

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Vice Chairman McIntyre, Members Segobiano, Gordon, Owens, Caisley, Soeldner, Erickson and Schafer

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: Members: Robustelli, Wendt, Harris, Selzer, Metsker and Martin

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney; Ms. Julie A. Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Jon Sandage, Sheriff; Craig Nelson, Director Information Services; Ms. Kathy Davis, Coroner

Others Present: Greg Allen, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Derek Barker, Assistant Director, Information Services

Vice Chairman McIntyre called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee at 4:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the December 15, 2015 special meeting and January 12, 2016 regular Executive Committee Meetings for approval.

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2015 special meeting and January 12, 2016 regular Executive Committee Meetings.

Motion Carried

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to recommend approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations. Mr. Caisley asked about the three appointments for Saybrook-Arrowsmith and if they were staggered appointments. Mr. McIntyre indicated that they were past due appointments and they are staggered.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to recommend approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action for Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies a request to purchase a Cisco UCS (Unified Computing System) Server.

Motion by Caisley/Segobiano to recommend approval of the purchase of a Cisco UCS (Unified Computing System) Server by Information Technologies Department.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action for Mr. Nelson a request to approve the Watts Copy Service Bid for digital copiers.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to recommend approval of the Watts Copy Services Bid for Digital Copiers
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre directed the Committee's attention to the General Report from Information Technologies Department in the packet and asked if they had any questions or comments for Mr. Nelson; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Nelson.

Mr. McIntyre stated there would be 5 candidates presenting to the Executive Committee for the McLean County Board District #2 temporary vacancy. He stated they would each have 5 minutes to present, then the Executive Committee would have an opportunity to ask questions and then any other member of the Board would have an opportunity to ask questions. He asked that the Committee members not use their questions as a platform to promote any candidate.

Chairman McIntyre welcomed Ms. Diane Benjamin and told her that she would have 5 minutes to speak and then the members would be allowed to ask questions. Ms. Benjamin proceeded to give personal background information on herself as well as work history including being a retired CPA who has owned her own business for approximately 20 years providing programing services mainly for car dealerships. She stated that she would like to be on the County Board because she feels McLean County has some challenging times ahead because of Mitsubishi closing and State Farm transferring people. She stated that the County has done a good job up to now and she would like to help to see that continue. She indicated that she currently has an active court case against the City of Bloomington to hold them accountable. Chairman Soeldner asked if she had any preference on Committee assignments should she be appointed. Ms. Benjamin indicated that she would be interested in serving on the Finance and Justice Committees. She indicated that she was interested in mental health and the justice system and provided an example of friend who suffered from mental illness and spent time in the justice system. Member Robustelli asked her what she sees as the biggest challenges facing local government and how she would help with those if appointed to the County Board. Ms. Benjamin indicated that controlled spending and taxes are areas of concern for her. She stated that the people are responsible for the success of a community and if you take the money away from them through taxes and fees they don't have it to spend in the community which in turn

jeopardizes the community, so we need to keep taxes and fees low. Ms. Benjamin asked the Committee to consider the candidate who was not a write-in candidate for the District #2 seat as selecting others would be picking winners and losers. Member Erickson asked her to clarify which applicant was not a write-in candidate. She agreed it was Mr. Steve Simms. Chairman McIntyre thanked her for taking the time to appear before the Committee.

Chairman McIntyre welcomed Mr. Michael Sumner and told him that he would have 5 minutes to speak and then the members would be allowed to ask questions. Mr. Sumner gave background information on himself including his service on the Board of Trustees in the Village of Downs, his work at State Farm as a Business Architect, Senior Internal Auditor and Catastrophe Claims Adjustor. He stated that his work in auditing, risk management and catastrophe response would be beneficial to the Board. Mr. Sumner indicated that as a property owner he has experience in residential and commercial maintenance and improvements and is interested in protecting property rights. Mr. Sumner indicated that he has served as an election judge and a technician setting up polling places which allows him to talk with many constituents. Member Caisley asked what assistance he could give to the Justice Committee as they oversee the Emergency Management System. Mr. Sumner indicated he had worked with a lot of communities and their recovery plans after natural disasters and would be willing to help the Justice Committee become more knowledgeable and encouraged them to go through FEMA training. Mr. Soeldner asked what Committees he might be interested in serving on. Mr. Sumner indicated that he would be interested in serving on the Property and Land Use Committees. Mr. Robustelli asked what he saw as the biggest challenges facing local government and how he would work to resolve them if appointed to the County Board. Mr. Sumner stated that we will see financial challenges locally and we need to be prepared to be self-sufficient and address it line item by line item to come up with a list of items that would help us be more self-sufficient. Mr. Sumner also indicated that another challenge is getting more young people involved in the political process. Chairman McIntyre thanked him for coming and speaking with the Committee.

Chairman McIntyre welcomed Mr. Steven A. Simms and told him that he would have 5 minutes to speak and then the members would be allowed to ask questions. Mr. Simms stated that he served 8 years on the Bloomington City Council in the 1980's and felt this experience would help him as a County Board member. He stated that he has worked 34 years for the Illinois Farm Bureau and spent a lot of time in county communities which gives him good insight on issues that would come before the Board. He also stated that he would be a good choice because he is the neutral choice as he is not a write-in candidate for the District #2 vacancy. Mr. Soeldner asked if there were Committees he would be interested in serving on. Mr. Simms indicated that he would be interested in serving on the Land Use Committee because of his interest in wind farms, livestock farms, subdivision development and the zoning guidelines of McLean County. Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Simms to identify the most important challenges facing local government and how he would be able to help with those issues. Mr. Simms indicated that one challenge is the expansion of the wind farm west of Route 9. He stated that the noise level produced with the new turbines is higher and he would want

to work to keep the set-back restrictions to assist residents near the turbines with the noise issue. Chairman McIntyre thanked Mr. Simms for coming and speaking before the Committee.

Chairman McIntyre welcomed Mr. Scott Murphy and told him that he would have 5 minutes to speak and then the members would be allowed to ask questions. Mr. Murphy proceeded to give background on his family and work experience including being an active farmer and business owner. He stated that his experience has taught him to be fiscally responsible and that the County Board has done a good job and with difficult times ahead we would need to continue to be fiscally responsible. He stated that he would be able to bring global business, agricultural and social service board experience with him to the Board. He stated that he is a life-long resident of McLean County and is vested in the County. He stated he would come to the Board with the goal of leaving for the next generation a solid, sustainable Board and County just like the Board members who came before us. Mr. Soeldner asked him what Committees he would be interested in serving on. Mr. Murphy indicated that he would be interested in serving on the Health and Justice Committees. Member Schafer asked about the society of explosive engineers. Mr. Murphy indicated that he worked for Donovan's Dynamite as a scuba diver and during that time he got his explosive license and became a member of the society and has maintained the membership. Member Caisley asked what he felt he could bring to the Board as an active farmer in the community. Mr. Murphy stated that while he could not speak for all farmers but he feels he understands the concerns that farmers have. He stated that farmers may have a different perspective on an issue than someone who lives in town and he would be able to give that perspective. Mr. Segobiano asked about his commitment to attending Board and Committee meetings. Mr. Murphy stated that he is committed to serve the people in the district and to serve them he needs to attend the meetings and get the work done, so he is committed to being there. Mr. Robustelli asked what he felt the biggest challenges facing local governments are and how he would use his position on the Board to address those challenges. Mr. Murphy stated that Mitsubishi has closed, State Farm is not expanding brick and mortar in Bloomington Normal, there are declining agricultural prices and the State is out of money so there are several challenges facing us. He stated that we have been fairly recession proof but with these challenges we will need to work to keep the County fiscally sound and my perspective as an entrepreneur and farmer would be beneficial. Chairman McIntyre thanked Mr. Murphy for coming and talking with the Committee.

Chairman McIntyre welcomed Mr. Garth Nicholas and told him that he would have 5 minutes to speak and then the members would be allowed to ask questions. Mr. Nicholas gave personal background and work background including being the current owner of Nicholas Consulting which provides business and technology consulting services and serving as CFO/Treasurer of New Wave Net Corp., which is a rural ISP that provides wireless broadband services in 10 counties in central Illinois. He stated that this would be his first venture into local politics. He stated that he takes yearly trips to Washington D.C. to lobby with the industry trade organization he belongs to as a wireless IP company. He stated that County Boards in the past have done a good job

as steward of the tax payers' money and providing a wide range of services that not all counties have. He stated that the next decade will be challenging because both the federal and state levels are working at large deficits, so McLean County needs to become more self-sufficient to continue to provide the services that we have. He stated that he felt with his education and work experience he could help with budgeting and finding new sources of revenue. Mr. Soeldner asked if he had any particular Committees he would be interested in serving on. Mr. Nicholas indicated he would be interested in serving on the Finance and Justice Committees. Mr. Robustelli asked what he sees as the biggest challenges for local governments and how he would use his position on County Board to address those challenges. Mr. Nicholas stated that he would work to continue to maintain the low property tax rate and keep the valuable services that we provide that other counties do not provide. Member Caisley asked what assistance he could offer with his background in data processing in evaluating and further developing our data processing systems. Mr. Nicholas stated that he would be willing to sit down with Mr. Nelson. Chairman McIntyre thanked Mr. Nicholas for coming and speaking with the Committee.

Chairman McIntyre let the Committee know that he had taken the time to interview each of the candidates in his office this past Friday. He indicated that he would contact all Board members individually in the next few days to get their input on the applicants.

Mr. Owens asked if we had verified that all candidates met the requirements including party. Mr. Knapp stated that the voting records would be provided to Chairman McIntyre. Mr. Erickson asked him to confirm that it was as statutory requirement that they be of the same party as the person resigning. Mr. Knapp confirmed that it was a requirement that they must be from the same party.

Chairman McIntyre as Chairman of the Rules Subcommittee presented for action a request to approve an Amendment to Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code, McLean County Rules.

Motion by Gordon/Schafer to recommend approval of an Amendment to Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code, McLean County Rules.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve Ray O'Herron's bid for Uniforms and Equipment through the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to recommend approval of Ray O'Herron's bid for Uniforms and Equipment through the Sheriff's Department.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Children's Advocacy Center Program.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Children's Advocacy Center Program.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley indicated they would have one other item to be presented to the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions for Chairman Caisley; hearing none he moved on to the Finance Committee.

Chairman Owens of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Animal Control General Fund 0001, Department 0032. – Animal Control.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Animal Control General Fund 0001, Department 0032.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens presented for action a request to approve as a set a three year agreement with the Town of Normal and the County of McLean for Animal Control Services and a three year agreement with the Town of Normal and the County of McLean for Animal Control Warden Services through the Animal Control Department.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to recommend approval as a set a three year agreement with the Town of Normal and the County of McLean for Animal Control Services and a three year agreement with the Town of Normal and the County of McLean for Animal Control Warden Services.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens presented for action a request to approve the proposed Insurance Program for Policy Year 2016 through the Risk Management Department

Motion Owens/Segobiano to recommend approval of the proposed Insurance Program for Policy Year 2016.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens presented for action a request to approve the Employee Wellness Program Budget through the Health Department.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to recommend approval of the Employee Wellness Program Budget through the Health Department.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the County General Fund 0001 to Children's Advocacy Center Fund 0129 and Tort Judgment Fund 0135, Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to recommend approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the County General Fund 0001 to Children's Advocacy Center Fund 0129 and Tort Judgment Fund 0135, Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens presented for action a request to approve a Resolution Transferring Monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the F.I.C.A./Social Security Fund 0130 and the IMRF Fund 0131, Fiscal Year 2016. Mr. Wasson noted a Scribner's error in the amounts as asked that they be changed to correctly add up to the amount of \$750,000 already included in the resolution.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to recommend approval of a Resolution, as corrected, Transferring Monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the F.I.C.A./Social Security Fund 0130 and the IMRF Fund 0131, Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to recommend approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens indicated that other items would be presented to the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Mr. Owens or the Finance Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Owens.

Mr. McIntyre as Chairman of the Health Committee stated that the Health Committee had no action items or items for information for the Committee. He asked the Committee if they had any questions regarding the Health Committee; hearing none, he moved on to Chairman Gordon and the Land Use and Development Committee.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Land Use and Development Committee had nothing to present for action today. Chairman McIntyre asked if anyone had any questions or comments for Chairman Gordon or the Land Use Committee; hearing none he moved on to Chairman Soeldner of the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Jim Soeldner, Chairman of Transportation Committee presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the McLean County Highway Fund 0120, Department 0055.

Motion by Soeldner/Segobiano to recommend approval an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for McLean County Highway Fund 0120, Department 0055.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Soeldner indicated that they would have several items to be presented to the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Soeldner of the Transportation Committee; hearing none, he moved on to Chairman Segobiano of the Property Committee.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman of the Property Committee presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Parks & Recreation General Fund 0001, Department 0040.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Parks & Recreation General Fund 0001, Department 0040.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions of Mr. Segobiano or the Property Committee; hearing none he moved on to Mr. Wasson and the report of the County Administrator.

Mr. Wasson, County Administrator, presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Agreement between the County of McLean, the City of Bloomington, and the Town of Normal. He explained that this Intergovernmental Agreement would recognize the Home Rule sales tax revenue to be used in the construction and expansion of the jail facilities with the goal of improving services to special populations and providing additional services for mental health both within the justice system and in the community.

Motion by Schafer/Segobiano to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing Agreement between the County of McLean, the City of Bloomington, and the Town of Normal.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson presented for action a request to approve a Resolution of the McLean County Board adopting the 2016 Legislative Program for McLean County. Mr. Wasson

stated that annually we put together a program that hopefully identifies and addresses the legislative issues that have been brought up in the Committees in the last year. Mr. Wasson went on to summarize goals of the policy. Mr. Segobiano asked Mr. Wasson to clarify the benefits the constituents of the County receive from having a lobbyist in Springfield. Mr. Wasson stated that the last few years it has been more of a defensive strategy as we work to be informed about legislation that comes quickly that may have negative impacts on county government and then try to reach out to our legislator to tell them of our opposition. He stated that there have been some proactive things accomplished and provided examples of the E911 funding mechanism resolution and an electronics recycling resolution. Mr. Wasson concluded by stating that he felt there was value in having this agreement in place.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board adopting the 2016 Legislative Program for McLean County.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson presented his report on recent employment activities. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Mr. Wasson. Hearing none; Chairman McIntyre asked for a motion to move into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) to discuss of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether or purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Motion by Erickson/Owens to move into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) to discuss of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether or purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Motion Carried.

The Executive Committee entered into executive session at 5:37 p.m.

The Executive Committee entered into open session at 5:52 p.m.

Chairman McIntyre read into the record under Other Business a letter from Mr. Paul Finch resigning his seat in District #6 effective immediately due to acceptance of a job in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. McIntyre indicated that he would make a formal announcement at the County Board next week.

Chairman McIntyre presented for payment the bills in the amount of \$354,198.56.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Executive Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$333,303.07	\$333,303.07
0136	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.		\$2,324.83	\$2,324.83
0159	WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND		\$18,570.66	\$18,570.66
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			\$354,198.56	\$354,198.56



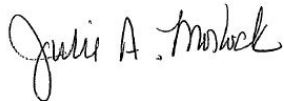
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Soeldner/Caisley to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills as of February 1, 2016 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor in the amount of \$354,198.56.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there was any further business to come before the Committee; hearing nothing, Vice Chairman McIntyre adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Morlock
Recording Secretary