

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ("FOIA")

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FOIA REQUESTS

Requests may be submitted:

- * mailed to 308 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701
- * e-mailed to rporter@cwlawoffice.com
- * faxed to (309) 828-4325

Records may be inspected, copied or provided electronically. If inspected, an employee must be present throughout the inspection.

GENERAL COMMISSION FOIA INFORMATION

Decisions can be reviewed by the Public Access Counselor, Sarah Pratt. Her contact information is: Sarah Pratt, Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: 1-312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642), Fax: 1-217-782-1396 -- Email: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

FOIA TIMELINE

5 business days from the day after the public body receives the request. Public Building Commission working days are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, the time period may be extended for an additional 5 business days from the date of the original due date if:

- * The requested information is stored at a different location;
- * The request requires the collection of a substantial number of documents;
- * The request requires an extensive search;
- * The requested records have not been located and require additional effort to find;
- * The requested records need to be reviewed by staff who can determine whether they are exempt from FOIA;
- * The requested records cannot be produced without unduly burdening the public body or interfering with its operations; or
- * The request requires the public body to consult with another public body that has substantial interest in the subject matter of the request.

If additional time is needed, the public body must notify the requester in writing within 5 business days after the receipt of the request of the statutory reasons for the extension and when the requested information will be produced.

FOIA FEES

Certification of Records:	\$1.00 per certification
Document copies:	No charge for black and white copies of less than 50 pages and \$0.15 for each page over 50

Blueprints/Photographs/Microfilm/CD:

\$0.75 per page for color copies
Actual cost of reproduction

THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

The Public Building Commission of McLean County, Illinois is a municipal corporation and body politic created on September 12, 1967 under the provisions of the *Illinois Public Building Commission Act* (“Act”). The Commission is authorized and empowered to construct, acquire, or enlarge public improvements, buildings, and facilities to be made available to use by governmental agencies and to issue bonds which are payable solely from the revenues to be derived from the operation, management, and use of the buildings or other facilities by the Commission or pledged revenues. The Commission has no stockholders or equity holders, and all revenues of the projects shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Commission to be applied in accordance with the provisions of the respective bond resolutions and intergovernmental agreements. The *Act* provides authority for the Commission to obtain permanent financing through the issuance of revenue bonds secured by leases with local governments or other users of facilities constructed or acquired by the Commission.

The members of the Commission are appointed as follows: McLean County Board (5 members), Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority (1 member), Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District (1 member), City of Bloomington (1 member), and Board of Education, School District #87 (1 member). Current members of the Commission are as follows: Chairman Thomas W. Novosad (McLean County), Vice Chairman William A. Zimmerman (McLean County), Secretary John L. Morel (McLean County), Assistant Secretary George A. Farnsworth (McLean County), Assistant Treasurer David A. Schultz (McLean County), Commissioner John F. Harris (School District #87), Commissioner Terry L. Reid (Airport Authority), Commissioner James A. Fruin (Water Reclamation District), and Commissioner Robert B. Fazzini (City of Bloomington). The Commission retains outside legal counsel and an outside certified public accountant as Treasurer.

COMMISSION FACILITIES

The Commission is legal title holder to the Law and Justice Center (104 W. Front Street, Bloomington, IL), the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Parking Deck (102 W. Front Street, Bloomington, IL), the Government Center (115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL), the McLean County Historical Society (200 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL), the McLean County Highway Department Office and Garage Buildings (102 S. Towanda Barnes Rd., Bloomington, IL), the McLean County Animal Control Shelter (9279 N. 1375 East Rd., Bloomington, IL), the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center (903 N. Main St., Normal, IL), the McLean County Nursing Home (901 N. Main St., Normal, IL), the McLean County Emergency Management Garage (907 N. Main St., Normal, IL), the McLean County Fairview Sanitarium Building (905 N. Main St., Normal, IL), and 200 W. Front St., Bloomington, IL. The Commission’s legal address is 104 W. Front Street, Bloomington, IL. However, the Commission conducts all business at 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

BUDGET

Budgetary information can be found in the Commission’s annual fiscal year audited statements, which are made publicly available upon request in the Office of the County Clerk, 115 E. Washington Street, Room 102, Bloomington, IL, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except for legal holidays.