

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman John McIntyre and Members Jim Soeldner Chuck Erickson, Laurie Wollrab, Catherine Metsker and Randall Martin (in Person), Members Susan Schafer, Josh Barnett, and George Wendt (Via Remote Attendance)

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: Member Logan Smith

Staff Present: Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator; Mr. Chris Spanos, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division, Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Cathy Dreyer Assistant County Administrator (in person)

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson Information Technologies Director (In-person).

Others Present: Mr. Patrick Hoban, Economic Development Council Mr. Michael Brown, Ecology Action Center, Mr. Mike O'Grady, Ecology Action Center Board (via remote attendance)

Chairman McIntyre called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee at 4:30 p.m. and asked Ms. Morlock to Call Roll. Chairman McIntyre stated all members were present and declared a quorum.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the March 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion by Soeldner/Martin to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote- all Members present voted yes including the Chairman

Chairman McIntyre confirmed public speakers and indicated each person would have 5 minutes to speak for a total of 30 minutes. He announced each person in the order submitted.

Joann Yant – was not present

Gwenlyn Robinson (Please refer to audio 00:03:13 – 00:04:10)

Gretchen Monti (Please refer to audio 00:04:44 – 00:06:09)

Kenton Machina (Please refer to audio 00:06:21 – 00:08:08)

Bob Broad (Please refer to audio 00:08:38 – 00:10:44)

Ravi Duvvari (Please refer to audio 00:10:55 – 00:12:56)

Sarah Breeden (Please refer to audio 00:13:05 – 00:14:56)

Karla Bailey-Smith (Please refer to audio 00:15:12 – 00:17:54)

Chairman McIntyre presented the appointments and reappointments for approval.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of the appointments and reappointments.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote. All members present voted yes including the chairman.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a Resolution of the McLean County Board to Amend the Rules of the McLean County Board as Contained within Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code as recommended by Rules Sub-committee on April 28, 2021

Motion by Soeldner/Wendt to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board to Amend the Rules of the McLean County Board as Contained within Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code as recommended by Rules Sub-committee on April 28, 2021

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman asked if there was objection to combine the next two items on the agenda. There was no objection. Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve a Resolution of the McLean County Board to Amend the Rules of the McLean County Board as Contained within Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code as recommended by Rules Sub-committee on May 6, 2021 and Resolution of the McLean County Board Setting the Number of County Board Districts and the Number of County Board Representatives to be elected from each District. Ms. Wollrab read a statement into the record (00:21:05 – 00:23:51). Chairman McIntyre stated he would reserve his comment for the special meeting of the Board. Ms. Schafer asked Mr. Barnett why he felt the five-district plan would put the Nursing Home, Behavioral Health Initiatives and the History Museum at risk. Mr. Barnett indicated he did not feel the five-district plan was in the best interest of County residents and had not been well thought out.

Motion by Wendt/Metsker to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board to Amend the Rules of the McLean County Board as Contained within Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code as recommended by Rules Sub-committee on May 6, 2021 and Resolution of the McLean County Board Setting the Number of County Board Districts and the Number of County Board Representatives to be elected from each District.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote –members Wendt, Erickson, Soeldner, Schafer and Metsker voted yes. Members Barnett, Martin, and Wollrab voted no. Chairman did not vote.

Ms. Catherine Metsker, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve the Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2022. Ms. Metsker stated staff was working to set a special meeting to discuss and provided amendments in June. Ms. Wollrab stated she felt there were several issues with the document.

Motion by Metsker/Soeldner to recommend approval of a request to approve the Resolution Establishing the Budget Policy for Fiscal Year 2022.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all members voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Catherine Metsker, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve Schedule A – Calendar for Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, and Recommend Three Year Budget

Motion by Metsker/Schafer to recommend approval of a request to approve Schedule A – Calendar for Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, and Recommend Three Year Budget

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all members voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Metsker indicated they had no further items for action for the Executive Committee but would have items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Susan Schafer, Chairman of the Health Committee indicated they had no items for action today or for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Chuck Erickson, Chairman of the Justice Committee presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ford County and McLean County Court Services

Motion by Erickson/Martin to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ford County and McLean County Court Services

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote - all Members present voted yes including the Chairman

Mr. Erickson indicated the Justice Committee had no further items for action today but would have additional items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. George Wendt, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee indicated they had no items for action today but would have an item for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Josh Barnett, Chairman of the Property Committee indicated he had no action items for the Committee today but would have an item for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Jim Soeldner Chairman of the Transportation Committee indicated they had no items for action today but would have items for the Board. Mr. Soeldner indicated the Scott Bundy memorial signs had been posted. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator presented for action a request to approve a Resolution of the McLean County Board Continuing the Declaration of a Disaster Pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act

Motion by Schafer/Wollrab to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Continuing the Declaration of a Disaster Pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all members voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Camille Rodriguez presented for action an Amended Resolution Establishing County Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2021. She indicated that the current calendar had the November Board meeting occurring on a County holiday.

Motion by Martin/Soeldner to recommend approval of an Amended Resolution Establishing County Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2021

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all members voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Camille Rodriguez presented for action an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal for Drop-Box Recycling. (Without the Support of the Land Use and Development Committee) Ms. Rodriguez provided history on this action item. She indicated Mr. Brown was present to provide more information to the Committee. Mr. Brown stated they are responsible solid waste organization for McLean County and then went over the numbers and information provided in the packet.

Mr. Soeldner stated he was supporter of the EAC and recycling and asked Mr. Brown to confirm how many people interviewed to provide figures. Mr. Brown confirmed 150 people at the drop box sites at different times. Mr. Soeldner indicated he felt program was good program, but needed additional site for rural residents and did not feel the County should pay a third of the cost as he did not feel that amount represented the number of County residents who utilized the program. Mr. O'Grady provided perspective as a resident who utilized program and did not live in Bloomington Normal. Ms. Metsker asked if they were able to determine volume brought to drop off locations including restaurants. Mr. Brown stated there was not a good way to do that. Mr. Erickson asked why the Land Use Committee as did not pass item. Mr. Wendt indicated there were questions as to actual use by rural residents and some members felt paying 15% would be more in line with usage. Mr. Erickson asked for input from other rural members of the Board. Mr. Martin stated Danvers had pick-up, but he personally took recycling to into a Normal site. Ms. Metsker stated in her area there was rural pick up of trash and recycling. She agreed program is needed to keep things out of the land fill but agreed she felt 15% was more in line with usage.

Mr. McIntyre stated the Town of Normal has paid this bill for 13 to 14 years. He further stated we have a lot of intergovernmental agreements with the Town of Normal and City of Bloomington and this was about working together. He said he would support but would like another location in the south. Ms. Schafer thanked Mr. O'Grady for information about commercial and restaurant recycling. She asked about no glass recycling in some areas. Mr. Brown stated that is determined by recycling company. Mr. O'Grady stated some communities work to have specific items listed in their recycling contract.

Ms. Metsker asked if we can absorb cost into the budget. Ms. Rodriguez stated it was not figured in the current budget, so funding would come from the general fund. Motion to amend by Metsker/Wendt to change to 15% instead of 33%. Mr. McIntyre reminded them if they passed the amendment it would have to go back to the Town and City for approval. Ms. Metsker asked if they should accept and then renegotiate for next time. Chairman McIntyre stated he felt it would be best to pass and renegotiate for the next contract. Ms. Metsker stated she wanted to keep motion on the floor.

Mr. Barnett asked if City and Town were prepared to pick up extra cost if County only paid 15%. Mr. O'Grady stated both City and Town indicated they will not supplement so the program would stop. Mr. Barnett stated Town and City have given millions for mental health and now asking for \$55,000. Mr. McIntyre agreed. Mr. Erickson asked if item would go to full Board if it failed today. Mr. McIntyre confirmed it would go to full Board. Mr. Wendt stated he felt there should have been discussion with all parties before agreement was sent to the County. Mr. Soeldner stated if City and Town were not going to pick up costs he would support as he did not want the program stopped.

Motion by Metsker/Wendt to change amount the County pays from 33% to 15%.
Motion failed. Roll call vote. Members Barnett, Martin, Erickson, Soeldner, Schafer, Wollrab and Chairman McIntyre voted no and Members Wendt and Metsker voted yes.

Motion by Martin/Wollrab to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal for Drop-Box Recycling. (Without the Support of the Land Use and Development Committee).
Motion Carried. Roll call vote – Members Barnett, Martin, Erickson, Soeldner, Schafer, Wollrab, Metsker and Chairman McIntyre voted yes. Member Wendt voted no.

Ms. Rodriguez presented for action Request approval of an Abatement Ordinance abating taxes on property purchased by Rivian Automotive. Mr. McIntyre stated Rivian has far exceeded requirements of agreement. Ms. Rodriguez noted Mr. Hoban in attendance if there were questions. Ms. Metsker stated she appreciated work done prior to this agreement with Rivian and had no objection to continued abatement. She asked if acreage just purchased by Rivian would be included in the abatement. Mr. Hoban confirmed it would not be included. Ms. Metsker stated land taxes are received by Township and wanted to make sure funds would still go to Township.

Motion Barnett/Wollrab to recommend approval of an Abatement Ordinance abating taxes on property purchased by Rivian Automotive.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Rodriguez Request approval of an Abatement Ordinance abating taxes on property purchased by Brandt Industries and indicated they had met requirements.

Motion by Barnett/Soeldner to recommend approval of an Abatement Ordinance abating taxes on property purchased by Brandt Industries.

Motion carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there was other business to come before the Committee. Mr. McIntyre asked members to keep items presented under other business to county business.

Chairman McIntyre presented for approval a transfer of \$555.00 and bills in the amount of \$303,891.04 for the General Fund, Shared Sales Tax and Veterans Assistance Commission and bills in the amount of \$5,068.80 for Regional Planning.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Executive Committee

| FUND | FUND TITLE | PENDING TOTAL | PREPAID TOTAL | FUND TOTAL |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 0001 | GENERAL FUND | | \$253,200.88 | \$253,200.88 |
| 0007 | Shared Sales Tax/Municipalities | | \$48,841.26 | \$48,841.26 |
| 0136 | VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM. | | \$1,848.90 | \$1,848.90 |
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| | | | \$303,891.04 | \$303,891.04 |

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Regional Planning

| FUND | FUND TITLE | PENDING TOTAL | PREPAID TOTAL | FUND TOTAL |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 0010 | Regional Planning | | \$5,068.80 | \$5,068.80 |
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| | | | \$5,068.80 | \$5,068.80 |

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Metsker/Martin to approve payment the General Fund, Shared Sales Tax Veterans Assistance Commission and Regional Planning Invoices.

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Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: All members present voted yes including the Chairman

Motion by Schafer/Wendt to recommend approval of Transfer for Behavioral Health.

Motion carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman

Chairman McIntyre indicated there was no further business to come before the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary