

## Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee Meeting

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, January 2, 2020 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, Jacob Beard, Sharon Chung and Shayna Watchinski

Members Absent: Member Lyndsay Bloomfield

Other Board Members Present: Members Catherine Metsker, John McIntyre, William Friedrich

Staff Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator, 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 December 5, 2019 regular meeting for approval.

Motion by Wendt/Chung to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2019 regular meeting.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson presented bills that had been reviewed and recommended by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$988.97.

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#### EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Land Use Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$988.97	\$988.97
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Wendt/Wollrab to recommend approval of the Land Use and Development Committee bills prepaid total and fund total of \$988.97.  
Motion carried.

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

Chairman Erickson presented for action a request by Merle Martens by Power of Attorney Mark Martens for a waiver of preliminary plan requirements and approval of a one-lot subdivision final plat for the Martens 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision. Mr. Dick provided photos of the land and went over request to separate farm house from the farm. He indicated the Health Department and County Highway Department had signed off on the project and the Dale Township Road Commissioner had signed the plat access certificate.

Motion by Wendt/Chung to recommend approval of a request by Merle Martens by Power of Attorney Mark Martens for a waiver of preliminary plan requirements and approval of a one-lot subdivision final plat for the Martens 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision.

Motion Carried

Chairman Erickson indicated there were no positions filed under the purview of the Committee. He stated that the next meeting would be on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Erickson asked for an update on the Committee's request for suggestions regarding the Cropsey building situation. Ms. Rodriguez indicated staff is researching possible grants through the Department of Natural Resources and have also contacted a labor organization who agreed to go out and look at the situation. She indicated Staff hoped to bring formal recommendations to the February meeting. Mr. Beard asked if Cropsey was unincorporated and if Staff had talked with the Township. Mr. Schmitt confirmed it is unincorporated and that Staff had been in contact with the Township. Mr. Beard asked if this situation could it start to become a regular occurrence in other unincorporated areas of the County. Mr. Dick passed out pictures of the site from when the building collapsed and more recently and indicated they typically keep after the owner to get the site cleaned up but the owner in this instance is not cooperating. Mr. Dick indicated he talked with Henson disposal to gather information on a dumpster and disposal costs. Ms. Wollrab asked if this person had a mortgage or insurance that might cover this. Mr. Sierra indicated he did not think there was a mortgage and Staff did speak with insurance company and they are not covering incident because of things the owner admitted including property falling into disrepair and roof being open for a while. Mr. Sierra indicated the County is not in a position to litigate. Ms. Watchinski asked who moved the debris off the post office. Mr. Dick indicated the owner's relatives were loaned a tractor to push things out of the way so the Post Office could open again. Ms. Metsker addressed the Committee and indicated there are a few unincorporated areas in her district, but this is the only one that has a downtown area with two story brick buildings. She did indicate there was another unincorporated area that has a nursing home that could be a concern but felt the risk of this occurring in other locations was minimal. Mr. Dick indicated there are other unincorporated areas throughout the County. Ms. Metsker agreed other areas but again stated those areas do not have the brick commercial two-story buildings like Cropsey. Mr. Erickson stated he was not sure there was much they could do but would like to still get recommendations from Staff for any possible solutions.

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Mr. Erickson asked if there was anything else to come before the Committee; hearing  
He asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion by Wendt/Watchinski to adjourn the January 2, 2020 meeting.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Julie A. Morlock*

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Recording Secretary