

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney, Members Sommer, Salch, Bass, Gordon, Sorensen, Berglund, Pokorney

Members Absent: Member Segobiano

Other County Board Members Present: Members Rodman, Owens

Staff Present: Mr. John M. Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Martha B. Ross, County Administrator's Assistant, County Administrator's Office

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

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the May 14, 2002 and May 21, 2002 meetings for approval.

Motion by Bass/Berglund to approve and place on file the minutes of the May 14, 2002 and May 21, 2002 meetings. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 14, 2002 and May 21, 2002 meetings were approved and placed on file as presented.

Chairman Sweeney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that there are 3 reappointments, 3 appointments, and no resignations for which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Berglund/Gordon to recommend approval of the 3 reappointments and the 3 appointments. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented a Resolution of Congratulations for the Chiddix Junior High School Eighth Grade Girls' Track Team.

Motion by Bass/Pokorney to recommend approval of the Resolution of Congratulations for the Chiddix Junior High School Eighth Grade Girls' Track Team. Motion carried.

Mr. Bass noted that many of the local high schools in various disciplines have experienced great success in their endeavors during the past year. Chairman Sweeney asked that Resolutions of Congratulations be prepared for presentation in July to both the Olympia High School boys' and girls' baseball and softball teams, as well as the Normal Community High School girls' softball team.

Mr. Gene Salch, Chairman of the Property Committee, presented a Request for Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041, Courthouse Maintenance Program 0049. He stated that the total amount involved is \$90,000.00.

Motion by Salch/Berglund to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2002 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041, Courthouse Maintenance Program 0049.

Mr. Sorensen asked whether the Ordinance addressed the preliminary work on the Old Courthouse, which would reveal the overall condition of the building and help determine what renovations would be necessary. Mr. Zeunik responded that the Ordinance is based upon the contract approved in May 2002 between the historical architectural firm of Wiss, Janney, Elster, Inc. and McLean County. The contract covers the detailed investigative work to be done at the Old Courthouse facility. Mr. Zeunik noted that \$66,000.00 is allotted for professional fees, and \$24,000.00 represents out of pocket expenses for the firm.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether there were any questions or further discussion regarding the proposed Emergency Appropriation Ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Sweeney called for a vote on the matter.

Motion carried.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, stated that his department has been in contact with the company which supplies the VINE system. It is expected that the system will be installed within the next month or two. He further stated that the implementation target date for the new records management system in the County Recorder's Office, is Thursday, July 18, 2002.

Mr. B.H. "Duffy" Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, stated that there are no items for Executive Committee action at this time. However, the bid letting held on May 29, 2002 for County road projects produced an unusual situation. Both bidders submitted bids that were in exactly the same amount. In such an event, Illinois Department of Transportation rules dictate that such a tie may be resolved by one of the following means: one bidder may elect to withdraw its bid; bidders may divide the award equally; or, a coin toss may determine to whom the full award is made. The Committee elected to utilize the coin toss method to determine which firm would receive the award in full. A full report will be provided to the members of the County Board at the June 2002 meeting.

Chairman Bass requested that Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, report on the status of a proposed lease agreement between the City of Bloomington and McLean County for a stockpile site, to be used by the County's Highway Department. Mr. Zeunik explained that the Highway Department plans to resurface the Lexington-LeRoy Road during the present construction season, and it will resurface the Arrowsmith Road next season.

Mr. Zeunik explained that the material to be used for both road projects is an amalgamation of oil-based materials referred to as cold mix, versus the more commonly used hot mix material for many of the department's projects. In order to correctly utilize the cold mix material for the projects, a conveniently located stockpile site for mixing and storing materials and equipment is needed.

Mr. Zeunik commented that an agreement was negotiated with the City of Bloomington (the "City") to lease a 6.5 acre portion of the City's police firearms training range. That facility is located east of the City on Illinois Route 9 East. The lease agreement has been reviewed by the Civil Assistant State's Attorney's Office. The County's Zoning Ordinance has been reviewed with respect to the terms of the lease agreement, and a special use permit or exemption is not indicated. The lease term is 18 months, and the lease rate is commensurate with the farm rent rate. It is anticipated that the proposed lease agreement will be presented to the Transportation Committee for its consideration in a Stand-Up meeting immediately prior to the June County Board meeting.

Mr. Sorensen asked whether oil-based materials utilized in proximity to firearms would present a safety hazard. Mr. Zeunik responded that no oil would be stored on the site. Additionally, all materials will be stored away from the training area. Ingress and egress to the stockpile site will be from the township road rather than from Illinois Route 9.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a Request for Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2002 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107, which is requested by the Health Department. He stated that this is a pass through grant.

Motion by Sorensen/Salch to recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending the 2002 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0107, for the Health Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Joe Sommer, Chairman of the Justice Committee, presented a Request for Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and McLean County for Use of the Police Shooting Range Facility. The request is made by the McLean County Sheriff's Department. He explained that this is a renewal of an existing Agreement, which will be in effect for two (2) years. The agreement presents no change in fees from the current agreement for the next two years. Effective July 1, 2004, there will be a \$250.00 increase in range fees.

Motion by Sommer/Salch to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Bloomington and McLean County for Use of the Police Shooting Range Facility. Motion carried.

Mr. Sommer noted that the Justice Committee would have several items to present to the full Board at its June 2002 meeting.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for action. The Committee will have two (2) items to present to the full Board at its June 2002 meeting.

Chairman Sweeney asked whether there were any items under Other Business and Communications prior to consideration of the bills and the scheduled Executive Session.

Mr. Owens asked whether there has been a resolution to or further action on the case that was remanded to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman Sweeney responded that no action or subsequent resolution of the case has occurred, to date.

Chairman Sweeney presented the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office for approval.

Motion by Sommer/Bass to recommend approval of the bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office as of May 31, 2002. Motion carried.

Motion by Bass/Gordon to go into an Executive Session for Personnel Matters to Complete the Annual Performance Evaluation of the County Administrator.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. All were excused except the following: Chairman Sweeney, Mr. Sommer, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Salch, Mr. Bass, Mr. Gordon, Ms. Beglund, Mr. Pokorney, Mr. Rodman, and Mr. Zeunik.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.

Motion by Sorensen/Gordon to recommend approval of the following:

- (1) that the term of the Employment Agreement with the County Administrator be extended for a period of five years until June 18, 2007;
- (2) that the County Board authorize and approve a performance bonus in the amount of \$2,000.00;
- (3) that the County Board authorize and approve an increase in the County Administrator's deferred compensation retirement payment from \$8,500.00 to \$11,000.00.

Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross
Recording Secretary