

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Bostic, Owens, Gordon, Rackauskas, Segobiano, Butler and O'Connor

Members Absent: Member Hoselton

Other Board Members Present: None

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

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the January 10, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting and the December 20, 2011 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 an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Rackauskas/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – County Administrator’s Office.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of a Contract between the County of McLean and Anderson Legislative Consulting for Professional Services – County Administrator’s Office.

Motion by Gordon/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Contract between County of McLean and Anderson Legislative Consulting for Professional Services – County Administrator’s Office.

Mr. Segobiano asked what types of projects does the County propose to Anderson Legislative Consultants (“Anderson”) and what kind of feedback does the County receive from Anderson. Mr. Wasson replied that over the last couple of years, the information provided by Anderson has improved significantly. He noted that there are specific components relative to State Legislature that Anderson closely follows, particularly where it affects local revenues ensuring that the state is not reducing the revenue streams that are currently being provided to local governments. As an example, Mr. Wasson referred to the discussion and legislative review related to the Regional Office of Education. He pointed out that this issue had an impact upon local governments and reduced the PPRT (Personal Property Replacement Tax) revenue to the County and other local governments.

Mr. Wasson advised that many of the legislative issues that might affect the County come quickly. Mr. Wasson noted that Anderson contacts the Administrator’s Office for its input and response on items that affect the County. He stated that reports were received from Anderson a week ago on the current Legislative Session and the number of bills that would impact County government. As an example, Mr. Wasson pointed out that a bill has been reintroduced in the House that would impact Sheriff’s foreclosures that would reduce the amount of revenue generated through the Sheriff’s Department by over 50%. This is a bill that McLean County continues to be opposed to. Mr. Wasson stated that the County works with both Metro-Counties and Anderson to address these types of issues.

Mr. Wasson recommended that, on a yearly basis, the Executive Committee review general legislative issues that might affect the County. In addition, he recommended that the County work with other local governments to consolidate legislative agendas that would affect the County, Town, City and rural communities.

Mr. Segobiano recommended that the County Administrator's Office provide the Board with periodic reports on the efforts of Anderson. He stated that he believes the County Board should be made aware of pending legislative issues so that Board members can talk with their local legislators regarding issues facing the County. Mr. Wasson agreed that it is important for the County Board members to discuss certain issues with the local legislators.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if there is a way to determine if Anderson is providing the appropriate service for which the County pays them. Mr. Segobiano concurred with this question and further asked if they have the best interest of McLean County since they also represents other government entities. Chairman Sorensen responded that most of these issues affect all county governments the same, so what is in the best interest of McLean County is likely the same for other counties.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he believes that Chairman Sorensen should go to Springfield as a representative of the County to discuss County issues. Chairman Sorensen responded that he and Mr. Wasson go to Springfield a couple times a year for that purpose. Mr. Wasson added that the County's lobbyists talk with not only County area representatives but with other representatives from outside our district.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there are any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. Ben Owens, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of Critical Personnel Hiring requests – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to Recommend Approval  
of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County  
Administrator's Office.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented one Resolution and two Ordinances that allow the County to transfer monies between funds until the first installment of property taxes takes place. He noted that these three items are annual housekeeping items that can be acted upon together. They are: Request Approval of a Resolution transferring monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the F.I.C.A./Social Security Fund 0130, Fiscal Year 2012; to Request Approval of an Ordinance transferring monies from the TB Care and Treatment Fund 0111 and the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, Fiscal Year 2012; and Request Approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the County General Fund 0001 to the Children's Advocacy Center Fund 0129, the I.M.R.F. Fund 0131, and the Tort Judgment Fund 0135, Fiscal Year 2012.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Transferring Monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the F.I.C.A./Social Security Fund 0130, Fiscal Year 2012; to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the TB Care and Treatment Fund 0111 and the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, Fiscal Year 2012; and to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Transferring Monies from the County General Fund 0001 to the Children's Advocacy Center Fund 0129, the I.M.R.F. Fund 0131, and the Tort Judgment Fund 0135, Fiscal Year 2012.

Motion carried.

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

Ms. Bette Rackauskas, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Circuit Court.

Motion by Rackauskas/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Circuit Court.

Motion carried.

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Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance to amend the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Coroner’s Office.

Motion by Rackauskas/O’Connor to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance to Amend the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Coroner’s Office.  
Motion carried.

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

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 questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee, was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Matching Tax Fund 0122, McLean County Highway Department 0055.

Motion by Bostic/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Matching Tax Fund 0122, McLean County Highway Department 0055.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, advised that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

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Ms. Bostic recommended that Committee members review the minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Property Committee, which provides Mr. Jack Moody's report of the utility costs to maintain all of the County's buildings and facilities. She advised that with the replacement of lights to the energy efficient T-8 ballasts and bulbs, as well as the reduced contract price for energy, the County will save \$200,000 per year. Ms. Bostic added that the County received a grant to replace the bulbs.

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

Mr. Segobiano recommended, in light of all of the various departmental transfers and increased budget to EDC, that the County Administrator's Office provide a General Fund balance periodically. Mr. Wasson noted that the General Fund balance changes daily. He added that currently the consolidated General Fund balance remains at over \$10 million.

Chairman Sorensen presented the January 31, 2012 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$245,188.80 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Gordon/Owens to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for January 31, 2012 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary