

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 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, Chuck Erickson, William Caisley, Susan Schafer and David Selzer

Members Absent: Member Erik Rankin

Other Board Members Present: Members Jacob Beard, Catherine Metsker

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Mr. Don Knapp, Assistant County Administrator, Jessica Woods, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division; Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director and Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Jason Chambers, State's Attorney; Michelle Anderson, County Auditor

Others Present: Brian Day, Pamela Reece and Jeff Fritzen, Town of Normal; Trisha Malott, Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Supervisor

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 March 20, 2018 special meeting and April 10, 2018 regular meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2018 special meeting and April 10, 2018 regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

Motion Carried

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

Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee would agree to moving forward items under the Administrator's section. The Committee concurred and Mr. McIntyre invited Ms. Pamela Reece, Town Manager, Brian Day, Town Legal Counsel and Jeff Fritzen, Town Councilman to the table.

Mr. Wasson presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Mclean and Town of Normal supporting expansion of the Town of Normal's Uptown TIF district. Mr. Wasson explained the primary reason for the expansion and turned the floor over to Ms. Pamela Reece. Ms. Reece went over history of the TIF. She stated that there has been public and private investments and development, but recession affected development which leaves work to be done to fully implement uptown development plan. Ms. Reece went over the developed and undeveloped areas and stated that while 2026 is 8 years away it could take that time and more to develop this area. Ms. Reece stated that they are

asking that you support an extension of TIF for 12 years past 2027. She stated there has been EAV growth in the developed areas and it is hoped that if they can develop the area mentioned, we will experience future growth in that EAV. She stated they are proposing that during the 12 years the Town would declare all of the improved parcels as surplus and the increment they receive from their EAV would be shared back with taxing body parties 100%. She further explained it would be equivalent to the TIF expiring, so the County would get the property tax revenue, but the Town would retain the TIF for undeveloped parcels.

Mr. Soeldner asked how often the County would be paid. Ms. Reece stated the Town would disburse one time a year to the County. Mr. Segobiano asked how many families in single family homes in that area would be affected. Ms. Reece stated that parcels are not residential but are parking and commercial parcels with only one student renter over a commercial business. Mr. McIntyre asked her if there is a plan to build on the circle. Ms. Reece said there have been discussions with a developer to develop from the circle to College Avenue. Ms. Reece obtained a map and explained the area she was discussing. Mr. Fitzen further explained development areas including buildings west of constitution blvd. including space in first floor of parking building.

Ms. Schafer stated she has concerns about asking for this now when they have indicated there are potential developers. Ms. Reece stated they will be starting discussions with a developer for the north east quadrant of the circle and their staff wants to know if discussions should center around a 6 or 18 year redevelopment agreement. She stated that time will also impact the developer's ability to finance the project. Ms. Reece said the TIF extension has to be approved by the General Assembly and would like for it to be approved in this session which ends this month. Mr. Fitzen stated that they want everyone to be behind it before they move forward to get it passed. Mr. Fitzen stated that some projects would take a while to begin and develop so 8 years in current TIF is not long enough for significant construction. Mr. Erickson asked why the agreement says it will end in 2039 when it is a 12 year extension. Ms. Reece and Mr. Day confirmed the TIF would end in 2038 but taxes will be paid in 2039. Mr. Gordon asked Ms. Reece if financing of projects was a reason they were asking for the maximum legal amount of time. Ms. Reece stated financing is part of the reason, but also because it helps them with negotiations for potential redevelopments.

Ms. Schafer stated she was not in support of TIF districts in general because the biggest groups affected are schools. She said she felt the momentum the Town has will spur development regardless of the TIF incentives. Ms. Reece stated that TIF is one economic tool and they have been successful in its use. She indicated that parcels that would be included in the TIF are tax exempt so the schools are not getting any tax revenue currently and would not if the TIF expires. She stated that if the TIF is allowed to continue and they develop the properties then schools will get tax from the currently developed projects that they declare surplus and after the TIF district expires on the new developed parcels. Mr. Fritzen went over scenarios of letting TIF expiring versus letting it continue and how that will affect property value, taxes and revenue to taxing bodies. Mr. Fritzen stated he felt she was correct that there is momentum but need to act now because if we wait we might lose that momentum. He stated he felt this was a tool to help keep the momentum going.

Mr. Gordon asked what assumptions they made on EAV growth. Ms. Reece stated there were some assumptions there will be growth based numbers over the past 15 years but she felt the finance department was conservative with numbers. Mr. Caisley asked her if it was possible to reduce the TIF area. Ms. Reece stated that was considered but since they needed to act to get it to the Legislature they determined they would leave it as is. Mr. Caisley asked if they had considered removing area that was mainly residential. Ms. Reece stated they had, but explained the benefit of leaving that area in. Mr. Caisley asked how the original TIF boundaries were determined as there appeared to be public right of ways included. Ms. Reece said she was not sure how the TIF boundaries were determined in 2003. Mr. Selzer went over history and the Town of Normal's plan to grow and stated he felt they had not failed and thanked them for being proactive.

Motion by Segobiano/Selzer to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and Town of Normal supporting expansion of the Town of Normal's Uptown TIF district

Motion Carried.

Ms. Schafer voted no.

Mr. Wasson presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance of the McLean County Board setting Salaries of the Members of the McLean County Board. He stated the recommendation from Staff is to have no salary increases for the two additional years which follows previous action taken by the Board.

Motion by Schafer/Gordon to recommend approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board setting Salaries of the Members of the McLean County Board.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve the Appointments and Reappointments.

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to recommend the Appointments and Reappointments as presented.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action on behalf of Mr. Craig Nelson, Information Technologies Department a request to approve the purchase of mobile data computers in the Sheriff's Department squad cars from CDS Office Technologies.

Motion by Gordon/Selzer to recommend approval of the purchase of mobile data computers in the Sheriff's Department squad cars from CDS Office Technologies.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action, on behalf of Mr. Nelson, a request to approve an Amazon Web Services Agreement through Insight Public Sector.

Motion by Segobiano/Gordon to recommend approval of an Amazon Web Services Agreement through Insight Public Sector.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action, on behalf of Mr. Nelson, a request to renew the County's agreement with Broadleaf Video Productions. Mr. Selzer asked if they could provide us with numbers of individuals utilizing this feature. Mr. Nelson reminded them that people can access from our website, You Tube or Facebook, so he could put those together and get them that information. Mr. Knapp went over number of You Tube visits in the last several months.

Motion by Segobiano/Soeldner to recommend approval of the renewal of the County's Agreement with Broadleaf Video Productions.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre indicated there was a general report for Information Technologies in their packets. Mr. Caisley asked how many of FOIA requests were for commercial purposes. Mr. Nelson indicated he would have to look at them to determine. Mr. Wasson stated probably very few were listed for commercial purposes as there is no legal mechanism that requires them to designate the type of request. Chairman McIntyre asked the Committee if they had any further questions for Mr. Nelson; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Nelson for attending.

Mr. Chuck Erickson, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today but would have one item for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked the Committee if they had any questions for Mr. Erickson; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Erickson.

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman of the Transportation Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today but would have items for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked the Committee if they had any question for Mr. Caisley; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Caisley.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman of the Property Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today but would have a couple for 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. George Gordon, Chairman of the Justice Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today nor would they have items for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Mr. Gordon, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-Time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2018 Nursing Home Fund 0401.

Motion by Selzer/Caisley to recommend approval of a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-Time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2018 Nursing Home Fund 0401.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Nursing Home Fund 0401.

Motion by Selzer/Schafer to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Nursing Home Fund 0401.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve a Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2019.

Motion by Selzer/Segobiano to recommend approval of Request approval of the Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2019.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve Schedule A – Calendar for Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, and Recommended Three Year Budget.

Motion by Selzer/Segobiano to recommend approval of Schedule A – Calendar for Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, and Recommended Three Year Budget.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing the Annual Salary of the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Sheriff.

Motion by Selzer/Schafer to recommend approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing the Annual Salary of the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Sheriff.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing the Annual Salary of the Circuit Clerk, Auditor and Coroner. Mr. Erickson asked for confirmation from Staff about how he would request that Ms. Anderson, County Auditor be allowed to address the Executive Committee. Staff determined he could request it of the Committee but it would only be allowed if there were no objections. Staff further indicated that if there is an objection it would

require a majority vote. Mr. Selzer and Mr. Segobiano objected as they felt she had opportunity to address the Finance Committee and chose not to. Roll Call vote was requested. Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Segobiano, Mr. Selzer and Ms. Schafer voted no. Mr. Soeldner, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Caisley and Mr. Erickson voted yes. No majority vote was achieved so request was not allowed.

Mr. Caisley stated the Board did not have to set these salaries at this time and he did not think we should as it would set a bad policy because it ties the hands of people who may be elected to this Board. Mr. Gordon asked about the amount of lead time required for County Board to set salaries before elections. Staff confirmed they have to set them 180 days before the start of term which would be the first Monday in December. Mr. Gordon asked them to confirm they would not have to act until 180 days before December of 2020. Mr. Wasson confirmed. Ms. Schafer said she felt this was done to help us understand all elected official pay scales so they could see all of them compared at the same time and not at two different times. She said that if these are set today, we could change it up to the 180 days before election. Mr. Erickson asked the process to revisit this ordinance. Mr. Wasson stated that a member could make a request of the Committee Chair to add it to the Agenda.

Mr. Segobiano stated that County Administration determines budget and they see the services provided, the needs of the Community and the money we have to meet those needs so he felt we should follow the recommendation that came from County Administration. Mr. Erickson asked for clarification on Mr. Segobiano's statement and if Mr. Segobiano was stating that he would recommend Staff's recommended salaries for the positions instead of the numbers brought forward from the Finance Committee. Mr. Wasson confirmed that Finance Committee changed the Staff's recommended numbers which were brought forward to send message to work force that consistent with actions for the 2018 budget to freeze salaries, we were taking similar actions for everyone. Mr. Erickson asked Staff to confirm their recommendations. Mr. Wasson stated Staff recommendation was to freeze salaries for two years.

Mr. Erickson said he would like to make a substitute motion to change salaries back to the Administration's recommendations. Mr. Knapp provided those numbers from page 33 of the packet for 0% increases for the Circuit Clerk, Coroner and Auditor for the years 2021, 2022 and 1.5% increase in years 2023 and 2024.

Mr. Soeldner stated that Finance Committee voted to increase the salary of the Coroner and this would change that back. Mr. Selzer stated Coroner's salary could be revisited in the next two years. Mr. Selzer stated that some of the Finance Committee recommended deeper cuts and higher increases for the Sheriff. He stated that he felt that all other elected officials had come before the oversight committee to speak to them about responsibilities, even those who did not come under the purview of the Finance Committee but the Auditor chose not to come to the meeting. He stated he did not feel this should be discussed in open session. Mr. Selzer stated that many feel very strongly that employees did not receive raises, the Board voted for no raises for the Board, and so we asked Elected officials to come before the Committee to explain their responsibilities to evaluate their salaries and in doing so, many of them stated they did not want a raise because their employees had not received one.

Mr. Segobiano said that action taken here would go to the full board. Mr. Gordon said it bothered him that the Committee had already taken action on the first group of three by passing the Finance Committee's recommendations but this action would not support the Finance Committee's recommendations. Mr. Caisley stated again that he did not feel we should be doing this at this time as it does not set a good precedent. He also stated that employees salaries can be addressed each year and elected officials cannot until the end of their term. Ms. Schafer said employees do not understand that process so they were very upset because they did not get raises and officials did, but this shows that elected officials have heard them. Mr. Selzer asked the Committee to consider what they would do when you have an official who's duties were greatly reduced. He said that other Counties have gone to part time Auditors and reduced salaries. He stated he did not feel it was fair to announce 180 days before election when someone has commented to run that the salary has been reduced, but felt it was only fair to announce it now so people are aware when they run for position. Mr. Erickson stated that some are getting a raise and some getting a pay cut so he did not feel this was a clear message. Mr. Erickson asked if Mr. Caisley was asking to move to table. It was determined he did not make a motion. Mr. Segobiano stated that the Administrator is trying to get salaries set for a budget. He said that he felt we would have people fill positions even if they were paid a much lesser amount because all positions would be filled on election day. Mr. Soeldner said that he would support motion to amend because we have chance to revisit salaries in the future. Mr. Gordon again stated that he was uncomfortable taking action on amendment.

Mr. Erickson/Selzer made a motion to amend to change recommended salaries back to Administration's recommendations for the Circuit Clerk, Coroner and Auditor for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Roll Call Vote – McIntyre, Segobiano, Gordon, Caisley, Schafer and Selzer voted no. Soeldner and Erickson voted yes.

Motion did not pass

Mr. Erickson asked that a motion be made to decrease amount of Auditor's salary by \$10,000 from what Staff had recommended. There was discussion of the numbers and clarification made that he was only asking for the reduction to the Auditor's salary from Administration's recommendation.

Motion by Erickson/Caisley amend the original motion to decrease by \$10,000 the amount recommended by Staff on page 33 for the Auditor's salary; for the year 2021 would be \$90,324, for the year 2022 would be \$93,024, for the year 2023 would be \$91,453 and for the year 2024 would be \$92,600.

Roll Call Vote – McIntyre, Soeldner, Gordon, Schafer and Selzer voted no. Segobiano, Caisley, Erickson voted yes.

Motion did not pass

Mr. Erickson asked for a motion to split the difference. Mr. Selzer stated that he thought we were doing Committee work here that should have been done at Finance and would have

been if the Auditor had come to the meeting. He said he would not be opposed to sending this back to the Finance Committee, so the Committee could talk with the Auditor. Mr. McIntyre asked what the vote was on this matter at the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Selzer said it was 6 to 1. Mr. McIntyre asked them to keep that in mind when thinking about referring back to the Committee. Mr. Soeldner said he was at Finance, but believed this will give the Auditor opportunity to discuss her position. Mr. Erickson pointed out it would give the Coroner the opportunity to speak as she had not been present either. Mr. Gordon asked them to clarify if all three salaries were going back for discussion or just the Auditor. It was determined that all three would go back. Ms. Schafer said she was at Finance and the Committee felt strongly about this matter and she was not sure sending it back would change anything and suggested that they leave the debate for full board next week.

Motion by Caisley/Erickson to refer back to the Finance Committee all three salaries for further consideration at their June meeting.

Roll Call vote – McIntyre, Segobiano, Schafer and Selzer voted no.

Soeldner, Gordon, Caisley and Erickson voted yes.

Motion did not pass.

Motion by Erickson to split the difference. Mr. Knapp provided the numbers. No second was provided on the motion.

Chairman McIntyre indicated that we were back to the original motion and called for the question. Mr. Caisley again stated that they did not have to set these and he felt this discussion had shown the difficulty in setting salaries this far out. He stated he felt they should not set this precedent. Mr. McIntyre indicated he felt Mr. Caisley was addressing policy which was not before the Committee, but could be discussed at another time.

Motion by Selzer/Segobiano to recommend approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing the Annual Salary of the Circuit Clerk, Auditor and Coroner.

Roll call vote – McIntyre, Soeldner, Segobiano, Gordon, Schafer and Selzer voted yes. Caisley and Erickson voted no.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing an Annual Public Safety Stipend. Mr. Segobiano stated that he was concerned about salaries being brought forth for these positions as the Sheriff listed as 4<sup>th</sup> when compared to others in the area and felt that the stipend helped with this matter. Mr. Segobiano stated he would make a motion to provide that the stipend be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Caisley felt it was an appropriate increase. Mr. Erickson asked for clarification on what the stipend was intended to cover. Staff provided clarification

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to increase the stipend by \$5,000 for the Sheriff.



Roll Call Vote – McIntyre, Soeldner, Segobiano, Caisley, Schafer and Selzer voted yes. Erickson and Gordon voted no.  
Motion Carried

Mr. Gordon said his no vote was not a reflection on Sheriff Sandage or the duties that he has. He asked if this must be approved annually. Mr. Knapp stated that because it is compensation you have to set 180 days before term, it cannot be changed during term and cannot consider it part of his salary. Mr. Knapp stated that you can provide this stipend but you cannot reduce salary by the amount of the stipend. Mr. Erickson stated he also wanted to clarify that his vote no was not against the Sheriff, but was a reflection of the vote by the Finance Committee. Mr. Segobiano said this stipend is outlined by State Statute to help compensate for some of the duties they do to provide safety to the community. Mr. Soeldner stated that conversation was that this would make it more palatable for non-union employees. Ms. Schafer said that she felt sheriff underpaid for the job that they do, so would be supporting this Motion.

Motion by Selzer/Erickson to recommend approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing an Annual Public Safety Stipend as amended with \$5,000 increase to \$15,000.  
Motion Carried. Mr. Erickson voted no.

Mr. Selzer indicated they had no other items for action for the Executive Committee. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions for Mr. Selzer or the Finance Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Selzer.

Ms. Schafer indicated they had no items for the Committee today but would have a couple for the Committee next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Schafer or the Health Committee; hearing none, he thanked Ms. Schafer.

Chairman McIntyre introduced Ms. Trisha Malott the Supervisor for the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council.

Mr. Soeldner reviewed a few Bills that had made their way through Committee that might affect the County. Mr. McIntyre thanked him for his update.

Chairman McIntyre presented for approval bills as forwarded by the Auditor in the amount of \$220,512.75

**MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

AS OF 4/27/2018

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

**Executive Committee**

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$203,813.33	\$203,813.33
0136	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.		\$7,791.92	\$7,791.92
0159	WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND		\$8,907.50	\$8,907.50
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			\$220,512.75	\$220,512.75

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Selzer/Caisley to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor for \$220,512.75.  
Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre stated there was no other business to come before the Committee and adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Morlock  
Recording Secretary