

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 8, 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, Bass and Renner

Members Absent: Members Berglund, Bostic, Hoselton

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: None

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

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes from the January 11, 2005 Executive Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to approve and place on file the minutes of the January 11, 2005 meeting.
Motion carried

Chairman Sweeney presented three reappointments and two appointments for which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to recommend approval of the reappointments and appointments as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

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Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, presented one item for action, namely a request for approval of a Contract Amendment with the Sidwell Company to provide GIS Farmland Development. Mr. Nelson indicated that there has been a contract in force with Sidwell since 1977. He noted that they are concurrently doing some other work on the GIS, which needs to be completed by the end of this year. Because of a change in the farmland assessment criteria, Sidwell will complete work on farmland soil properties for the GIS system. Mr. Nelson asked the Committee to approve the amendment to the contract for the additional work. The \$29,000 payment was budgeted in this calendar year.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to approve the Request for a Contract Amendment with the Sidwell Company to provide GIS Farmland Development – Information Services.
Motion carried.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator presented one item for action on behalf of the Property Committee. He requested approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation Budget Ordinance – General Fund 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041. Mr. Zeunik explained that one of the Data Air Units, which services the People's Gallery on the first floor of the Old Courthouse, must be replaced as it is an original unit and is beyond repair. Facilities Management took bids and the lowest bid was submitted by Twin City Refrigeration. He noted that the cost of the unit, \$12,270.00, includes purchase and installation. As this replacement was not anticipated, an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance is presented to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Renner/Segobiano to approve the Request for an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation Budget Ordinance – General Fund 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Duffy Bass, Chairman, Transportation Committee reported that the Transportation Committee has no items for action. He indicated that the Transportation Committee is in the process of approving bids for construction work to begin this spring, including Lexington/LeRoy Road, Holder Road and Hudson/Stuckey Road.

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

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee presented four items for action, which can be acted upon in a single motion. He noted that they are the various inter-fund borrowing activities between the funds from the unencumbered fund balance to get the County through the first five months of the fiscal year until the first property tax installment payment in June. They are:

- (1) Request Approval of a Resolution Transferring Monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the Tort Judgment Fund 0135
- (2) Request Approval of an Ordinance Transferring monies from the County General Fund 0001 to the FICA/Social Security Fund 0130, the I.M.R.F. Fund 0131, and the Tort Judgment Fund 0135
- (3) Request Approval of an Ordinance Transferring monies from the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110
- (4) Request Approval of an Ordinance Transferring monies from the Bridge Matching Fund 0121 to the Tort Judgment Fund 0135

Motion by Sorensen/Gordon to approve the following items:

- Approval of a Resolution Transferring Monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the Tort Judgment Fund 0135
- Approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the County General Fund 0001 to the FICA/Social Security Fund 0130, the I.M.R.F. Fund 0131, and the Tort Judgment Fund 0135
- Approval of an Ordinance Transferring monies from the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110
- Approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the Bridge Matching Fund 0121 to the Tort Judgment Fun 0135

Motion carried.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee presented seven items for action. The first is a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Homeland Security Fund 0005 for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to approve the Request for an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation Budget Ordinance – Homeland Security – Sheriff's Department 0029.
Motion carried

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Multi-DV Fund 0160 for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to approve the Request for an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation Budget Ordinance – Multi-DV Fund 0160 – Sheriff's Department 0029.
Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between McLean County and Motorola to implement an interim Emergency Radio System in the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to approve the Request for Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between McLean County and Motorola to implement an Interim Emergency Radio System – Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Segobiano asked if the County will own the STARCOM21 system. Mr. Lindberg replied that the County will own the radios but not the towers. He noted that in this conventional system, the County will buy the radios and use them in conventional digital mode for the mid-term period. When the STARCOM21 system and network is operational statewide in this area, the radios will be reprogrammed to upgrade to full STARCOM21 capability.

Mr. Segobiano asked if the State can control the system in an emergency situation. Mr. Lindberg replied that they cannot shut the County off the system.

Motion carried

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Mr. Renner presented the next two action items, which can be acted upon in a single motion. The first is a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington to provide network access to phone calls made from the Jail – Information Services, and a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Normal to provide network access to phone calls made from the Jail – Information Services.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington and an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Normal to provide Network Access to Phone Calls made from the Jail – Information Services.

Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented a request for approval of a Juvenile Detention Bed Space Agreement with Macon County – Court Services. He explained that Macon County has juveniles who are receiving services at Chestnut Health Systems and they need space to temporarily house the juveniles.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to approve a Juvenile Detention Bed Space Agreement with Macon County – Court Services.

Motion carried.

Mr. Renner presented the final action item, namely a request for approval to apply for a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant for Court Services.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to approve the application for a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant – Court Services.

Motion carried.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee reported that the Land Use and Development Committee has no action items at this time.

Mr. Zeunik shared one item with the Committee, which Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer, presented to the Finance Committee. Last year, as of January 31, 2004, the total receivable in the County's General Fund due from the State of Illinois was \$319,719.00. This year, January 31, 2005, the receivable due from the State of Illinois to the County is \$1,009,582.00. He noted that most of that figure is salary reimbursement which is due to the County for certain

positions, such as Probation Officers, certain State's Attorneys salaries and Supervisor of Assessment. These are positions where the State is required by law to reimburse Counties either a portion or 100% of the salary expense. Mr. Zeunik stated that this is the same concern as previously, but the magnitude is significant.

Chairman Sweeney asked if the receivable due from the State includes the grant for the Old Courthouse. Mr. Zeunik replied that it does not. Mr. Segobiano asked what can be done to make a statement to the State, such as laying employees off. Chairman Sweeney replied that there will be a meeting with Metro Counties in March and he intends to discuss this issue with the 11 other Counties in attendance, after which he will report back to the Executive Committee. Mr. Segobiano asked how many positions are affected by the receivable due from the State and should those employees be informed so that they take the issue to their representatives. Chairman Sweeney recommended that no immediate action be taken until more information is received from the State. Mr. Gordon suggested that a reference to the Finance Committee minutes be made during the Board meeting.

Mr. Segobiano commented on the Appointment Book, particularly the Airport Authority Board. He suggested that some positions in the Appointment Book need to be clarified as to what are the requirements and qualifications necessary to serve on a particular board, such as living in a certain geographical area. Chairman Sweeney replied that he requires a resume from anyone who applies for any position.

Mr. Segobiano asked for an update on the MetCom situation, as he is concerned about the rumors he has heard. Chairman Sweeney replied that he is hopeful the system can be saved. Chairman Sweeney advised the Committee to be cautious in making judgments based on rumor.

Mr. Segobiano asked for clarification on primary and secondary backup. Mr. Zeunik replied that the City of Bloomington would like to be a primary public safety answering point, which means anyone living in the City of Bloomington who calls 911 from a land-line phone, that call would go directly to Bloomington. However, the City would also like to be the backup for MetCom and they would like MetCom to backup the City. Mr. Zeunik explained that the Illinois Commerce Commission rules require that any 911 answering point must have a backup facility available at all times. The Commerce Commission also requires that a 911 call must be transferred to the backup after three rings. Mr. Zeunik noted that Mr. Tom Hamilton, Bloomington City Manager, was quoted as saying that Bloomington desires to be a primary in handling Bloomington calls, but also be a backup to MetCom and have MetCom backup the City.

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Chairman Sweeney presented the final December 31, 2004 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for the month is \$26,777.79 with the prepaid total the same.

Motion by Gordon/Renner to approve the Executive Committee bills for December 31, 2004 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the January 31, 2005 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for the month is \$259,382.55 with the prepaid total the same.

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Motion by Gordon/Renner to approve the Executive Committee bills for January 31, 2005 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 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary