

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Sorensen

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Christine Northcutt, County Administrator's Assistant

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the March 11, 2003 Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Berglund/Hoselton to approve and place on file the minutes of the March 11, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that there are several reappointments, appointments and resignations for which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Berglund/Bass to recommend approval of the reappointments, appointments and resignations as recommended by the Chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that the next item for consideration is a request for approval of consulting services for a Windows 2000 upgrade. Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, informed the Committee that his department would be upgrading the County's computer systems to Windows 2000. After soliciting proposals from several firms to do this work, Information Services recommends that BCSC be retained to complete this job.

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Motion by Hoselton/Gordon to recommend approval of a Consulting Services Agreement with BCSC to Upgrade the County's Computer systems to Windows 2000. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson stated his second item is a request for approval of contract with Levi, Ray, & Schoup Inc. to upgrade the AS/400 system. Levi, Ray, & Schoup are the company that managed the installation of the AS/400 and the operating system.

Motion by Berglund/Gordon to recommend approval of a Consulting Services Agreement with Levi, Ray, & Schoup to upgrade the AS/400 Operating System. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoselton asked Mr. Nelson if the process would last in excess of eight hours. Mr. Nelson replied that he did not believe that it would last that long.

Chairman Sweeney stated that the next item is a request for approval of a resolution of the McLean County Board in Recognition of the month of May as National Community Action Month.

Motion by Gordon/Renner to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board in Recognition of the month of May as National Community Action Month. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney informed the Committee that the next item for business is a request for approval of a resolution of the McLean County Board in recognition of NACo County Government Week.

Motion by Berglund/Renner to recommend approval a Resolution of the McLean County Board in Recognition of NACo County Government Week. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney advised the Committee that Mr. Sorensen was not available to give a report on the "Ad Hoc" Committee and that he will do so at the next County Board Meeting. He asked Ms. Berglund if she could give the Committee an update on the Legislative Sub-Committee. Ms. Berglund replied that there is not a lot of new information. The written report included in the packet provides an excellent update.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman of the Property Committee, presented a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Public Building Commission and McLean County for Illinois Public Museum Capital Grant Program for the Old County Courthouse Dome and Roof Repair Project.

Motion by Bostic/Renner to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Public Building Commission of McLean County and McLean County for the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grant Program for the Old County Courthouse Dome and Roof Repair Project. Motion carried.

Ms. Bostic stated that the rest of the items would be presented to the Board. There were no questions for Ms. Bostic.

Mr. B.H. "Duffy" Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, presented for approval an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and McLean County for a GIS Grant. Mr. Bass stated that this would be a very good thing for many County departments and offices.

Motion by Bass/Hoselton to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and McLean County for a Geographic Information System Grant. Motion carried.

Mr. Bass stated that this is the time of year when the Highway Department begins many road construction projects throughout the County. The Transportation Committee recommended that County Highway staff handle the purchase of right of way for the Stringtown Road project. The State's Attorney's Office will provide assistance with the paperwork.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he had a question about the East Side Corridor facility. He asked how much of the total project costs would be State funded and how much would be funded from Federal funds. Chairman Sweeney responded that the final funding formula would be contingent on the configuration and how the road is constructed. It is not yet known how much will be State funded and how much will be Federal.

Mr. Segobiano stated that his vote is contingent on how much State funding is available for this project. Mr. Zeunik stated that the funding issue would be determined once the final engineering and construction design is finalized. As proposed, the East Side Corridor will be built to an Interstate Standard. If it is built to an Interstate Standard with Interstate interchanges, then the project will be eligible for 90% Federal funding and

10% State funding. Chairman Sweeney stated that he thought that it was supposed to be similar to I-474 that surrounds Peoria.

Mr. Hoselton stated that this project was not going to happen for another 15 –20 years. Chairman Sweeney said that he understood that it would be at least eight years before it would even begin and that it would probably be longer. Mr. Bass stated that there were a lot of people at the public hearing that have concerns about this project. Mr. Renner stated that he had received a letter from a gentleman expressing concern about his ability to sell his home. The current plan goes right through his property. Mr. Segobiano stated that all of the County Board Members received that letter.

Mr. Zeunik advised the Committee that between now and the end of this month, both City Councils and the Regional Planning Commission will consider the same alignment that the Transportation Committee has recommended to the County Board. Once all of the local governments have approved the proposed alignment, then the local governments will be able to seek preliminary engineering and design funds under the T21 federal transportation bill. The key with the alignment is to be able to preserve the right of way. The preliminary engineering and design work would identify the specific right of way that needs to be preserved. Once that is identified and approved, that can be formally recorded.

Ms. Berglund, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of applications and purchase of service agreements for Show Bus.

Motion by Berglund/Gordon to recommend approval of the
Applications and Purchase of Service Agreements for Show Bus.
Motion carried.

Ms. Berglund stated that the other six items would be presented to the board. There were no further questions for Ms. Berglund.

Mr. Tari Renner, Chairman of the Justice Committee, stated that there are two items that will need to be approved at a stand-up meeting of the Executive Committee before the County Board Meeting. Both items are new grant awards. One grant award is in the State's Attorney's Office for Victim-Witness Services from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The second grant award is in the Public Defender's Office for a Juvenile Justice program. The grant documents will be included in the County Board packet.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, presented for approval the recommended grant awards disbursements from the Solid Waste Management Fund.

Motion by Gordon/Hoselton to recommend approval of the Solid Waste Plan Implementation and the recommended Disbursement of Grant Funding as recommended by the McLean County Solid Waste Technical and Policy Committee.
Motion carried.

The Committee had no questions for Mr. Gordon at this time.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, stated that he wanted to provide an update to the Committee on where the County stands in terms of reimbursements due to the County from the State of Illinois. The County is awaiting reimbursement for salaries for probation officers. The last reimbursement received was in December, 2002. The last reimbursement for the Supervisor of Assessment's salary was November, 2002. The State's Attorney's salary reimbursement has not been received for January, 2003. The IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program is a program that is administered by three offices, the Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney, and the Circuit Court. The Circuit Clerk and the State's Attorney's Offices are awaiting February's reimbursement. The Circuit Court is awaiting reimbursement for services provided since January. Medicaid reimbursement at the Nursing Home is running 120+ days behind. The Sales Tax and Personal Property Replacement Tax due to the County are current. The State Income Tax is running about 30 days behind.

The County Treasurer reported to the Finance Committee last week, that revenue in the General Fund ended FY 2002 at 100.5% of budget. Expenses were at 99.2% of the amended budget for 2002. When Emergency Appropriations approved in 2002 and 2001 purchase orders carried forward to 2002 are subtracted from that number, the actual 2002 budgeted expenses are at 97.5%. That percentage is very close to the General Fund expenditure target that the Board approved when the mid-year budget adjustments were made in 2002. The County's General Fund ended 2002 in the black with a gain to the General Fund fund balance of approximately \$327,000.00. Mr. Zeunik expressed concern about the delays in reimbursement from the State, but mentioned that it is not only County Government that is affected by the delays. Mr. Hoselton asked Mr. Zeunik if, by procedure, the department heads have been notified about the state of the budget. Mr. Zeunik replied that he is scheduling a department head meeting for the end of April. This meeting has been added to update them on the budget and update them on any changes that may be made after the Governor's Budget message.

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Mr. Segobiano asked Mr. Zeunik if he could quantify in dollars the impact of the State's delay in processing reimbursements due to the County. Mr. Zeunik responded that he would work with the County Treasurer and have those figures available for the Committee at the Stand-up meeting on April 15th.

Mr. Zeunik asked Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Treasurer, to update the Committee on Student Government Day.

Mr. Lindberg advised the Committee that the same format would be used as was used last year. This format was successful for the County officials as well as the students. Some of the students will be assigned to Elected Officials and Department Heads. Some students will be assigned to Committee Chairs. The primary focus will be a mock County Board Meeting that will take place immediately after the actual County Board Meeting. The issue that will be discussed will be school consolidation. Mr. Gene Jontry will be in attendance to assist with the discussion.

Chairman Sweeney presented the bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for this month is \$389,652.78.

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Motion by Bass/Bostic to recommend approval of the
Bills as of March 31, 2003 as presented by the Auditor.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was
adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt
Recording Secretary