

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

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 9, 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, Erik Rankin and David Selzer

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: Members Ryan Scritchlow, Jacob Beard, Carlo Robustelli, Laurie Wollrab and 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; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Jason Chambers, State's Attorney; Kathy Michael, County Clerk

Others Present:

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

Chairman McIntyre confirmed no appearances by members of the public.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the December 12, 2017 regular meeting and November 21, 2017 special meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion by Segobiano/Rankin to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2017 regular meeting and November 21, 2017 special meeting meetings of the Executive Committee.

Motion Carried

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve the Appointments and Reappointments. Mr. Caisley asked if Mr. Klintworth is affiliated with the fire department as he felt we need to have even number representatives for fire and police. Mr. McIntyre confirmed he was.

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Gordon presented for action a request to approve the renewal of a Contract for Consulting Services for the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council with Illinois State University.

Motion by Gordon/Caisley to recommend approval of the renewal of a Contract for Consulting Services for the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council with Illinois State University

Motion Carried.

Member Rankin Abstained.

Mr. Gordon indicated that the Justice Committee had nothing further for the Committee but would have additional items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for the Justice Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve a Resolution authorizing County Board Chairman to enter into a Property Tax Settlement Agreement. Mr. Caisley asked if Assessor of Normal Township had been consulted with respect to this. Chairman McIntyre asked Mr. Curt Richardson to come forward to help answer any questions. Mr. Richardson stated that they spoke with Mr. Cranston throughout the process and he was made part of discussions so he could give input on numbers that were agreed to. Mr. Caisley asked how this would affect equity among Normal Township and Unit 5 tax payers. Mr. Richardson stated that he could not speak to equity of properties not in the agreement. Mr. Richardson provided history on this agreement and stated that that parties to the agreement believe it represents equitable settlements. Ms. Schafer asked him to explain how the reduction in staff at State Farm would impact student apartments. Mr. Richardson stated that was a condition that the taxpayer insisted on as they felt it might affect the income of taxpayers and the fair market value of properties. He stated that this provision does not mean that the agreed assessments do not remain; it just provides opportunity to discuss assessed values of properties. Mr. Segobiano stated that Staff was recommending this agreement, it probably received a lot of consideration before it was approved by the Town of Normal and Heartland so he would call for question. No objections.

Motion by Selzer/Segobiano to recommend approval of a Resolution authorizing County Board Chairman to enter into a Property Tax Settlement Agreement.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Selzer indicated they had no additional items for the Committee today and no additional items for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions for Mr. Selzer or the Finance Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Selzer.

Ms. Schafer presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2017 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107.

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Motion by Schafer/Gordon to recommend approval of approval of An Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2017 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107.  
Motion Carried.

Ms. Schafer presented for action a request approval of An Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2017 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 110.

Motion by Schafer/Selzer to recommend approval of An Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2017 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 110.  
Motion Carried.

Ms. Schafer indicated they had no items for the Committee today and no items 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. Chuck Erickson, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today but would have an 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 he had nothing for the Committee to consider today but would have items to be presented to the Board next week. Mr. Caisley updated the Committee on status with the City of Bloomington on improvements to Ireland Grove Road and Towanda Barnes and asked members to talk with members of City Council about the proposal to show their support for the improvements. Mr. Rankin asked that the record show that Mr. Caisley was not speaking for all members of the Committee as some might not be in support of the improvements. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions for Mr. Caisley, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman of the Property Committee had nothing for the Committee today and nothing 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. Wasson presented for action a request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Economic Development Consulting Services that was tabled so that comments could be added. He stated that the proposal today is a compilation of requests. Mr. Gordon asked that the Agreement be changed to read that "this agreement shall be for no more than a term." He said that "a" had been taken out. He also asked for reasoning behind the deletion of "60 days without cause." Mr. Wasson stated that was a Committee member request. Ms. Schafer asked if EDC had seen revisions. Mr. Wasson said that staff have

been provided the draft, but have not provided feedback. Mr. McIntyre stated that EDC board would have to approve.

Mr. McIntyre read from the MOU the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point on page 33 under item F “the County Board chair and County Board be informed on potential and ongoing projects in such a manner as to provide the County Board the opportunity to determine whether any monies provided from the County to the EDC should be used to pursue and continue to pursue said projects”. He stated that he did not think this change would be feasible as some of negotiations are with private companies and it would be difficult to authorize expenditures during confidential negotiations. He asked if wording could be changed so we do not give up confidentiality when negotiating with outside companies. Mr. Erickson he stated that he was the one who suggested this change on bullet point four because it seemed to him that EDC asks for money, but we do not get input on how that money is spent. He stated that he understands there is a confidentiality concern, but wanted a way that they could report to us regarding current projects and how they are utilizing money to see those projects to fruition. Mr. McIntyre stated that it is difficult but he tries to keep board members informed and will continue to try to keep them informed. Mr. McIntyre stated that MOU includes regular reports including financial reports. Mr. Erickson asked if there is a matter of law that we cannot go into executive session to discuss projects. Ms. Woods said that she could research it more but was not aware of a provision that would allow us to go into executive session. Mr. Erickson said he understands issues but does not know where the line is between what they give us, what we need to know and what we should know. Mr. Erickson stated that they need to know we are expecting good reports from them. Mr. McIntyre assured him they have been told.

Ms. Schafer indicated that she agreed that language in bullet point 4 is something that we cannot do and indicated she would like to go back to the original language. She stated that third bullet point adds language requiring the EDC to report to the County Board on how they spend the money they received from the County Board. She said that they have multiple investors, so it could be difficult to determine which funds covered specific expenses. She also asked if we give Extension Service money and do not get an itemized from them either. Mr. Wasson stated that we do not get a line item budget from the Extension Service. Mr. Selzer asked for clarification that we levy for money for extension. Mr. Wasson confirmed. Ms. Schafer stated that she felt we are making more of this than it should be.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he appreciated work done on this by Staff. Mr. Segobiano indicated that he had several concerns one of which was that we have a line item in our budget that gives the EDC \$100,000 and while we can open our budget and see what our departments do with their money, we have little explanation as to what the EDC does with this money. Mr. Segobiano stated that another concern is that it seems as though some board members of EDC know what is going on and others do not. He stated that he is also concerned as the EDC has no taxing authority but they include tax abatements in their agreements and ask us to pass them. Mr. Segobiano said that he would be ok reducing their budget until they come to us with a line item budget.

Mr. Rankin stated that the when previous personnel of the EDC came to Finance Committee they provided a great explanation and Committee felt confident with information provided, but he felt new personnel at the EDC have been less effective communicating. He said he would appreciate someone that can come in and properly explain things to the Board and Committees. Mr. Rankin stated that he felt the MOU is a move in right direction.

Mr. Caisley stated he had concerns with the terms and renewal terms on page 30 paragraphs 1 and 2 and if those would affect the economic stability of the Economic Development Council. He stated that he is also concerned about paragraph F on page 33 and reporting to the Board and asked if they would be saddling EDC with more duties that hinder the time they spend on recruiting or expanding businesses. Mr. Caisley also asked that the "from discrimination be added to Paragraph 14 of page 34. Mr. Gordon stated that he was also concerned with the removal of the termination notification language. He said he would propose that phrase in third line be restored to the MOU, remove of word unilaterally and change 60 days to 30 days. Mr. Wasson suggest that last sentence also be deleted. Mr. Erickson said he suggested this language change because he felt by the time it was vote by County Board it would be 30 to 60 days, so he would not oppose 30 days but wanted to make sure not language did not extend the term.

Mr. McIntyre asked if we should move forward for an amendment or pass as is or move to EDC for recommendations because he felt they may have some suggestions as well. Mr. Selzer stated that he was willing to withdrawal motion, as he would like to send back for re-work rather than going back through each item. He also stated that some of the issues would be resolved if members who serve on other boards away from the County Board and presented a report to the Board on regular basis. There was discussion among members on how to handle changes and voting on updated MOU. Mr. Wasson indicated that Staff could generate revised MOU for consideration at another meeting, but wanted to walk through changes tonight to make sure we have all changes. It was determined they would propose amendments and the revised document would be included in County Board packet

Motion to Amend Erickson/Gordon page 30 Item 1 Term. To read, This Agreement shall be for no more than a term of one (1) years, effective January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice with or without cause by vote of the party's governing board." In addition, delete last sentence.  
Motion Carried.

Schafer stated that her amendment would be to remove changed language in the fourth bullet point under F on page 33. Mr. McIntyre stated that this MOU would go to EDC for comments. Mr. Erickson said he could not support change because he felt wording "timely" and "as necessary" left it open to the EDC's interpretation and he wanted to require EDC present something to the County Board. Mr. McIntyre stated that in the bullet point three it states quarterly presentations so felt that is what timely referred to. Mr. Erickson asked that it be spelled out in bullet point 4. Ms. Schafer said that she could

agree with that. Mr. Rankin asked if bullet point 1 conflicted with bullet point 4 by asking for reporting but on different time schedules. Ms. Schafer also questioned combining bullet points as it might not be timely if quarterly reporting and a new project presents itself at the start of a quarter. Mr. Wasson suggest bullet point 1 read "Written report bi-monthly to County Board Chair and County Board including information on potential and ongoing projects." Mr. McIntyre asked if changed language was acceptable. Mr. Erickson state that he supported changed language but wanted to make sure the report is not a sale presentation. It was determined that bullet point 4 would be deleted.

Motion by Schafer/Selzer to delete bullet point number 4 on page 33 under F. Reports and Presentations to the County Board" and change bullet point number 1 to read "Written report bi-monthly to County Board Chair and County Board including information on potential and ongoing projects."  
Motion carried.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he just wants Economic Development Council to tell us what they are doing with the money. Mr. Segobiano stated that they should report on business they are bringing in and on how they are retaining businesses. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Selzer that members on outside Committees and Board should come to us and provide a report to the County Board.

Mr. Gordon stated that he wanted to make sure that Scribner error on page 14 was part of the changes. Committee agreed. Mr. McIntyre asked if there were other amendments; hearing none, he asked for vote on the original MOU as amended.

Motion by Erickson/Rankin to recommend approval to the full Board of Memorandum of Understanding for Economic Development Consulting Services as amended.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Mclean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, County Board 0001 (VRI).

Motion by Selzer/Rankin to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Mclean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, County Board 0001 (VRI).  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson presented an update on the Employee Activities for last month and then asked the Committee to recognize Mr. Chambers under "Other" regarding a recent opinion on FOIAs. Mr. Chambers indicated he had previously discussed with Board members the subject of FOIA requests of other peoples' FOIAs. He stated they had denied request because FOIAs are to make government business transparent to the public but not necessarily private citizen business public. He stated that the Attorney General has

determined that we have to comply with this type of FOIA request. Mr. Chamber stated he is recommending we comply with it instead of incurring legal costs, but asked members to reach out to him if they have strong inclinations to the opposite. Ms. Schafer asked about precedent we set if we comply. Mr. Chambers stated that some public bodies already do this and provided example that some put FOIA requests on their web page. Mr. McIntyre indicated that we might have to visit that option in the future.

Chairman McIntyre indicated he would bring to stand-up the addition of three people to the public aid committee. Also under other business, Mr. Soeldner suggested that after discussion today it might be time to add something to Board Rules about members submitting reports. Mr. McIntyre stated there might be a rules subcommittee meeting in the future and that he might possibly have a legislative sub-committee meet. Mr. Caisley asked how we determine which minutes from other Board are included in the McLean County Board packet. Mr. McIntyre indicated that was part of the reason the Rules committee would meet.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee; hearing none, he moved to payment of the Bills. Chairman McIntyre presented for approval bills as forwarded by the Auditor in the amount of \$111,947.86.

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**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

**Executive Committee**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND TITLE</b>	<b>PENDING TOTAL</b>	<b>PREPAID TOTAL</b>	<b>FUND TOTAL</b>
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$99,830.16	\$99,830.16
0136	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.		\$3,367.70	\$3,367.70
0159	WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND		\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00
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			\$111,947.86	\$111,947.86

  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Gordon/Rankin to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor in the amount of \$111,947.86.  
Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre stated there was no other business to come before the Committee and adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Morlock  
Recording Secretary