

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney, Members Sorensen, Segobiano, Renner, Hoselton, Nuckolls and Bostic

Members Absent: Members Gordon and Bass

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Other Members Present: None

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Sheriff Mike Emery; Lt. Jeff Elston, Sheriff's Department

Others Present: Mr. Marty Vanags, CEO, Economic Development Council of Bloomington-Normal/McLean County

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

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes from the February 14, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Renner/Segobiano to approve and place on file the minutes of the February 14, 2007 Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented one Reappointment to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to Recommend Approval of the one Reappointment as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval of an Application to amend boundaries of the Bloomington/Normal/McLean County Enterprise Zone to add/delete territory. He explained that this amendment is being requested to amend the boundaries of the existing Bloomington/Normal/McLean County

Enterprise Zone approved by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economics Opportunity (“DCEO”) on December 28, 2005 and as amended to add/delete territory as approved by DCEO on July 25, 2006, with respect to the Twin Groves Wind Farm (the “Twin Groves Project,” formerly the Arrowsmith Project) being developed by Horizon Wind Energy LLC and its two wholly owned subsidiaries, High Trail Wind Farm, LLC and Old Trail Wind Farm, LLC (collectively, “Horizon”).

Mr. Segobiano asked if there had been any action on the part of the County’s Legislators to amend the Enterprise Zone Act to allow more than one Enterprise Zone in a County or to have more area devoted to an Enterprise Zone. Mr. Lindberg replied that no action has been taken.

Motion by Renner/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of an Application to Amend Boundaries of the Bloomington/ Normal/McLean County Enterprise Zone to Add/Delete Territory.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval of an Ordinance amending “An Ordinance Describing and designating an area located partially within the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and Unincorporated McLean County as an Enterprise Zone.”

Motion by Renner/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance amending “An Ordinance Describing and Designating an area located partially within the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and Unincorporated McLean County as an Enterprise Zone.”
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval of the 2007 Vehicle Bid recommendation for the Sheriff’s Department, Coroner’s Office and the Parks and Recreation Department – Fleet Management.

Motion by Renner/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of the 2007 Vehicle Bid Recommendation for the Sheriff’s Department, Coroner’s Office and the Parks and Recreation Department – Fleet Management.

Mr. Hoselton asked where is Wright’s Automotive located. Lt. Elston replied that Wright’s Automotive is located in Hillsboro, Illinois.

Mr. Segobiano asked if there is still a reduction in cost if the vehicles are white. Sheriff Emery responded that there is no reduction in cost. He noted that the new vehicles will be brown and there is no difference in the cost between brown and white.

Motion carried.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, reported that the Justice Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He noted that the Justice Committee is presenting a request to the Board for approval of a Proclamation naming April as Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Month.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Vice Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, reported that the Property Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval of an Amendment to the Ordinance Adopting and Enacting Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Public use of all County Parks and Recreational areas – to designate Park Roads as “Park Zone Streets” – Parks and Recreation.

Motion by Bostic/Renner to Recommend Approval of
an Amendment to the Ordinance Adopting and
Enacting Rules and Regulations pertaining to the
Public Use of all County Parks and Recreational
Areas – to designate Park Roads as “Park Zone
Streets” – Parks and Recreation
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

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

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105 ("Ticket for a Cure Grant") – Health Department.

Motion by Sorensen/Renner to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2007 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105 ("Ticket for a Cure Grant") – Health Department.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator announced that McLean County received its final Multiplier from the Illinois Department of Revenue. He noted that it was received last week, which makes it the earliest in the history of Mclean County that we have received the final Multiplier. Mr. Zeunik recognized the work done in the Supervisor of Assessment's Office in cooperation with the Township Assessors to complete the assessment cycle. As of last Friday, the County is two and a half weeks ahead of last year in terms of that process and in terms of receiving a final Multiplier from the State.

Mr. Zeunik reported that the County Multiplier was, once again, a "one."

Mr. Segobiano asked how many years it has been a "one." Mr. Zeunik replied that it has been a "one" for as many years as he has been here and likely several years before.

Mr. Hoselton referred to the "ex parte" communication issue regarding the Carlock Wind Farm and the comments he previously made in regard to opening and reading correspondence he had received. He advised that he will make his decision on the wind farm application based on the entire official record and the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Chairman Sweeney presented the February 28, 2007 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Prepaid Total is \$324,272.49 and the fund total is the same.

Minutes of the Executive Committee
March 13, 2007
Page Five

Motion by Bostic/Nuckolls to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for February 28, 2007 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary