

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Berglund

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 Department

Others Present: Mr. Darius Gant, Illinois Wesleyan University Intern;
Mr. Lucas Helmer, Illinois State University Intern; Mr. James Malic, Illinois Wesleyan University Intern

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes from the May 10, 2005 Executive Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Hoselton/Sorensen to approve and place
on file the minutes of the May 10, 2005 meeting.
Motion carried

Chairman Sweeney introduced Mr. Darius Gant, Intern, Illinois Wesleyan University who will be attending several Committee meetings and the Board meeting.

Chairman Sweeney announced that there are six reappointments, two appointments and one resignation.

Motion by Bass/Gordon to recommend approval of
the reappointments, appointments and resignation.
Motion carried.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, presented a request for approval to purchase personal computers under the State of Illinois Contract negotiated between Central Management Services and Dell Computers, Inc. He indicated that Information Services plans to purchase a minimum of 80 machines. The total amount of the purchase will not exceed the amount budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2005 budget.

Motion by Hoselton/Renner to Recommend Approval to Purchase Personal Computers under the State of Illinois Contract negotiated between Central Management Services and Dell Computers, Inc. – Information Services.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Nelson. Hearing none, he thanked him for attending.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator discussed the *Legislative Update Memo* from Metro Counties, which highlights the results of the Illinois General Assembly following its adjournment, as well as summaries of bills that were specific to County Government. Mr. Zeunik reported on the issues which he felt were important to the County and with which Metro Counties was involved, including:

- Expanding County Storm Water Authority.
- Liability for bikes on public roads – This bill is one that historically McLean County has opposed and one which Metro Counties opposed.
- Local Government Code Enforcement – There was a bill introduced that would have weakened local code enforcement which was defeated.
- Circuit Clerks Fees (not County Clerk's Fees) – Counties were given the ability to increase the Circuit Clerk's Court Automation Fee and the Circuit Clerk's Court Document Storage Fee if they so choose.
- Truck Weight Bill – This is one that, going into the Legislative Session, was expected to pass with the help of Farm Bureau. However, it was defeated, which is important in terms of protecting County roads.

Mr. Zeunik stated that, on balance, there were some successes gained with the assistance of Metro Counties. He also recognized the assistance of Mr. Bill Anderson, specifically his assistance on the Airport Authority bill. Mr. Zeunik advised that, in this Legislative Session, the County accomplished more than expected.

Mr. Zeunik noted that the impact of the State's FY '2006 budget on County government has not yet been determined, particularly in terms of the salary reimbursement. If the dollar amount is the same as this year, it is likely that there will be a decrease for County Government.

Mr. Renner asked what the status is on the Airport Authority issue. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Bill has passed both the House and the Senate and is on its way to the Governor for his signature. Chairman Sweeney further noted that the Senate voted unanimously and the House passed it with the exception of one vote.

Mr. Zeunik responded to the request made by Mr. Segobiano to research, for the Executive Committee, a possible donation to the Fifty Flags Display following their presentation at the May County Board meeting. He indicated that the suggestion was for a donation from the County to help underwrite the expenses of local Veterans groups participating in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. Mr. Zeunik reported that round-trip mileage from Bloomington to Washington, D.C. is 1,512 miles. The County's current mileage rate is 40.5 cents per mile, which would equate to \$612.36. A thirty-day advance purchase of a round-trip air ticket from Bloomington to Washington, D.C. on Air Tran or Northwest is \$229.80. He noted that \$500.00 would be in the middle between the mileage reimbursement and the air fare.

Mr. Zeunik explained that there is no money budgeted for grants in the 2005 budget. Therefore, he offered two possible sources for funding this request. One option is an Emergency Appropriation and another is a transfer from another line item in the County Board's budget, such as Contract Services.

Chairman Sweeney reported that, in 2001, the County donated \$25,500 to Cooperative Extension, \$18,279 to the YMCA and \$1,000 each to Operation Recycle, Peacemeal, Children's Foundation and Children's Discovery Museum. He noted that there were at least 10-15 more requests for additional monies. Chairman Sweeney indicated that he made the determination to not fund anything in 2002 and so informed those organizations. Since then, the County has been consistent in not awarding any grants. He explained that, while this may be an organization worthy of funding, it would encourage other organizations to request funds.

Mr. Bass stated that he is aware that this particular Veterans group has a highly organized approach to requesting funds from many different local organizations, including the Rotary clubs, VFW, American Legion, etc. He expressed his opinion that this group is well taken care of by other entities.

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Mr. Segobiano responded that he believes this Veterans' organization is very worthy of receiving a donation from the County.

Chairman Sweeney offered two suggestions regarding the issue, including a Stand-up Committee meeting could be scheduled prior to the County Board meeting to approve a course of action. He also suggested that the issue be addressed at the County Board meeting by supplying Board members the correct name and address of the organization. Board members who wish to make a donation can do so as an individual. Chairman Sweeney expressed his belief that this would be a preferable solution to giving a donation from the County.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that Chairman Sweeney will make an announcement at the Board meeting, and Board members can make their own decision on personal donations.

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

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund – Coroner's Office 0031.

Motion by Renner/Hoselton to Recommend Approval
of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending
the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined
Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General
Fund – Coroner's Office 0031.
Motion carried

Mr. Renner requested approval of the following two items on the Agenda, namely approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of McLean, the McLean County Sheriff and the Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority – Sheriff's Department, and a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001 – Sheriff's Department 0029.

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Motion by Renner/Bass to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of McLean, the McLean County Sheriff and the Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority – Sheriff's Department, and Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001 – Sheriff's Department 0029.
Motions carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of an Interagency Agreement between the County of McLean on behalf of the Office of the State's Attorney and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Implementation of the Law Enforcement and Prosecutor-based Victim Assistance Services Program – State's Attorneys Office.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to Recommend Approval of an Interagency Agreement between the County of McLean on behalf of the Office of the State's Attorney and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Implementation of the Law Enforcement and Prosecutor-Based Victim Assistance Services Program – State's Attorneys Office.
Motion carried

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a contract extension for Logan County's bed space at the Juvenile Detention Center – Court Services.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to Recommend Approval of a Contract Extension for Logan County's Bed Space at the Juvenile Detention Center – Court Services.
Motion carried

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

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He noted that there was a recommendation made by the Zoning Board of Appeals at a recent meeting that will appear along with other items on the Consent Agenda of the June 21, 2005 County Board meeting.

Mr. Gordon stated that the unanimous recommendation went against the staff recommendation on this case. He indicated that several County Board members have received queries about the recommendation and requests that the County Board take action against the recommendation. Mr. Gordon reported that there is a two-hour tape available of the ZBA hearing, to which Board members are invited to listen. He advised that this item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda of the County Board Agenda.

Chairman Sweeney reported that he understands that the ZBA voted 5-0 to overturn the staff's recommendation. Mr. Gordon stated that the staff report noted that five of the seven criteria needed to approve a Special Use in the Agricultural district were not met. Chairman Sweeney suggested that any Board member who wishes to listen to the tape, should do so. He warned that only two members can listen to the tape at one time.

Mr. Sorensen asked that CD's be made available for Board members to take home. Mr. Zeunik replied that CD's will be made available.

Mr. Segobiano indicated that he had been approached by a member of the ZBA who indicated that the County's Zoning Ordinance are too tight and should have a wider spread. He noted that this individual felt that this case will move it in that direction. Mr. Segobiano also indicated that the ZBA member told him about the burning of 20 trees on the applicant's property, noting that there are two sides to the story. Mr. Sorensen replied that, legally and technically, the ZBA members are only allowed to use the information they hear during the hearing when deciding a specific case. Mr. Zeunik stated that the applicant did talk about the fire on the tape.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there was any other discussion. Hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee reported that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. She noted that the action item listed on the Agenda was actually an item to be presented to the Board.

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

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Mr. Duffy Bass, Chairman, Transportation Committee reported that the Transportation Committee has no items for action. He advised that many Lettings have taken place over the last month concerning overall maintenance of the County roads and highways. Mr. Bass also pointed out that maintenance of culverts and bridges will be done over the summer and into the fall.

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

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee stated that the Finance Committee brings no items for action, but will be presenting several items to the Board.

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

Chairman Sweeney presented the May 31, 2005 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for the month is \$405,630.52 with the prepaid total the same.

Motion by Sorensen/Gordon to approve the Executive Committee bills for May 31, 2005 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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Motion by Sorensen/Gordon to Recommend the Executive Committee go into Executive Session at 5:09 p.m. to discuss Annual Performance Evaluation of the County Administrator with the Committee Members.

Motion by Sorensen/Bass to recommend the Executive Committee return to Open Session at 5:50 p.m.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked for a motion to be presented.

Motion by Gordon/Bostic to recommend that the term of the Employment Contract with the County Administrator be extended for five years; that the County Administrator be awarded a 5-step merit increase; that the County Administrator be awarded a \$2,000.00 performance bonus; and that the County Administrator's deferred compensation retirement program be approved in the amount of \$13,000.00.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary