

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Bostic

Other Members Present: Member Selzer

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Karina Bak, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, and Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the March 9, 2004 Executive Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Gordon/Renner to approve and place on file the minutes of the March 9, 2004 meeting.
Motion carried

Chairman Sweeney presented 12 reappointments, 1 appointment and 3 resignations for which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Renner/Bass to recommend approval of the reappointments, appointment, and resignations recommended by the Chairman.

Mr. Sorensen stated that he thought the LeRoy Fire Protection District placed on the March ballot the question as to whether the trustees should be elected or appointed by the County Board. Chairman Sweeney replied that was his understanding as well, but the LeRoy Fire Protection District requested the County Board to appoint this individual. Chairman Sweeney stated that he believes the appointment is due now and the results of the referendum may not be effective at this time.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney informed the Committee that the next item was to award bid for the property tax administration software and asked Mr. Nelson to present this item.

Mr. Nelson stated that Information Services issued a request for bids on the Property Tax Administration Software. Three bids were received (Manatron, DevNet Inc., and Cole Layer Trumble (CLT)). Mr. Nelson advised the Committee asked each company to demonstrate costs over a three-year period so that the maintenance costs could be examined as well as the purchase prices. The base bid price shows that Manatron is the lowest by about \$4,000.00 over a three-year period.

Mr. Nelson said he followed up with the vendors to inquire how each firm would handle exceptions to the bid. DevNet had about 16 exceptions and Manatron had about 40 exceptions. DevNet said that any exceptions would be included in their base bid price. Manatron quoted \$80.00 to \$120.00 per hour to fix each of the exceptions listed in their bid.

With that being said, Mr. Nelson, and the Property Tax work group of the County Treasurer, County Clerk, and the Supervisor of Assessment are recommending to the Committee that DevNet be awarded the bid.

Motion by Renner/Gordon to award the bid for
Property Tax Administration software to DevNet, Inc.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney announced the next item for action is a request to contract for broadband services. Chairman Sweeney asked Mr. Nelson to present his second item for action.

Mr. Nelson stated that the County has an opportunity to replace the current T-1 service, that is provided by Verizon. A-5.com has offered to provide the County with T-1 service and incorporate the County's internet lines as well. The overall price with A5.com is less expensive for the County. There are a couple of departments where the price would be a little bit higher, but those T-1 lines need to have the speed increased, so that IS can accomplish the upgrades that need to be done.

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Motion by Renner/Hoselton to approve the contract for broadband services with A-5.com, as recommended by Information Services.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated the next item is the report of the standing Committees.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Sorensen noted that the Finance Committee brings four items for action to the Committee.

Mr. Sorensen said all four of the items are related and will be taken as one motion. The Finance Committee is requesting approval of a State Fiscal Year 2005 Section 5311 Non-Metro Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Application and Intercity Bus Grant Application, a 2004 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Application, the Purchase of a Service Agreement between McLean County and Meadows Mennonite Retirement Community, and a Motor Lease Agreement.

Motion by Sorensen/Berglund to approve State Fiscal Year 2005 Section 5311 Non-Metro Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Application and Intercity Bus Grant Application, a 2004 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Application, the Purchase of a Service Agreement between McLean County and Meadows Mennonite Retirement Community, and a Motor Lease Agreement.

Motion carried.

There were no further questions for Mr. Sorensen.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman, Justice Committee, informed the Committee that he has one item for action to present. It is a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2004 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – State's Attorney's Office 0020 – DCFS Grant for Children's Advocacy Center Attorney. Mr. Renner stated that this was overlooked in January and this is a housekeeping item.

Motion by Renner/Sorensen to approve the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2004 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – State’s Attorney’s Office 0020 – DCFS Grant for Children’s Advocacy Center Attorney.
Motion carried.

There were no further questions for Mr. Renner.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use Committee, informed the Committee that Land Use has one item for action. The action item is a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2004 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance to allow Distribution of Funds to the McLean County Regional Planning Commission from an Illinois Tomorrow Grant.

Motion by Gordon/Berglund to approve the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2004 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance to allow Distriburion of Funds to the McLean County Regional Planning Commission from an Illinos.
Motion carried.

There were no other questions for Mr. Gordon.

Mr. David Selzer, Vice-Chairman, Property Committee, informed the Committee that he has two items for action both related to the old McLean County Courthouse. The first item for action is a proposed contract between the Public Building Commission and Kajima Construction Services for Renovation of the Dome and Roof Areas of the McLean County Museum of History located at the old McLean County Courthouse.

Motion by Selzer/Sorensen to recommend approval of the contract between the Public Building Commission and Kajima Construction Services for Renovation of the Dome and Roof Areas of the McLean County Museum of History located at the old McLean County Courthouse.

Mr. Hoselton stated that he remembered the Committee saying that the proceeds from the sale of the McBarnes Building were not going to be used for this renovation project. Now the Committee is recommending that the proceeds be used for this project. Mr. Hoselton said that he is bothered by how much the architect missed the bid price. Mr. Hoselton expressed his concern about the 15% contingency fund. Mr. Hoselton advised the Committee that he is not satisfied with how things are going with this project.

Mr. Bass stated that the PBC is advantageous to the group because of the 0% interest situation.

Mr. Segobiano noted that it may be advantageous, but what is the purpose of PBC to circumvent the electorate.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, Chairman Sweeney called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried with Members Hoselton and Bass voting "No".

Mr. Selzer presented the second. It is a request for Approval of the Financing the of Renovation and Restoration of the Dome and Roof Areas of the McLean County Courthouse Project.

Motion by Selzer/Renner to approve the request for Financing of the Renovation and Restoration of Dome and Roof Areas of the Old McLean County Courthouse Project.

Mr. Segobiano stated he planned to vote "no" on this issue because he feels that there are other issues within the County where the proceeds from the sale of the McBarnes Building could be used. Mr. Segobiano feels that the Old Courthouse

is bleeding the County to death. He stated we are subsidizing the building with a \$145,000.00. He would like to see us move away from funding the Old Courthouse and get back to taking care of County Government and the departments. Mr. Segobiano stated he is not opposed to the Historical Society but the Board needs to stand first for the County departments. The Historical Society should be responsible for their endeavors.

Motion carried with Members Hoselton and Segobiano voting "No".

Mr. Selzer informed the Committee that the other coffee shops in town were contacted, but they did not have any interest in the idea of placing a coffee kiosk in the lobby of the Law and Justice Center at this time.

There were no other questions for Mr. Selzer.

Mr. Duffy Bass, Chairman, Transportation Committee, stated that the Transportation Committee has one action item to bring before the Committee. The action item is a Stipulated Agreement Number 1088 between the State of Illinois Commerce Commission acting by and through the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for improvement of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's track in Dry Grove Township to provide automatic flashing light signals and gates at the Norfolk Southern Railways crossing at County Highway 18 and Danvers-Yuton Road.

Motion by Bass/Hoselton to approve Stipulated Agreement Number 1088 between the State of Illinois acting by and through the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for improvement of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company's track in Dry Grove Township to provide automatic flashing light signals and gates at the Norfolk Southern Railways crossing at County Highway 18 and Danvers-Yuton Road.
Motion carried.

There were no other questions for Mr. Bass.

Chairman Sweeney stated that the next item is the report of the County Administrator.

Mr. Zeunik wanted to make a follow-up comment in regards to the action the Committee took earlier today in regards to the purchase of the Property Tax Administration Software. He stated that this has been a goal that he has put forward for a number of years and will give the County the ability to move off of the accelerated property tax billing cycle. This will allow the County to generate one tax bill, which will have the full amount of the owed. The property tax bill can then be paid in one lump payment or two equal installments.

Mr. Zeunik said that Mr. Kahman, the Supervisor of Assessments, is working with all township assessors to make sure that all of the township assessment books are turned in by September 1, 2004 to allow for the 2004 tax bills to be produced with the new software. Both Mr. Zeunik and Mr. Kahman feel that this can happen this year.

Mr. Zeunik said he wanted to commend Mr. Nelson for the work he has done with the County Departments, to find a product that meets everyone's needs and requirements. He feels that this is a major step for the County.

Mr. Sweeney asked Mr. Zeunik out of 102 counties, where McLean County stood in terms of using accelerated billing. Mr. Zeunik replied that McLean County is one of three Counties in Illinois that use accelerated billing.

There were no other questions for Mr. Zeunik.

There was no other business or communications for the Committee.

Chairman Sweeney presented the March 31, 2004 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for this month is \$418,312.18.

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Motion by Berglund/Sorensen to recommend approval of the Bills as of March 31, 2004 as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karina L. Bak
Recording Secretary