

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Gordon

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: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services

Others Present: Mr. Robert J. Lenz, Attorney

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

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes from the June 13, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Renner/Bostic to approve and place on file the minutes of the June 13, 2006 meeting.
Motion carried

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes from the May 16, 2006 Stand-up Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Bostic/Berglund to approve and place on file the minutes of the May 16, 2006 Stand-up Committee Meeting.
Motion carried

Chairman Sweeney announced that the Reappointment of Ms. Joanne Maitland has been withdrawn. Therefore, there is one Reappointment, one Appointment and no Resignations.

Motion by Hoselton/Renner to Recommend Approval of the Reappointment and Appointment as amended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval of a Resolution forming the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of McLean County, Illinois. He introduced Mr. Robert J. Lenz, Attorney, who is the temporary Chairman of the Commission for purposes of getting the Commission organized.

Mr. Lenz reported that McLean County was very important to Abraham Lincoln in his career as a lawyer and as a politician. When Lincoln ran for President in 1860, he received almost two-thirds of the vote in McLean County. Mr. Lenz advised that the President of the United States has formed a National Bicentennial Commission led by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and U.S. Congressman Ray LaHood to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The Governor has appointed a State of Illinois Bicentennial Commission. These Commissions are to run from 2007 to 2009 and into 2010. Mr. Lenz requested, on behalf of the David Davis Foundation, that the Town of Normal, the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean join together to form a Commission to provide appropriate recognition to the importance of Lincoln to this community, to the State and to the Country.

Motion by Hoselton/Renner to Recommend Approval of a Resolution forming the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of McLean County, Illinois.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a request for approval of a Professional Services Contract with Integrity Technology Solutions for the development of an Export Tool for the Circuit Clerk's Child Support System – Information Services.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, stated he is seeking approval of the contract with Integrity Technology Solutions to develop a tool to export the current Child Support Systems into the E*Justice Integrated Justice Information System.

Motion by Sorensen/Renner to Recommend Approval of a Professional Services Contract with Integrity Technology Solutions for the Development of an Export Tool for the Circuit Clerk's Child Support System – Information Services.
Motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Duffy Bass, Chairman, Transportation Committee, stated that the Transportation Committee brings four items for action to the Executive Committee. The first is a request for approval of a Resolution Reappointing the County Engineer. He reported that the Transportation Committee met in the morning and recommended approval of the Resolution reappointing Mr. Jack Mitchell for a six-year term as County Engineer.

Motion by Bass/Hoselton to recommend Approval of a
Resolution Reappointing the County Engineer.
Motion carried.

Mr. Bass presented a request for approval of Federal Participation Amendment #1 for the East Side Highway Study. Mr. Bass reported that this Amendment amends the June Resolution, which appropriated \$200,000.00 of the Fiscal Year 2006 Federal High Priority Program Funds for the East Side Highway Study. This Amendment appropriates the balance of the \$800,000.00 High Priority Funds to come out of the 2007 State Fiscal Year budget. Mr. Bass noted that the Engineering Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for the study was also passed at the Transportation Committee meeting this morning.

Motion by Bass/Hoselton to recommend Approval of a
Federal Participation Amendment #1 for the East Side
Highway Study.

Mr. Segobiano asked for clarification on the article in the newspaper that indicated one of the options for the Study Committee to make is that no highway be constructed. Mr. Zeunik responded that one of the requirements, under the Federal Highway Administration Standards, is that the "no build" option must be considered.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bass presented a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Danvers and McLean County for an 80,000 Pound Truck Route.

Motion by Bass/Hoselton to recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Danvers and McLean County for an 80,000 Pound Truck Route.
Motion carried.

Mr. Bass presented a request for approval of a Jurisdictional Transfer – Dawson Rd. – CH 28. He gave a brief explanation of the location of County Highway 28, noting that this transfer will make CH 28 entirely on Ireland Grove Road and would transfer the old portion of CH 28 back to Dawson Township.

Motion by Bass/Hoselton to recommend Approval of a Jurisdictional Transfer – Dawson Rd. – CH 28.

Mr. Sorensen asked what initiated this request. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Township Road Commissioner suggested the change as it allows continuity of jurisdiction and easier maintenance of the roads.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bass stated that there are several more items to be presented to the Board.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Bass.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee brings one item for action to the Executive Committee, namely a request for approval of a Resolution setting the Salary of the Public Defender at 90% of the State's Attorneys Salary – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to recommend Approval of a Resolution Setting the Salary of the Public Defender at 90% of the State's Attorneys Salary – County Administrator's Office

Mr. Segobiano expressed concern that this may prompt all elected officials and department heads to request significant increases in their salaries.

Mr. Zeunik concurred with Mr. Segobiano that other department heads and elected officials may begin to ask for increased salaries. He noted that this is a situation where Illinois Law states that a full-time Public Defender, who is not permitted to have an outside practice, shall be paid 90% of the State's Attorneys salary. Mr. Zeunik stated that this has been a law for many years. However, the

State has never lived up to the provision in the law that the State should reimburse two-thirds of that salary. As a result, many of the Counties have not paid the Public Defender at 90% of the State's Attorneys salary. Mr. Zeunik reported that, this year, the General Assembly, for the first time, appropriated designated funds to reimburse Counties two-thirds of the salary of Public Defenders. He noted that McLean County is eligible for these funds.

Mr. Segobiano asked if the State is required to release the funds. Mr. Lindberg explained that the funds can only be spent for the express purpose of reimbursing the salary of Public Defenders. The State cannot use the funds for other purposes. Mr. Lindberg stressed that the McLean County Public Defender was not part of this initiative. He stated that the State has committed funds into the future for this reimbursement.

Mr. Renner expressed his concern that it is still taxpayer money whether it comes from the County or the State. He advised that the State's Attorney sets the agenda for the legal system and has a greater responsibility than the Public Defender. Mr. Renner noted that he will not support this Resolution.

Mr. Hoselton asked what is the difference in the salary. Mr. Sorensen stated that the salary will be \$139,489.00 and it is currently \$94,643.00. He stated that he voted for the taxpayers of McLean County rather than leaving the money in Springfield where it will not benefit the people of McLean County.

Mr. Segobiano asked what will be done with the money saved by the County. Mr. Sorensen stated that the additional funds in the 2007 Fiscal Year Budget will have a positive impact on taxes.

Chairman Sweeney called for a vote on the motion to approve the Resolution.

Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2, with Members Segobiano and Renner voting "No."

Mr. Sorensen reported that the Finance Committee has several items that will be presented to the Board, including the DRAFT Ordinance on the proposed Smoking Ban for McLean County.

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

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee stated that the Justice Committee brings three items for action to the Executive Committee. The first is a request to for approval to apply for a \$5,000.00 Grant through the Illinois Department of Human Services – Court Services Department.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to Recommend Approval of the request received from Court Services to apply for a \$5,000.00 Grant through the Illinois Department of Human Services.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented two requests for approval of Contracts with Livingston and Logan Counties for Lease of Bed Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center – Court Services Department.

Motion by Renner/Berglund to Recommend Approval of Contracts with Livingston County and Logan County for Lease of Bed Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center – Court Services Department.
Motion carried.

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

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 for Mr. Segobiano. There were none.

Chairman Sweeney presented the June 30, 2006 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Prepaid Total is \$628,262.35 and a fund total that is the same.

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Motion by Bass/Bostic to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for June 30, 2006 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Annual Performance Evaluation of the County Administrator.

Motion by Bostic/Renner to recommend that the Executive Committee go into "Executive Session" at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Annual Performance Evaluation of the County Administrator with the Committee Members.

Motion by Bass/Hoselton to recommend that the Executive Committee return to "Open Session" at 5:40 p.m.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked Member Sorensen if he would offer a motion for the Committee's consideration.

Motion by Sorensen/Renner to recommend that the term of the Employment Agreement with the County Administrator be extended for five years; that the County Administrator be awarded a \$3,000.00 performance bonus; that the County Administrator be awarded a 5-step merit increase; and that the County Administrator's deferred compensation retirement program be approved in the amount of \$600.00 per pay period.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary