

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 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, Segobiano, Berglund, Pokorney

Members Absent: Members Sorensen

Other County Board Members Present: Member Owens, Hoselton

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; Mr. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the August 14, 2001 meeting for approval.

Motion by Sommer/Salch to approve and place on file the minutes of the August 14, 2001 meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 14, 2001 meeting were approved and placed on file as presented.

Chairman Sweeney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that there are six reappointments, one appointment, and one resignation upon which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Berglund/Bass to recommend approval of the Appointments, Reappointment, and Resignation as presented by the Chairman. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeunik presented a memorandum summarizing the dates that the Public Building Commission ("PBC") has delineated for the competitive bid sale of General Obligation bonds to finance the purchase and renovation of the 115 East Washington Street Building. Initially, a

Resolution setting October 16, 2001 as the date for a Public Hearing on the non-referendum bonds to be issued and sold by the PBC, will be presented for the Board's consideration. Mr. Zeunik explained that Resolutions from Chapman and Cutler, the firm retained as Bond Counsel by the PBC, will be made a part of the September County Board agenda packet for consideration by the Board, and that preliminary copies would be made available to the members of the Executive Committee at the present time. The Resolutions arrived in the Administrator's Office following the Executive Committee's submission deadline for the agenda packet. He stated that the Executive Committee would consider the Resolutions at a brief Stand Up Meeting immediately prior to the County Board's regular September meeting.

Mr. Zeunik explained that the Bond Issue Notification Act is an Illinois law that has been enacted subsequent to the last financing that the Public Building Commission did for McLean County. A provision of the Act requires that a Public Hearing, pursuant to published Public Notice, be held whenever non-referendum bonds are issued by non-Home Rule entities. As a result of this provision of the Act, the Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled to take place on October 16, 2001. The County Board is urged to consider the proposed approval of the Resolution at its meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, in light of the Public Hearing requirement of the Bond Issue Notification Act.

Mr. Zeunik remarked that by contrast, the City of Bloomington, co-purchaser of the 115 East Washington Building, is a Home Rule entity. Therefore, they are exempt from the Bond Issue Notification and Public Hearing process.

Mr. Zeunik stated that any time that the PBC finances the purchase or construction of new facilities for McLean County, the County is required to approve a Resolution formally approving the site that is being financed and memorializing the site's legal description within the text of that Resolution. This Resolution will also be considered at the Executive Committee's Stand Up Meeting, and will appear on the Board's regular agenda.

Chairman Sweeney presented the Request for Approval of a Change of Polling Place for Bloomington Township.

Motion by Sommer/Salch to Recommend Approval of a Request  
for Change of Polling Place for Bloomington Township. Motion carried.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services, presented a request for approval to purchase a new Integrated Justice server. He stated that the new server would replace the current RS/6000, which was originally purchased in 1996. He explained that there were three (3) bids submitted.

Mr. Nelson remarked that, at first glance, he is recommending what appears to be one of the most expensive of the bids. In reality, however, the bid from LSI includes the provision of up to

four (4) hours of telephone support at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. In the unlikely event that more than four hours of telephone support is incurred, the bid from LSI would become the most expensive of the bids.

Mr. Nelson commented that Crestone's bid did not include installation and implementation. This brings the differential between their bid and the LRS bid to \$848.00. He noted that the Information Services Department has worked with LRS' Springfield office in the past and has received good service. Crestone is based in Duluth, Georgia where it is less convenient to access.

Motion by Gordon/Sommer to Recommend Approval of a Request for the Purchase of a new Integrated Justice Server from LRS. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson presented a request to purchase new Chariot network diagnostic software. He stated that the County is in need of a software package with diagnostic tools and the capability to expand as the needs of the County's computer network expands. The final cost for the configuration is \$23,600.00. The law allows a purchase of up to \$25,000.00 for telecommunications software packages without having to formally bid and this request fits within that parameter. Mr. Nelson also noted that the software author, Ganymede Software, Inc. is the sole provider of this software.

Mr. Segobiano asked for an assurance that the proposed software purchase will indeed definitively serve the purpose for which it is intended. Mr. Nelson stated that the proposed software package is the best available for its intended use. However, until all of the ills of the County's computer network have been adequately addressed, there are no ironclad guarantees that any one software diagnostic package would cure all of the problems that could potentially occur within the network.

Mr. Gordon asked what are the chances that the County's computer network will have all of its problems resolved in the foreseeable future. Mr. Nelson responded that there is a 90% probability that all problems with the network will be resolved, particularly as a result of the utilization of the impending purchase of new hardware, and the new proposed diagnostic software.

Motion by Sommer/Salch to Recommend Approval of a Request to Purchase Chariot Network Diagnostic Software at \$23,600.00 from Ganymede Software, Inc. Motion carried.

Mr. "Duffy" Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, presented a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds with the Village of Towanda, the Farnsworth Group, Inc. and the County. The Agreement addresses the construction and engineering services for the Village of Towanda railroad crossing project. Expenses have been shared between the County and the Village of Towanda, based upon the number of hours spent on each portion of the project. The County's share of the roadwork is approximately one-half that of the Village's.

Chairman Bass explained that should the full Board approve the Agreement, the overall letting will take place on September 13, 2001 and the Illinois Commerce Commission will conduct a hearing to approve the Stipulated Agreement.

Motion by Bass/Salch to Recommend Approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds Between the Village of Towanda, Farnsworth Group, Inc., and McLean County. Motion carried.

Mr. Bass indicated that among the items that the Transportation Committee will present to the full Board is a request by MediaCom, a local cable company, to utilize County Highways 5, 8, 12, 18 and 1200E, providing them access, while constructing new lines for cable. He explained that the new lines would improve the existing system. The landowners who are affected by the access have all indicated that they are satisfied with MediaCom's construction plan.

Mr. Bass remarked that the other issues to come before the Board would appear in the County Board's agenda packet.

Ms. P.A. "Sue" Berglund, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee had no items for action. Several items will be presented to the full Board.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Committee has no action items. There are two (2) items that will be presented to the full Board.

Mr. Joseph Sommer, Chairman of the Justice Committee, presented a Request for Approval to Submit an Application for an Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") Traffic Safety Grant. The grant application is to be submitted by the County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Sommer remarked that the Contract for Professional Services with Ms. Kristin Krsek, Attorney at Law, in the State's Attorney's Office, will be the subject of a brief Stand Up meeting of the Justice Committee immediately preceding the County Board meeting.

Motion by Sommer/Pokorney to Recommend Approval of a Request by the County Sheriff's Department to Submit an Application for an Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Grant. Motion carried.

Mr. Gene Salch, Chairman of the Property Committee, stated that the Committee has no action items.

Mr. Zeunik stated that he had no formal report for the Executive Committee.

Under Other Business and Communications, Mr. Bass indicated that the Road Commissioner in the jurisdiction involving the proposed Stone Ridge dairy near the town of Bellflower, has given permission for the dairy to use the roads surrounding the proposed dairy site for ingress and egress to and from the dairy. The roads surrounding the proposed dairy had been under scrutiny with regard to their ability to meet load requirements for their intended use.

Mr. Zeunik announced that the Illinois Department of Agriculture has approved the permit application submitted earlier by the Stone Ridge Dairy. The permit becomes effective as of September 11, 2001. He explained that the Township Road Commissioner met the requirements of providing appropriate access and agreed to the load levels to be transported across Township roads.

Mr. Bass asked whether the Township roads would empty into any State roads where IDOT regulations would then become jurisdictional. Mr. Zeunik responded that he is unable to address that question because he has not seen a map of which Township roads are intended for use.

Mr. Gordon asked, with regard to the two (2) PBC Resolutions discussed earlier, what figure would be placed in a currently blank section labeled as "Principal Amount of    (blank)    Thousands." Mr. Zeunik responded that the PBC's architect would provide an estimate prior to the County Board's September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, he cautioned that the figure would be merely an estimate for the time being.

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.  
Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross  
Recording Secretary