

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

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 8:45 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Owens, Butler, Bostic, Gordon, Hoselton, Segobiano, Rackauskas and O'Connor

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; and Ms. Judith A. LaCasse, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's office

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: None

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Mr. Ben Owens, Chairman, Finance Committee, Owens presented a request for approval of a Resolution agreeing to pay Reimbursable Costs to the McLean/DeWitt/Livingston Regional Office of Education and to sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to the same – Regional Office of Education. He noted that the Finance Committee voted this morning to recommend approval of this item.

Ms. Rackauskas advised that she is all in favor of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Regional Office of Education getting paid, but she is not in agreement with this process to pay them. She indicated that another solution should be found to meeting these salaries. Ms. Rackauskas stated that she will be voting "no" on this item.

Mr. Segobiano commented that he will not be voting on this item at the full Board meeting as he has a working relationship with the Regional Office of Education. However, he stressed that he is fully in favor of this temporary solution to paying the salaries of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Regional Office of Education. Mr. Segobiano stated that these people should not be held hostage because of what Springfield does or does not do. He encouraged every member of the Board to support this item.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Agreeing to Pay Reimbursable Costs to the McLean/DeWitt/Livingston Office of Education and to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding Agreeing to the same.  
Motion carried with Ms. Rackauskas voting "no."

Chairman Sorensen advised that a memorandum was distributed at Board Members' places from Mr. Wasson, Oversight Committee Chairs and he. He stated that this memorandum and the accompanying report is the result of the work done by you, as Committee Chairs, Mr. Wasson, the Department Heads and he last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to find additional budget reductions. Because the Oversight Committees have already approved their budgets, some with amendments and some without, and those are on a path to come to the Executive Committee in November; these additional amendments should be considered as discussion topics in the November cycle of meetings to gain a consensus. Chairman Sorensen indicated that if the Committee Chairs are comfortable that their Committees have a consensus, then you will present your budget that passed your Committee in the November Executive Committee Meeting and offer these amendments. He noted that the communication this morning is to give the entire Board the big picture in terms of the likely amendments that will come to Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen advised that if this set of amendments goes through in its entirety, the effect of the Property Tax Rate for next year will be .00269, which is almost identical to what the Recommended Budget that we started with at the beginning of October had as an increase, but this is a decrease.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary