

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Sommer

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

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

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the December 12, 2000 meeting for approval.

Motion by Pokorney/Gordon to approve and place on file the minutes of the December 12, 2000 meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the Chairman's recommendations pertaining to appointments and reappointments.

Motion by Sorensen/Salch to approve the Chairman's recommendations for Appointments as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the Contract with Anderson Legislative Consulting Services for Committee approval.

Motion by Bass/cordon to approve the Contract for Professional Services with Anderson Legislative Consulting.

Mr. Pokorney noted a scrivener's error in the dates of service to be provided. The correct dates of service are from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented the Resolution Opposing Ceding of Property Rights, which was referred back to the Executive Committee by the County Board at the December Board

meeting. He provided the Committee with a copy of a proposed Motion, which would refer the pending Resolution to the State's Attorney's Office to be redrafted. The redrafted Resolution would then be returned to the Executive Committee for consideration. He stated that the proposed Motion attempts to address the concerns that some County Board members had with the contents of the original Resolution. He noted that, once the Resolution had been redrafted and the Executive Committee had approved it, the Resolution would be brought before the full County Board for approval.

Motion by Sweeney/Gordon to recommend approval of the proposed
Motion pertaining to the redrafting of the Resolution Opposing
Ceding of Property Rights.

Mr. Segobiano asked why McLean County is being asked to participate in an issue that is occurring in Ford County. Mr. Sorensen responded that the issue of ceding property rights to the Miami Indian Tribe came before the Legislative Committee, brought by Member Kinzinger, who felt it was a timely issue with regard to setting precedent. The precedent potentially set if the Miami Indian Tribe is successful in winning their suit against Ford County property owners could, at some future date, impact McLean County property owners and other property owners throughout Central Illinois. Therefore, it was thought that McLean County should go on record as showing opposition for this lawsuit.

Mr. Segobiano asked why other Central Illinois counties, such as Woodford, Livingston and DeWitt, are not publicly opposing the Miami Tribe's pending lawsuit. Mr. Lindberg responded that McLean County has not sought information from the surrounding Counties regarding their position, if any, regarding the Miami Tribe's suit.

Mr. Segobiano stated that the issue of opposition to the Miami Tribe's lawsuit, at this time, appears to be more of a personal issue, rather than a County issue. He noted that he would be more likely to support opposition efforts if other Counties were also participating.

Chairman Sweeney stated that, as a part of the Proposed Motion, the State's Attorney's Office could investigate the extent of other Counties' positions or activities regarding the issue of the Miami Tribe's pending lawsuit.

Mr. Segobiano asked whether there has been any information forthcoming from any other Illinois counties that opposes the Miami Tribe's suit, other than from Ford County. Mr. Zeunik responded that there has not been further information or communication forthcoming from any county other than Ford County.

Mr. Sorensen asked to whom the initial open letter from Ford County was addressed. He stated that his recollection was that the open letter was addressed to the County Boards in surrounding counties.

Mr. Gordon stated that Item 2 of the Proposed Motion should read, "remove any language that might imply....," rather than to utilize the word implicate. He noted that some of the language in the Resolution continues to suggest a stronger tone than he desires to communicate.

Chairman Sweeney explained that the intent was to send the Resolution to the State's Attorney's Office for examination of the current language, and to determine whether or not the issue of a Resolution was still pertinent.

Mr. Salch asked whether additional counties would be included in the motion. Chairman Sweeney responded that there is no mention of other counties in the original motion.

Amended motion by Salch to determine the extent of participation, if any, of other Counties in the issue of the Miami Tribe's litigation. Original maker of motion, Mr. Sorensen, stated that he would accept the amendment to the original motion. Mr. Gordon, second of the original motion, accepted the friendly amendment. Amended motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that there is presently a need for the Rules Committee to convene to review the County Board's procedures for filling its vacancies, as well as other issues.

Motion by Berglund/Pokorney to convene the Rules Committee of the County Board for the purpose of reviewing procedures for filling Board vacancies, and other items, to be determined.

Mr. Segobiano asked what procedure was not precisely followed during the County Board appointment for the seat in District 10. Chairman Sweeney responded that there is no provision in the County Board Rules for having candidates for vacant County Board seats to appear before the Executive Committee. Neither is there provision in the rules for input by Board members to the Board Chairman showing support for particular candidates.

Mr. Gordon asked whether there is any specific prohibition in the current rules regarding the manner in which the last appointment procedure was conducted. Mr. Zeunik responded that the County Board Rules are explicit as to the appointment procedure for vacant seats, in that the applicants are to address the full Board at its regularly convened meeting. Following each candidate's address, the Chairman announces his appointment. Therefore, while there is no specific prohibition as to the procedure followed for the appointment to the District 10 seat, the procedure specified in the Rules was not followed.

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Mr. Pokorney asked whether the appointment to the District 10 seat is now invalid, in view of the fact that a somewhat different procedure was utilized. Chairman Sweeney responded that the appointment is not invalid.

Mr. Bass voiced his support of the procedure utilized for the District 10 appointment. He stated that there was an increased opportunity to become acquainted with the different candidates.

Chairman Sweeney stated that he is in favor of candidates appearing before the Executive Committee in order to garner feedback from as many members as possible prior to appointments being made.

Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney stated that there are two (2) County departments that report to the Executive Committee, those departments being the County Administrator's Office and the Information Services Department. Beginning in January 2001, both departments will give a status report to the Executive Committee on a monthly basis.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services Department, stated that his status report included developments in his department from May 2000 to the present. He noted that three (3) mandates were given at the time he was named Acting Director of Information Services in May 2000, those mandates being: 1) improvement of service to County offices by the Information Services Department; 2) enhancement of departmental unity between the different components of the department; and, 3) development of a plan for the operation of Information Systems for the County.

At this time, Mr. Nelson explained, the Information Services Department ("LS.") is transitioning from primarily addressing emergency and urgent needs, to a methodology of planning and accountability. He noted that prioritizing in this regard is, at times, a challenge.

Mr. Nelson remarked that the aspect of the delivery of good customer service, both to other County departments and within the LS. department, has improved substantially. He noted that one specific area of improvement is that of giving realistic projections to County departments regarding evaluating and scheduling their requests.

Mr. Nelson stated that departmental unity has improved. There are three (3) divisions within the LS. Department, whose activities must be coordinated: 1) the hardware/networking component; 2) programming component; and 3) Records Management. The disparate nature of the departmental divisions, at times, made communication more difficult. That disparity is being addressed by holding regularly scheduled meetings and increased communication between the departments.

Mr. Nelson noted that the formation of a plan is the most challenging of the objectives he is addressing. He remarked that he and Mike Gallagher, Technical/Operations Manager, were well-assisted in first-time budget matters for the LS. Department by the Administrator's Office.

During the budget process, meetings were held with the department heads to develop a list of their anticipated needs for both staff resources and hardware components/projects. In the near future, department heads will be informed of what the LS. Department will realistically be able to provide, within the constraints of the current budget.

For future reports, Mr. Nelson explained that he plans to adhere to four (4) topics: 1) General Administration; 2) Hardware/Network; 3) Programming/Database/Web; and 4) Records Management. Future projects include the implementation of a new e-mail system, with the conversion to the new system to take place on a department-by-department basis.

Mr. Nelson noted that increasing network speed is another project objective. He explained that maintenance of existing systems and the disparity of various hardware units absorbs large amounts of time and resources, and LS. will be moving toward more uniformity in this area.

Mr. Sorensen asked what the current staffing situation is within the LS. Department. Mr. Nelson responded that there is currently one (1) position open, that of a Programmer. He stated that he is advertising widely for this position.

Mr. Sorensen asked to be updated on the hiring process in view of the provisions of the new PAS study. Mr. Nelson agreed.

Mr. Salch asked what the current staffing complement is in LS. Mr. Nelson responded that there are eighteen (18) positions within the department. There are 3 in Records Management, with the remainder serving as either Database Administrators or Programmers.

Mr. Gordon asked what ADR and NIBRS encompassed, with regard to grant applications and implementation. Mr. Nelson responded that ADR (Automated Disposition Reporting) is a part of the IJIS contract. It is an automatic report to the State of Illinois by the Circuit Clerk. NIBRS is uniform crime reporting at the national level. Application for this grant has been made, and is awaiting response.

Mr. Gordon stated that Information Services has hosted IJIS related site visits from a number of noteworthy visitors. He noted that the County is becoming well-known for the distinction of having the IJIS System.

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Mr. Sorensen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for Committee Action. **He noted** that there will be a Special Committee Meeting scheduled in the near future to discuss collective bargaining issues. I

Vice Chairman Pokorney, Vice Chairman of the Justice Committee, stated that the Committee has no items for Committee Action.

Chairman Gordon, Chairman of the Land and Development Committee, stated that there are no items for action at this time. He noted that there is a scrivener's error in Case S-00-22. The correct spelling of the subdivision is Wexford Hills. . I

Mr. Gordon stated that there will be a Resolution of Appreciation forthcoming for Mr. Robert Buhrke, a long-time member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, who has resigned due to ill health.

Chairman Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, presented the Joint Agreement between the State of Illinois and the County regarding Illinois Route 9 and Lexington-LeRoy Road Intersection improvements. He explained that the State is providing 100% of the funding for this project.

Motion by Bass/Segobiano to approve the Joint Agreement Between the State of Illinois and the County of McLean regarding the Illinois Route 9 and Lexington-LeRoy Road Intersection. Motion carried.

Chairman Salch, Chairman of the Property Committee, presented the Watercraft Lease Agreement with Illinois State University. He noted that it is identical to the previous agreement. He stated that the agreement has been reviewed by the Risk Management Department, the State's Attorney's Office, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Property Committee.

Motion by Salch/Segobiano to Approve the Watercraft Lease Agreement with Illinois State University.

Mr. Gordon asked how the year 2000 income and direct labor cost figures compare with those for year 1999, that were cited in Parks and Recreation Director Bill Wasson's report to the Property Committee. Mr. Zeunik responded that the year 2000 figures would be available to

both the Property and Executive Committees in February. He explained that the County Auditor and the County Treasurer must keep the year 2000 books open through the month of January 2001. Following the closing of the books for Fiscal Year 2000, the figures will be available. He further noted that the main factor causing a variance would be a change in the water levels, which in turn, would affect usage levels. In such a case, seasonal help positions would be reduced to bring costs into line. I

Motion carried.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, reported that a memo was sent recently to the Executive Committee and members of the County Board regarding the County Board orientation. The memo outlined issues that will be presented at the orientation. He asked that any other issues or comments that Board members would like for the Administrator's Office or the State's Attorney's Office to address should be submitted to the Administrator's Office.

Mr. Zeunik noted that the LZT Space Study should be completed by the end of January 2001. LZT will transmit their report in February or March 2001.

Mr. Zeunik explained that, since Legislative Committee matters are now dealt with under the Executive Committee, the County Administrator's Office will work closely with both Ms. P.A. "Sue" Berglund and Mr. Bill Anderson of Anderson Legislative Consulting to present monthly legislative issues and reports to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sweeney presented the bills and transfers, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Executive Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion by Salch/Pokorney to recommend payment of the bills and transfers as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross
 Recording Secretary

		FINANCIAL. SYSTEM	PAGE
		MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT	AU04
		AS OF 12/31/2000	
		EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	
BY FUND			
FUND FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001 GENERAL FUND		\$183,115.02	\$183,115.02
0136 VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.			\$9,306.57
	\$9,306.57		
0901 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			\$4,737.15
	\$4,737.15		
COMMITTEE REPORT TOTALS		\$197,158.74	\$197,158.74