Council

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

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the November 10, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting and the October 21, 2014 Stand-Up meeting for approval.

Motion by Segobiano/McIntyre to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting and the October 16, 2014 Stand-up Meeting.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the reappointments, appointments and resignations. He noted that an agenda was distributed to the Committee members that included the appointment of Sheriff Jon Sandage to the Emergency Telephone System Board.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens 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 Integrated Justice System Maintenance Renewal – Information Technologies. He noted that Mr. Nelson is here to answer any questions.

Motion by Segobiano/Gordon to Recommend Approval of an Integrated Justice System Maintenance Renewal – Information Technologies.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board establishing an Ordinance Describing and Designating an area located partially within the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, the City of Gibson City, County of Ford and Unincorporated McLean County as an Enterprise Zone – County Administrator's Office. He noted that Mr. Mike O'Grady from the EDC is here to answer any questions.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board establishing an Ordinance Describing and Designating an area located partially within the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, the City of Gibson City, County of Ford and Unincorporated McLean County as an Enterprise Zone – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Erickson asked what benefits a business might get out of the Enterprise Zone and what benefits a business might not get out of the Enterprise Zone. Mr. O'Grady replied that the rate would be determined by several factors, including the number of jobs created, how much brick and mortar is built, and how soon the business will be completed. In addition, sales tax from construction materials that they normally would have paid would be abated, and, the level of construction and/or jobs will determine how much tax abatement they receive with a maximum of no more than five years.

Mr. Erickson referred to the section that reads "Projects in the industries of Agribusiness, Logistics & Warehouse, IT/Clean Tech Manufacturing, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate or Education" and asked if a blue collar business will have any disadvantage with the Enterprise Zone and do they have any additional steps to take to get the same benefits that IT/Clean Tech Manufacturing would get. Mr. O'Grady replied that he cannot think of a business that would not fit into one of the categories listed that could not be justified to the State and to all governmental entities.

Mr. Wasson pointed out the previous section also reads "Projects that will create jobs whose average pay (wages + benefits), across all new positions, is greater than the McLean County per-capita income level, as determined by the most recent American Community Survey 5-year estimates (presently \$28,167)." He stated that

a good paying job creator is going to meet that specification and, therefore, would be eligible for the tax abatements.

Mr. Erickson stated that his concern is the appearance that we were just giving benefits to high-tech industry and not to other jobs. He pointed out that at the last County Board meeting he expressed his opinion that we need to diversify the jobs coming into this County and that no business should be at a disadvantage over another one. Mr. O'Grady pointed out that Mitsubishi Motors was the first benefactor of the original Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Erickson thanked Mr. O'Grady and Mr. Wasson for clarifying and allaying his concerns.

Mr. Caisley asked how many square miles can the Enterprise Zone be. Mr. O'Grady replied that the proposed one will comprise 14.18 square miles, with 15 square miles on reserve. Mr. Wasson added that once the Enterprise Zone is established, the governmental entities can elect to modify the boundaries of their Enterprise Zone. He noted that we could select an additional area and remove other tracts from the Enterprise Zone if it was beneficial to the community and to economic development in the future.

Mr. Caisley asked if the EDC regularly modifies the Enterprise Zone. Chairman Sorensen responded that it has been done many times. He pointed out that the Enterprise Zone was spider-webbed around the windmill farms and when they were done building them, it was contracted back in.

Mr. Caisley asked if there are any areas that can be modified now. Mr. O'Grady replied that there is no need to do so at this time because the Enterprise Zone will expire in a year.

Mr. Owens stated that he received an e-mail from someone asking about the Public Hearing that was held regarding the Enterprise Zone and he wanted to verify that the hearing was done according to the standards that the County would hold a Public Hearing. Mr. O'Grady replied that a notice was placed in the *Pantagraph* that there was going to be a Public Hearing here in the County Board Room. All governmental entities were present and some community members, but no one spoke or requested to speak.

Mr. Gordon asked for an explanation about the expiration of the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Wasson replied that we are applying for a new Enterprise Zone effective January 1, 2016. He indicated that all Enterprise Zones in the State expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Wasson advised that this is our application for a new Enterprise Zone that will be presented to the state.

Mr. Segobiano called for the question. Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen thanked Mr. O'Grady.

Mr. Wasson expressed his appreciation to Mr. O'Grady for filling in in different capacities on a number of occasions with the Economic Development Council over the last couple of years. He advised that next week there will be a new permanent EDC Director, who plans to attend the County Board meeting next week. Mr. Wasson noted that the new Director is planning to meet with small groups of County Board members to discuss their priorities.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement concerning Enterprise Zone Designation and Operation – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement concerning Enterprise Zone Designation and Operation – County Administrator's Office.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution establishing a holiday schedule for County Employees for the Fiscal Year 2015 – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Wasson noted that a modification has been requested to the Holiday Schedule to supplant a traditional Columbus Day holiday with a Christmas Eve Holiday to provide for better utilization of staff. He added that it is consistent with many other organizations.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Holiday Schedule for County Employees for the Fiscal Year 2015 – County Administrator's Office.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Ordinance establishing County Board meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2015 – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Robustelli asked that the Board consider adding a joint Council meeting to the schedule this year or the year after. He pointed out that last year was the first joint council meeting in five years. Mr. Robustelli indicated that it serves us well to get

together with our colleagues from other elected bodies, particularly when we are bringing in a new Economic Development Council Director and with the mental health issues. Chairman Sorensen responded that, historically, we held joint council meetings when there was a fifth Monday in a month every few years. He indicated that it got to the point where there weren't enough common agenda items across the bodies so there wasn't a need to hold regularly scheduled joint council meetings. Chairman Sorensen noted that we did host a meeting last year. He indicated that joint meeting dates would not show up on this calendar, rather; it surfaces as the result of a perceived need and a common interest.

Motion by Buchanan/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Establishing County Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2015 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. Agreement for Services – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by McIntyre/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. Agreement for Services – County Administrator's Office.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County Administrator's Office.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman, Property Committee, advised that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Segobiano reported that at the last Property Committee meeting a presentation was made to the Committee in regards to anticipated additions to the Law and Justice Center. Next month, the Committee will be given additional cost estimates on several scenarios from which the Property Committee may select, if they select any. Mr. Segobiano stated that if one of the scenarios is selected, that recommendation will go to the Executive Committee and then to the full Board for approval, after which it will go to the Finance Committee to determine a funding process. If no scenario is selected, there will be no action.

Mr. Owens stated that, since the Property Committee will meet before the Finance Committee in January, there will be a discussion at the Finance Committee on this project should any action be taken by the Property Committee. He noted that there are members on the Finance Committee who have not dealt with funding issues of a major project such as that one. Mr. Owens has requested that Mr. Wasson provide a general overview of funding methods for a large project.

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

Mr. Caisley asked if there will be a new Orientation meeting for new members. Mr. Wasson replied that there will be a meeting in the future.

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of McLean County regarding Access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program – Circuit Clerk's Office. This Agreement would require the State Comptroller hold any monies from tax refunds or lottery winnings back that is owed to the County for fines, fees and child support.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of McLean County regarding Access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program – Circuit Clerk's Office.

Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley presented a request for approval of the renewal of a Grant from the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council – Circuit Court. This is a grant of \$17,000.

Motion by Caisley/Buchanan to Recommend Approval of the renewal of a Grant from the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council – Circuit Court.

Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley presented 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, Circuit Court Department 0016 – Circuit Court. He explained that this is a budget adjustment of the Tech Support and Software Update Fee for the Ijuror Software for the Jury Commission Office.

Motion by Caisley/Gordon 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, Circuit Court Department 0016 (Tech Support Ijuror Software) – Circuit Court.

Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley presented a request for approval to renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #612074 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Court Services; and a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Fund 0160 General Fund, Court Services Department 0022 (DV Grant) – Court Services.

Motion by Caisley/Segobiano to Recommend Approval to Renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #612074 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Court Services; and to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Fund 0160 General Fund, Court Services Department 0022 (DV Grant) – Court Services.

Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley presented a request for approval to renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #613171 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Sheriff's Department; and a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Fund 0160 General Fund, Sheriff's Department (DV Grant) – Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to Recommend Approval to Renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #613171 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Sheriff's Department; and to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Fund 0160 General Fund, Sheriff's Department (DV Grant) – Sheriff's Department.

Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley presented a request for approval to renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #611370 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – State’s Attorney’s Office; and a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Fund 0160 General Fund, State’s Attorney’s Office (DV Grant) – State’s Attorney’s Office.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to Recommend Approval to Renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #622470 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – State’s Attorney’s Office; and to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Fund 0160 General Fund, State’s Attorney’s Office (DV Grant) – State’s Attorney’s Office.  
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 an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2014 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0106 (In-Person Counselor Program) – Health Department.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2014 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0106 (In-Person Counselor Program) – Health Department.  
Motion carried with Mr. Erickson voting “no.”

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2014 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution associated with an Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 2014 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0106 (In-Person Counselor Program).

Motion by Owens/Gordon to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2014 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution associated with an Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 2014 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0106 (In-Person Counselor Program).  
Motion carried with Mr. Erickson voting “no.”

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

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. Rich Buchanan, Vice Chairman, Transportation Committee advised that the Transportation 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. Buchanan.

Chairman Sorensen asked when the new Board Orientation meeting is scheduled. Mr. Wasson replied that the meeting will be held after the first of the year, historically just following the January County Board meeting.

Mr. Caisley expressed concern with the new legislation which would increase jury fees, which will be a serious financial burden to the County. He recommended that Anderson Legislative be contacted to see if we can get an Amendatory Veto to make the effective date January 1, 2016 since we have already adopted a budget for this coming year. Chairman Sorensen asked what the projected cost will be to the County. Mr. Wasson replied that, since two-thirds of the County's juror fee cost is mileage versus the actual juror fee, and since the bill that has passed both the House and the Senate eliminates the mileage while increasing juror fees to \$25.00 for the first day and \$50.00 for any additional days, the County will be about \$50,000 over what has been budgeted and anticipated as long as mileage is eliminated.

Mr. Wasson indicated that the way the bill was passed raises concerns with both the State's Mandate's Act and the Fiscal Note Act. Those opinions have been passed to both Metro-Counties and Anderson Legislative lobbyists. Mr. Wasson stated that there is not unity from the county governments' perspective on what is the most appropriate action to take at this point. There are some who believe that a Trailer Bill that has been promised to be introduced would address revenue to compensate for these higher fees. He noted that the County's concern is that unless the state has revenue the Trailer Bill will probably use Court Fees, which we already have a difficult time collecting, and it will become more difficult to collect as they add additional fees.

Mr. Wasson advised that our opposition has been expressed. He indicated that we continue to work with other county governments to try to provide a unified front to encourage action on that legislation.

Chairman Sorensen noted that Senate Bill 3075 is the bill to which the Judge is referring. He stated that there are other provisions to that bill, such as reducing civil juries from 12 to six, and giving judges expanded authority to grant other types of expenses to jurors, such as day care. He noted that there are a lot of concerns with the bill.

Mr. Owens asked if the bill is inconsistent with law, and it is still signed by the Governor, is there a possibility of litigation. Mr. Wasson replied that there has been discussion about that and whether or not a coalition can be built to support that action.

Chairman Sorensen presented the November 30, 2014 bills and transfers as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$200,593.39 and the Prepaid Total is the same. Chairman Sorensen noted that the memorandum from the Auditor reflects that the Veterans Assistant fund 0136 Capital Assets category is currently running a little bit over budget, which will be corrected with a budget amendment.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to recommend Approval of the Executive Committee bills and transfers for November 30, 2014 and 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 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary