

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman John McIntyre, Members Jim Soeldner, Paul Segobiano, George Gordon, Bill Caisley, Chuck Erickson, Susan Schafer, Erik Rankin and Dave Selzer

Members Absent:

Other Board Members

Present: Members Jacob Beard and Catherine Metsker

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney; Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Craig Nelson, Information Technologies Director

Others Present: Derek Barker, Information Technologies

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

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the January 10, 2017 regular Executive Committee Meeting and December 20, 2016 special Executive Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Caisley/Selzer to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2017 regular Executive Committee Meeting and December 20, 2016 special Executive Committee meeting.

Motion Carried

Chairman McIntyre confirmed with Staff there were no appearances by the members of the public.

Chairman McIntyre discussed the listing of the Southeastern McLean County Water District appointment on the agenda.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve an Annual Maintenance Agreement with InterAct for the integrated justice system for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for the Information Technologies Department. Mr. Caisley asked where they were in the process for Civil cases to be accessed by lawyers at their offices. Mr.

Nelson stated they are working on two State mandated deadlines regarding filing appeal cases electronically and receiving cases filed electronically in the Circuit Clerk's office. Mr. Rankin asked how many issues they have to fix in the EJUS system now. Mr. Nelson said it is uncommon. Mr. Rankin asked if Interact was a component of EJUS. Mr. Nelson explained the company structure.

Motion by Selzer/Schafer to recommend approval of an Annual Maintenance Agreement with InterAct for the integrated justice system for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for the Information Technologies Department.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre indicated that the General report for Information Technologies was in their packet and asked the Committee if they had any questions for Mr. Nelson; hearing none, he moved on to the Justice Committee.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Justice Committee presented for action a request to approve 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 for the Sheriff Department. Mr. Caisley asked who else uses the shooting range besides the Sheriff's office and City of Bloomington. Mr. Knapp stated that ISU and Town of Normal use the facility.

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano 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 for the Sheriff Department .

Motion Carried.

Chairman Gordon indicated that the Committee would have several items to present to the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Gordon and the Justice Committee; hearing none, he moved on to the Finance Committee.

Mr. David Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2017 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the County Clerk.

Motion by Selzer/Rankin to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2017 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the County Clerk.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Selzer indicated the Committee would have several items for the Board to consider next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions for Mr. Selzer or the Finance Committee; hearing none, he moved on to the Health Committee.

Ms. Susan Schafer, Chairman of the Health 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 the Health Department Fund 0112.

Motion by Schafer/Caisley to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Health Department Fund 0112.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Schafer indicated she had nothing further for the Committee today and nothing else for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Schafer or the Health Committee; hearing none, he moved on to the Land Use and Development Committee.

Mr. Selzer asked if we voted on the Appointments. Mr. McIntyre confirmed that the Committee did not and indicated they would go back and vote after considering other Committee items.

Mr. Chuck Erickson, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee indicated he had nothing to present for action before the Committee, and nothing for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Erickson or the Land Use and Development Committee; hearing none, he moved on to the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Bill Caisley, Chairman of the Transportation Committee represented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Carlock, McLean County Unit 5 School District and the McLean County Highway Department Fund 0120. Mr. McIntyre asked if this was a stop sign. Mr. Wasson stated it is for a flashing school crossing sign. Mr. Rankin asked if this was typical for the County to install and maintain School-crossing signs and asked why Carlock did not handle it. Mr. Wasson said that it is the responsibility of the County to maintain signage on a County Highway and this is a County Highway even though it runs through a Village. He stated this sign is not required by Code but the Village and Unit 5 requested it and we have agreed with that request. Mr. Caisley stated that a number of large trucks exit the Interstate and go past this area on Route 150 where children cross for school. He stated that the Village and Unit 5 are splitting the cost of the sign. Mr. McIntyre stated that the Village of Carlock indicated they did not have the funds for the sign but Unit 5 offered to cover a portion of the cost of sign and the County would only install and maintain the sign. Mr. Rankin asked about the precedent we are setting. Mr. Wasson stated that we have installed a similar sign in Danvers at the request

of Olympia, and similar to this situation, Olympia paid for the sign and we installed and will maintain. Mr. Segobiano stated there is history of this happening. Mr. Soeldner provided another example of a sign put up in Colfax for Ridgeview. He also stated that we want to handle this way because we do not want Villages to put up signs on County Highways. Mr. Caisley stated that the Highway Department indicated at the Transportation meeting that there are other instances of County Highways going through school zones and we might be asked to post signs in those locations.

Motion by Caisley/Selzer to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Carlock & McLean County Unit 5 School District for the McLean County Highway Department Fund 0120.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2017 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0120.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2017 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0120.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley indicated they would have other items to present to the board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Caisley or the Transportation Committee. Mr. Soeldner asked about the property for sale near the Highway Department. Mr. Schmitt came forward and provided a history on the property including a bid process on last year and a request to the Property Committee to reject the first bids and allow a rebid. He stated that rebid would be opened later this month and the Highway Department would come before the Property Committee for approval of a bid. Mr. Segobiano asked him to confirm it would come through the Property Committee. Mr. Schmitt confirmed. Mr. McIntyre asked Staff to confirm it was out for bid at the current time. Mr. Wasson confirmed it was currently out for rebid based on authorization given by the Property last year. Mr. Caisley asked if the land had been appraised. Mr. Schmitt indicated that it had not because the Highway Department does a lot of land evaluations when they purchase right of ways and used that as a basis to determine fair price of the property. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were further questions; hearing none, he moved on to the Property Committee.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman of the Property Committee stated that they had nothing for the Committee today and nothing to be presented to the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Mr. Segobiano and the Property Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Segobiano.

Mr. McIntyre presented the Appointments and Reappointments for approval. Mr. Caisley asked what the Farmland Assessment Board does as he thought the State Department of

Revenue determined the Farmland Assessments. Mr. McIntyre stated that the Board is required by Statute to meet annually to determine that a fair price has been assessed for farmland. Mr. Rankin asked about the indefinite term. Mr. McIntyre stated that other statute for other appointments it read that they serve a specified period of time or until they are replaced, and this is similar they just don't come up for reappointment but they serve until they resign and an appointment is made to replace them.

Motion by Schafer/Selzer to recommend the Appointments and Reappointments as presented.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson presented for action a request to approve a Resolution of the McLean County Board adopting the 2017 Legislative Program for McLean County. Mr. Gordon asked about the recommendation under the topic of Municipal Adjudication of Minor Traffic Offenses. Mr. Wasson summarized the Bill that would have those offenses under 15 miles per hour addressed by municipalities and not the Courts. He also went over the reasons the County is opposed to this legislation. Mr. Caisley stated that the municipal traffic could be difficult to defeat if the municipal league is supporting this legislation so they can capture costs.

Mr. Wasson went over the juvenile court hearing legislation where we are currently required to have a probable cause hearing for juveniles within 40 hours not including Saturday, Sunday or holidays which is inconsistent with direction from Federal Courts. He stated the expectation is there will be modification to this during this session and there are proposals for a 24 hour maximum. He stated that a 24 hour maximum would impose a hardship for us and other Counties who utilize the Juvenile Detention Center. He stated that not having the authority to utilize video arraignment for juveniles also contributes to this hardship. Mr. Wasson indicated we would request a 48 hour period and video access which would especially help other Counties who utilize the Juvenile Detention Center.

Mr. Caisley stated that Cook, Kane and McHenry and Dupage Counties have a right to levy motor fuel tax to construct roads and we should be asking for authority to do this to help with our County roads. Mr. Wasson stated that was included in our legislation program.

Mr. Caisley stated that we might be able to get more funding if we could get information regarding retailer locations. He stated that municipalities could get this information so we should be able to get it as well.

Motion by Rankin/Selzer to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board adopting the 2017 Legislative Program for McLean County – Administrator's office
Motion Carried.

Mr. McIntyre presented for action on behalf of Administration a request that the Committee recommend that the County Board determine that the need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes of closed sessions of the County Board and its Committees held between February 10, 1982 and January 17, 2017 presented to the Committee. Mr. Caisley stated that we need to establish criteria by which Administration determines what should remain closed and what should be opened. He stated he does not think we are opening enough of them and could think of no reason a 1982 closed meeting should remain closed. He would propose that in the future, Administration consider criteria when determining the opening of closed minutes, such as;

- 1) Minutes regarding real estate purchases, acquisitions and leases that have resulted in a transaction and closed for a period of time be opened;
- 2) Minutes regarding any labor contract should be opened a period of time after it expires;
- 3) Minutes regarding an employee should be opened five years after the employee is no longer employed by the County;
- 4) Minutes regarding litigation matters where the statute of limitations has run and no suit has been filed could be opened; and
- 5) Minutes regarding litigation where a suit has been filed should be opened.

Mr. Segobiano said that he would recommend that Mr. Caisley submit his proposal in writing to Administration and share with the Executive Committee so the Committee would have an opportunity to review and then vote on proposal. Mr. Selzer questioned opening collective bargaining matters because it is not the outcome of the collective bargaining but the strategy behind the negotiations and would not recommend opening those based on his experience. Mr. McIntyre stated that if Mr. Caisley was in agreement he would instruct Administration to put a proposal together for future consideration.

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano to recommend that the County Board determine that the need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes of closed sessions of the County Board and its Committees held between February 10, 1982 and January 17, 2017 presented to the Committee.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson presented his report on employment activities in the last month and indicated none of those positions were under the purview of the Executive Committee. Chairman McIntyre asked the Committee if they had any questions for Mr. Wasson; hearing none, he thanked him.

Chairman McIntyre stated he was going to refer to Mr. Soeldner as he had some information to share under other business. Mr. Soeldner said he participated in a conference call with other Illinois Association of County Board members regarding bills including those mentioned by Mr. Wasson. He stated that a bill that has been brought up since then is House Bill 278 dealing with local government distribution fund getting back to 10% levels by 2020, which would generate income for the County that we use to get. Mr. Soeldner also discussed thoughts on municipalities handling of traffic offenses. Mr. Selzer asked about the open alcohol violations that were moved to municipalities and if we saw a reduction in

court caseload and revenue? Mr. Wasson stated that those were handled as ordinance violations for many years and only come to the County if they default on the fine necessitating going through court system for the municipality to collect the revenue. Ms. Eisner stated that most of those were done under the home rule authority of those municipalities. Mr. Wasson said that municipalities started to write ordinance violations for motor vehicle violations many years ago and there was legislation under the uniform traffic citations statute to stop them but now making request for authority to write the violations.

Mr. Soeldner asked about the possible Railroad Abandonment. Mr. Wasson stated that Norfolk and Southern railroad has contacted State and local governments along the railroad right of way that exists between Bloomington and Mansfield about possible abandonment of that right of way. Mr. Wasson reminded the Committee that in 2003 and 2004, we went through similar process and local governments along right of way passed resolutions in support of rail banking for public infrastructure use including trail use. He stated that they have been in touch with the local governments and they are still in support of evaluating doing that with this section should the railroad abandon the right of way. He said they are working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Mr. McIntyre reminded them this is the very early stages and we will continue to work on this.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there was any further business to come before the Committee; hearing nothing, he moved to paying of the Bills.

Chairman McIntyre presented for approval bills as forwarded by the Auditor in the amount of \$268,718.15.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Executive Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$257,733.63	\$257,733.63
0136	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.		\$2,413.86	\$2,413.86
0159	WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND		\$8,570.66	\$8,570.66
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			\$268,718.15	\$268,718.15


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor in the amount of \$268,718.15.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre hearing no other business to come before the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Morlock
Recording Secretary