

Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee Meeting

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday June 6, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Chuck Erickson, Members Laurie Wollrab, George Wendt, Sharon Chung and Shayna Watchinski

Members Absent: Members Jacob Beard, Lyndsay Bloomfield,

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director and Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Mr. Trevor Sierra, Assistant State's Attorney Civil Division

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Phil Dick, Director of Building and Zoning

Others Present:

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. declared a quorum and presented the minutes from the May 2, 2019 regular meeting for approval.

Motion by Watchinski/Chung to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2019 regular meeting.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson presented bills that had been reviewed and recommended by the County Auditor with a prepaid total and fund total of \$1,080.30.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Land Use Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$1,080.30	\$1,080.30
			\$1,080.30	\$1,080.30


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Wollrab/Chung to recommend approval of the Land Use and Development Committee bills.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Erickson confirmed there were no appearances by members of the public or employees.

Mr. Phil Dick, Building and Zoning presented for action a request by the McLean County Regional Planning Commission to approve a Regional Planning Services Agreement for their fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Mr. Dick stated this agreement with Regional Planning allows Regional Planning to handle long range and transportation planning and is similar to agreements we have had in place for the last several years. Mr. Wendt asked what the costs are to the County. Mr. Dick indicated it was \$54,000. Ms. Wollrab asked if we share these costs. Mr. Dick indicated that Bloomington and Normal pay the same amount.

Motion by Chung/Watching to recommend approval of a request by the McLean County Regional Planning Commission to approve a Regional Planning Services Agreement for their fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson indicated there were no position filed in the last 30 days.

Mr. Erickson indicated that the next proposed meeting date is July 1, 2019 at 3:30 since the regularly scheduled meeting date and time was on July 4th. The Committee concurred.

Under other business, Chairman Erickson read into the record the attached statement regarding the D-Day invasion that also honored all Veterans of the United States.

Chairman Erickson asked if there was anything further for the Committee; hearing nothing, he adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary

Today, June 6, 2019, is the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Doing a tribute to veterans has special significance for me as my father was a D-Day veteran in WWII. Twelve years ago this week, I was in Normandy, France on a tour with WWII veterans of June 6, 1944, and of the D-Day invasion sites.

D-Day was the largest amphibious assault in the history of mankind. It involved moving over 175,000 men, 50,000 vehicles across the English Channel from England to France in one night. To compare that, D-Day was like moving all of McLean County, every man, woman and child, every vehicle across the English Channel in one night.

I do want to share with you a brief story, about my father's D-Day experience, and in the process, honor him and all veterans. My father's D-Day experience started with Company M, 3rd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, nicknamed the Big Red One. On June 1, 1944, he boarded the HMS Empire Anvil for the invasion of Europe. He and his fellow soldiers would never set foot on ground again until landing on Omaha Beach in the early morning of June 6. At approximately 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 1944, the HMS Empire Anvil departed the Port of Weymouth, England, for the D-Day invasion. Between 3 and 4 a.m. in the morning, in the dark of night, in the middle of the English Channel, he and they descended on the rope ladders hanging over the side of the ship, in rough seas to board the landing craft that would take him and them to the beach. He, and they, had been up most the night and spent the next 3 to 4 hours in the landing craft again on rough seas, so rough in fact that some landing craft took in water and capsized, many became seasick, he and they were shelled as they approached the beach, were let out near the beach, waded through the ocean, only to encounter a wall of steel, merciless German machine gun fire and mortars, on French soil, where many men gave the last full measure of devotion infamously known as bloody Omaha!

We should always honor the spirit of the American veteran. I want to close with President Reagan's remarks on June 6, 1984, at the Normandy American Military Cemetery and Memorial located at Colleville-sur-Mer, France, where 9385 brave American soldiers rest in peace. President Reagan closed his remarks reading a letter of the daughter of a D-Day veteran and with these words,

I'll never forget what you went through Dad nor will I let anyone else, forget
And Dad, I'll always be proud
President Reagan ended with this
We will always remember
We will always be proud
We will always be prepared
So we may be always free
Thank you.