

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Owens, Bostic, Hoselton, Gordon, Segobiano and Butler

Members Absent: Members Rackauskas and Nuckolls

Other Board Members Present: Member McIntyre

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator; Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies; and Mr. Ryan Leuty, Assistant Director, information Technologies

Others Present: Mr. Tom Blumenshine, STL Communications

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the March 9, 2010 Executive Committee meeting and the February 16, 2010 Stand-up Meeting for approval. Hearing no additions or corrections to those minutes, Chairman Sorensen advised that the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Chairman Sorensen presented the reappointments, appointments and resignations.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Resolution of Congratulations to the Central Catholic High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team during the 2009-2010 Season – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Segobiano/Gordon to recommend approval of a Resolution of Congratulations to the Central Catholic High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team during the 2009-2010 Season – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval to award a Contract to STL Communications to build a wireless infrastructure for the County's Data communication needs – Information Technologies.

Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, information Technologies, explained that the data communications contract with A5.com, which uses a technology known as T1's, will expire in May. He advised that the new system is a wireless system that will cost less than the current system.

Mr. Nelson stated that the contract is a four-year lease purchase with a dollar buy-out so that at the end of four years there will be no more recurring cost. He added that it is \$20,000 cheaper than using the T1 system.

Mr. Nelson compared the differences between the STL Communications and NuWave, which was another potential system that proposed wireless solutions. Mr. Nelson stated that the STL proposal provides the County with significantly larger amount of bandwidth for the types of applications used within the County.

Mr. Nelson respectfully requested approval of the contract with STL Communications.

Motion by Owens/Hoselton to recommend Award a Contract with STL Communications to Build a Wireless Infrastructure for the County's Data Communication Needs – Information Technologies.
Motion carried with Chairman Sorensen voting "present".

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Nelson.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, presented a request for approval of the Fairview Lease Agreement between the Town of Normal and the County of McLean – Facilities Management.

Mr. Segobiano expressed concern with the proposed 20-year Lease Agreement with Fairview. He acknowledged that the Town of Normal has been a good steward on this property. However, Mr. Segobiano opposes a 20-year Lease Agreement in these economically difficult times.

Mr. Segobiano also expressed concern that the Lease Agreement mandates that, should the County decide to terminate the lease, the County is responsible for removal of all of the Town of Normal's equipment that is on the property.

Mr. Segobiano advised that the County is not in the real estate business, citing the County's sale of the McBarnes Building as an example.

Mr. Segobiano asked the Committee to reconsider the 20-year Lease Agreement for that property.

Ms. Bostic responded that the Town of Normal has put a significant amount of dollars into the water park that is enjoyed by many people. Ms. Bostic added that this is a significant tract of land inside the city limits of Normal and is an asset to the County. She advised that the County has reserved the northern part of the property for expansion should the County need to expand the Nursing Home or Juvenile Detention Center. Ms. Bostic noted that the 20-year lease protects Normal with their investment on the water park and protects the County's valuable asset of buildings and lands. Ms. Bostic recommended the 20-year lease.

Mr. Segobiano reiterated his concern with the County entering into a 20-year lease with the Town of Normal. He indicated that he will vote "no" on this issue.

Motion by Bostic/Gordon to recommend approval of the Fairview Lease Agreement between the Town of Normal and the County of McLean – Facilities Management.

Motion carried with Mr. Segobiano voting "no."

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2010 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – McLean County Highway Department Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055.

Motion by Hoselton/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2010 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – McLean County Highway Department Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hoselton stated that there are several items going to the Board that were discussed at length at the Transportation Committee meeting.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Hoselton.

Mr. Ben Owens, Chairman, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented several requests for SHOW BUS, which can all be acted upon together. The three requests are:

- Request Approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Application for Section 5311 Non-Metro Public Transportation Capital/Operating Assistance and Intercity Bus Grant;
- Request Approval of an IDOT Downstate Urban Area Operating Assistance Grant Application;
- Request Approval of Purchase of Service Agreement between McLean County and SHOW BUS for Rural Public Transportation.

Motion by Owens/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Application for Section 5311 Non-Metro Public Transportation Capital/Operating Assistance and Intercity Bus Grant; Recommend Approval of an IDOT Downstate Urban Area Operating Assistance Grant Application; and Recommend Approval of Purchase of Service Agreement between McLean County and SHOW BUS for Rural Public Transportation.

Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board setting forth specific recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/Butler to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board setting forth specific recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance - County
Motion carried.

Mr. Segobiano commented that the County may be faced with some very difficult situations in the future given the difficult economic climate. He noted that it may be necessary to go in and make appropriate changes to this Resolution if necessary in the future.

Mr. Owens thanked the County Administrator's Office on the work they did to prepare this Resolution and for their budget presentation to the Finance Committee.

Chairman Sorensen reminded the Committee that this action is, in essence, instituting a hiring freeze in the County. It is removing from the budget almost all currently vacant positions and establishing a very rigorous process for all departments to hire replacement staff as vacancies occur during the rest of 2010. Chairman Sorensen expressed his appreciation of the Finance Committee and the Administrator's Office in taking this strong pro-active move to capture whatever savings opportunities happen as a result of natural attrition. He indicated that it is easier on everyone involved when a vacant slot can be frozen as opposed to eliminating a position.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Owens.

Mr. John McIntyre, Vice Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval of a renewal of State of Illinois Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and McLean County Circuit Court Chief Judge, Agreement No. 2011-55-008-K, IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program – Circuit Court.

Motion by McIntyre/Gordon to Recommend Approval of a Renewal of State of Illinois Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and McLean County Circuit Court Chief Judge, Agreement No. 2011-55-008-K, IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program – Circuit Court.
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented a request for approval of a renewal of State of Illinois Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and McLean County Circuit Clerk, Agreement No. 2011-55-007-KG, IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program – Circuit Clerk.

Motion by McIntyre/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Renewal of State of Illinois Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and McLean County Circuit Clerk, Agreement No. 2011-55-007-KG, IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program – Circuit Clerk.
Motion carried.

Mr. McIntyre advised that items going to the Board include a request from Sheriff Emery to purchase six squad cars and one administrator's car.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, advised that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Gordon.

Chairman Sorensen announced that Mr. Jim Soeldner has been appointed to the Heartland RC&D Council replacing Ms. Bostic. Chairman Sorensen noted that this is a land use and planning organization. He noted that, historically, a member of the Board sits on this commission, but it is not a formal Board appointment. Chairman Sorensen asked Ms. Bostic to talk about the Heartland RC&D.

Ms. Bostic indicated that the Federal Government, through the Department of Agriculture, flows money into communities for rural development via the heartland RC&D Council. She stated that the development could include SHOW BUS, widening of Route 51 south of Decatur, health issues for seniors who are isolated in the rural community, etc. Ms. Bostic advised that, because of the current economy, there is no extra money coming from the Department of Agriculture at this time. Mr. Gordon, who is also on the Council, noted that RC&D stands for Resource Conservation and Development. It is a program that has been in existence for almost half a century and can be used for urban as well as rural projects.

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Chairman Sorensen presented the March 31, 2010 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment, as well as a transfer of 209,600 from one budget line item to another budget line item in the Information Technologies Department. The Fund Total is \$280,471.08 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for March 31, 2010 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor, as well as the transfer of funds in the Information Technologies Department.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary