

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Renner, Bostic, Gordon, Hoselton, and Butler

Members Absent: Members Owens, Segobiano and Nuckolls

Other Members Present: Member John McIntyre

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator; Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: None

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the October 13, 2009 Executive Committee meeting for approval. Hearing no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Sorensen advised that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Chairman Sorensen presented the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the review of the Fiscal Year 2009 Recommended Budget for the County Board, as follows:

County Board – 0001-0001 can be found on pages 1-4 of the FY'2010 Recommended Budget and the Summary is on pages 1-5 in the Agenda packet. The FY'2010 Recommended Budget has increased from \$1,434,472 in the FY'2009 Adopted Budget to \$1,455,600, which is an increase of 1.47%.

Motion by Bostic/Hoselton to recommend tentative approval of the County Board 0001-0001 FY'2010 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, advised that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee, advised that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Hoselton.

Mr. John Butler, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval to update the Lease Agreement with SHOW BUS for two new vehicles for Building and Zoning.

Motion by Butler/Hoselton to recommend approval to Update the Lease Agreement with SHOW BUS for two new vehicles – Building and Zoning.
Motion carried.

Mr. Butler presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board amending the 2009 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107 – Health Department.

Motion by Butler/Renner to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2009 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107 – Health Department.
Motion carried.

Mr. Butler presented a request for approval of Ordinance authorizing the public approval of the issuance of certain collateralized Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds and certain documents in connection therewith; and related matters – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Butler/Gordon to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the Public Approval of the Issuance of Certain Collateralized Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds and certain documents in Connection therewith; and Related Matters – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Butler.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented three requests for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and the Illinois State University for Centralized Booking; between the County of McLean and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking; and between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington for Centralized Booking. Sheriff Emery noted that all three of these contracts reflect a 3% increase in the fee charged to each entity.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and the Illinois State University for Centralized Booking; between the County of McLean and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking; and between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington for Centralized Booking.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a Resolution Approving McLean County's continued participation with the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office. He explained that this contract is entered into with the Appellate Prosecutor's Office to handle criminal appeals and to handle conflict prosecutions.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to approve a Resolution Approving McLean County's continued participation with the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutors Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Renner.

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Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, advised that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, stated that this is the meeting at which time the Executive Committee recommends final action to the full County Board on various portions of the budget, which are broken down by oversight committee. Mr. Lindberg asked that each Committee Chairman bring their recommendations as a result of their meetings and discussions.

Ms. Bostic presented a request for Consideration and Approval of Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Executive Committee.

Motion by Bostic/Renner to recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Executive Committee as submitted.
Motion carried.

Mr. Butler presented a request for consideration and approval of Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Finance Committee.

Motion by Butler/Bostic to recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Finance Committee as submitted.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for consideration and approval of Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Justice Committee.

Motion by Renner/Hoselton to recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Justice Committee as submitted.
Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon presented a request for consideration and approval of Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Land Use and Development Committee.

Motion by Gordon/Renner to recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Land Use and Development Committee as submitted.
Motion carried.

Ms. Bostic presented a request for consideration and approval of Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Property Committee.

Motion by Bostic/Butler to recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Property Committee as submitted.
Motion carried.

Mr. Hoselton presented a request for consideration and approval of Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Transportation Committee.

Motion by Hoselton/Renner to recommend approval of the Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Transportation Committee as submitted.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2010 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, as recommended by the Oversight Committees.

Motion by Gordon/Bostic to recommend approval of the FY'2010 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, as recommended by the Oversight Committees.

Mr. Lindberg indicated that page 63 of the packet is the General Fund budget. He advised that the total of the General Fund is down from the prior year by \$589,247, or -1.82%.

Mr. Lindberg noted that pages 64-65 reflect all of the budgets and all of the special revenue budgets and the Enterprise Fund. He stated that the total Operating Budget declines by \$529,349. Mr. Lindberg added that, when you compare that to the overall total of \$75.4 million that is down by -0.70%.

Mr. Lindberg referred to page 66, the Tax Levy portion of the budget. He pointed out that the General Fund is up 4.49%. He noted that most of the other funds are up less than that until you get to the F.I.C.A. Fund and I.M.R.F. Fund. Mr. Lindberg stated that F.I.C.A. is up 10.54% because there was not a Fund Balance to defray that cost this year. The F.I.C.A. rate with Medicare stays at 7.65% just as it always has been. Mr. Lindberg indicated that the I.M.R.F. budget is up by \$599,719, or 23.24%, which is the biggest increase of any of the Tax Levy Funds. He advised that the reason for this increase is the investment losses that I.M.R.F. suffered. This results in the County's I.M.R.F. rate increasing from 7.44% to 9.10% in Fiscal Year 2010, which is why there is a significant increase in the levy.

Mr. Lindberg pointed out that the PBC Funds that have to do with operation and maintenance costs for the Old Courthouse, the Law and Justice Center and the Government Center have decreased. He explained that this was accomplished by eliminating virtually all capital projects for those buildings. Mr. Lindberg added that money was also saved by tightening up on utility costs by very careful management.

Mr. Lindberg concluded that the bottom line total of the overall part of the levies is up by 4.12%. It still results in a very tiny decrease in the bottom line County Tax Rate. Mr. Lindberg noted that it decreased from \$0.8966 to \$0.8940. He estimated an increase in the EAV which is slightly more than 4.12% that the total levy amount goes up, which is why it was possible to drop the tax rate ever so slightly.

Mr. Lindberg indicated that pages 67-69 shows the Truth in Taxation information. He noted that the four Roman numeral points appear as part of an advertisement in the *Pantagraph*. Mr. Lindberg advised that, generally, the Truth in Taxation information only needs to appear in the *Pantagraph* if the levy went up by 5% or more, and the County's levy only went up by 4.12%. He explained that the funds that show the large decreases in the PBC area are not part of the calculation for Truth in Taxation. The funds that are used in Truth in Taxation include the 23.24% increase in I.M.R.F. and 10.54% increase in F.I.C.A., so the ones that count go up 5.84% even though overall the County is only up 4.12%. Mr. Lindberg noted that the County Board meeting will begin with a Truth in Taxation Hearing. He added that, given the state of the economy, the County is still down 1% overall and down 2% for the General Fund.

Ms. Bostic expressed her appreciation to Mr. Lindberg and Mr. Wasson for doing an outstanding job with the County budget.

Mr. Gordon commented that he is pleased to see the increase in the EAV in light of the economy. Chairman Sorensen cautioned that assessments have a tendency to trail economic cycles, both up and down. Mr. Lindberg noted that there was about a 10% increase in the number of properties that were offered at the Tax Sale on Monday, which is the sign of an increasing number of defaults on payment of taxes.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of the McLean County 2009 Tax Levy Ordinance.

Motion by Bostic/Renner to recommend approval of the McLean County 2009 Tax Levy Ordinance as submitted.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of the Amendment to the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Resolution for Fiscal Year 2010. He stated that this is a consolidated Resolution reflecting the changes brought forward in the 2010 Budget.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of the Amendment to the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Resolution for Fiscal Year 2010 – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Lindberg advised that this Amendment is where you are taking a final look at any proposed new positions, reclassifications and upgrades. He added that there are no new positions, reclassifications or upgrades in the FY'2010 Budget.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of the Position Reclassification and Salary Upgrades recommended as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Budget – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of the Position Reclassification and Salary Upgrades recommended as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Budget – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Wasson commended the Department Heads who worked on this budget process with the County Administration to identify opportunities for manpower savings, not only due to the Early Retirement Initiative, but due to market conditions that we are currently experiencing as well as opportunities to restructure their departments. He indicated that a large number of departments were involved in the process of restructuring of their own choosing to identify manpower savings.

Ms. Bostic asked how much money is being saved by this initiative. Mr. Lindberg replied that there is a \$600,000 savings in the General Fund.

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Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of the Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, as recommended by the Oversight Committee.

Motion by Hoselton/Bostic to Recommend Approval of the Five Year Capital Improvement Budget, as recommended by the Oversight Committee.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the October 31, 2009 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$255,557.10 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Renner/Butler to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for October 31, 2009 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary