

## **Minutes of the Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee of the McLean County Board met on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairman Owens, Members Butler, Moss, Caisley (4:14 pm), Nuckolls and O'Connor

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator; Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Peggy Ann Milton, County Clerk; Mr. Bob Kahman, Supervisor of Assessments; Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer; Mr. Matt Riehle, Director, Nursing Home; Mr. Walt Howe, Health Department Administrator; Ms. Jennifer Ho, Risk Management; Ms. Michelle Anderson, County Auditor

Others Present: Ms. Megan Nelson, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Ms. Cathy Dryer, Fiscal Services Supervisor, Health Department; Ms. Hannah Eisner, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney; Mr. Robert Neiryck, Outside Attorney, Costigan & Wollrab

Chairman Owens called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Owens presented the minutes of the June 2, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting and the May 18, 2010 Stand-up Meeting for approval.

Motion by Moss/O'Connor to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting and the May 18, 2010 Stand-up Meeting.

Motion carried.

Chairman Owens called for a vote to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation with the Committee Members, Mr. Robert Neiryck, Costigan & Wollrab Law Office; Ms. Hannah Eisner, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney Ms. Jennifer Ho, Risk Management and the Administrator's Office Staff.

Motion by Moss/Butler to Recommend the Finance Committee go into *Executive Session* at 4:02 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation with the Committee Members, Mr. Robert Neiryneck, Costigan and Wollrab; Ms. Hannah Eisner, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney; Ms. Jennifer Ho, Risk Management and the Administrator's Office Staff.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Butler/Caisley to recommend the Finance Committee return to *Open Session* at 4:20 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Ms. Peggy Ann Milton, County Clerk, presented a request for approval of the Appointment of Judges of Election, which she distributed prior to the meeting. She explained that, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/13-2, the County Board shall at its meeting in July in each even-numbered year select in each election precinct in the County, five capable and discreet electors to be Judges of Election. Ms. Milton added that each elector shall possess the qualifications required for such judges.

Mr. Caisley noted that he had suggested a high school student to be a judge who is not on the list. Ms. Milton replied that she will check on the status and if the student wishes to be a judge, the student will be added to the list of judges.

Ms. Milton stated that once the List of Judges is approved by the Board, the State's Attorney will send the list to the Circuit Court who then returns it to the County Clerk to display on the counter for several days awaiting possible objections. If there are no objections, it stands as is.

Motion by Caisley/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of the Appointment of Judges of Election.  
Motion carried.

Ms. Milton reviewed the County Clerk's Monthly Report for May 2010. She pointed out that the number of Liquor Licenses issued in 2009 was 20, with revenue of \$11,880, and in 2010, 10 licenses were issued, with revenue of \$13,300. She explained that the reason for the discrepancy is that last year the County Clerk's staff receipted the beer garden liquor license (Class G) separately from the establishment's regular liquor license (Class D); this year they receipted them as one receipt. She added that the difference in revenue is because Mustang Sally's did not apply for its liquor license until later in the year last year.

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

Mr. Bob Kahman, Supervisor of Assessments, reviewed a Status Report on Residential Values. He indicated that the townships have begun submitting 2010 assessments. Mr. Kahman noted that 8 out of 31 township assessments have been received for review and editing. He stated that Assessment Books are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Historically, the equalization and distribution of assessment notices can begin once the City of Bloomington submits their assessment books.

Mr. Kahman informed the Committee that the Legislature has changed the nature and appearance of the Assessment Notice (an unfunded mandate) in which they want new information added to the form. He noted that he is working with the vendor to get the form changed.

Mr. Kahman advised that the Publication Date report compares the date the Assessor's office completed the review and editing for each township and the subsequent date of publication. The City of Bloomington, by the volume of parcels and EAV, sets the pace for the County. Mr. Kahman noted that Mr. Mike Ireland, Bloomington Assessor, has been getting his assessment completed around the end of September or beginning of October. He indicated that, this year, Mr. Ireland is trying to get it done earlier.

Mr. Kahman indicated that an updated Average Residential Parcel Value chart is included in the packet. He noted that the average residential value is determined by dividing the total township residential value by the total residential parcels. Mr. Kahman reported that Money Creek Township has the highest average values in the County. Cropsey Township, which is only half as large as a typical sized township, comes in last with an average value of just \$56,738 or 39% of the countywide average.

Mr. Kahman stated that the chart shows an Average Market Value of \$145,209 for the entire County. He added that this is not the average sale price, but rather the average estimated market value for all residential parcels countywide.

Mr. Caisley asked what "Residential Parcels" are considered. Mr. Kahman replied that Residential Parcels include single family residences up to six-flat apartments.

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

Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2010, as distributed.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the State of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance as of June 30, 2010. Statistics are as follows:

- Revenue as of June 30, 2010 is \$15,363,719.94, which is 48.15% of budget.
- Expenses as of June 30, 2010 are \$14,797,624.91, which is 47.40% of budget.
- Fund Balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$9,466,691.01.

Ms. McNeil advised that the Revenue figure is inflated due to the deferred revenue from 2009 into 2010 due to outstanding receivables. She indicated that it is difficult to compare this year to last year because of the deferred revenue status.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Summary of Tax Vouchers for Sales, Income, Local Use and Personal Property Replacement Tax, as follows:

		<u>% of change Over 2009</u>
<b>June 2010 Vouchers:</b>		
Sales Tax	\$384,134.26	
Revenue Sales Tax	52,680.28	
Local Use Tax	26,753.92	
Income Tax	106,598.72	
PPRT		
Total	<u>\$570,167.18</u>	
<b>Monthly Comparison</b>		
June 2009 Vouchers	570,916.77	
June 2010 Vouchers	<u>570,167.18</u>	
Difference	(\$749.59)	-0.1%
<b>YTD Comparison</b>		
YTD 2009 Vouchers	4,442,254.49	
YTD 2010 Vouchers	<u>4,273,694.99</u>	
Difference	(\$168,559.50)	-3.8%
<b>Budget Comparison</b>		
2010 Annual Budget:	\$9,125,150.00	
Budgeted Revenue per Month:	\$ 760,429.17	
Budgeted Revenue thru 6/30/10:	\$4,562,575.00	
YTD Actual Vouchers	\$4,273,694.99	
Amount Over (Under) Budget:	(\$288,880.01)	-6.8%

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Summary of Retailers Occupation Tax, State Income Tax and Personal Property Replacement Tax Revenue Report for the month ending June 30, 2010. Statistics are as follows:

- Retailers Occupation Tax Revenue for June 30, 2010 is \$463,568.46.
- Retailers Occupation Tax Revenue Year to Date is \$2,706,018.15 which is 3.3% above last year and 47.1% of budget.
- State Income Tax Revenue is \$864,892.39, which is -11.2% below last year and 46.8% of budget.
- Personal Property Replacement Tax Revenue is \$702,784.45, which is -17.1% below last year and 46.1% of budget.

Ms. McNeil reported that the Property Tax Receipts year-to-date are \$4,460,417.53, which is 50.67% of budget. She noted that between the First Installment and the Second Installment collected, it was possible to distribute 50.67% of the budget prior to the end of June. Ms. McNeil stated that this is very comparable to last year.

Ms. McNeil advised that the receivables due to the County from the State of Illinois are \$2.2 million. The State owes the County's General Fund approximately \$1.3 million of which \$758,000 of that amount is the Income Tax. Ms. McNeil indicated that the Probation salary reimbursements are currently due for October and November 2009. She noted that this was part of the payment that the State made to the County of \$592,000.

Ms. McNeil stated that actual receipts through June 30, 2010 are \$3,703,527.81. The estimated year to date of budgeted revenue should be \$3,802,000.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Investment Report, noting that one of the smaller CD's came due and was renewed at 1.10% as compared to the prior rate of 3.51%. She added that the CD was rolled over because it is still a better rate than the current Money markets of 0.15%, .05%, and .25%.

Ms. McNeil indicated that the \$14,606,373.87 that was in the Chase Bank was a result of the tax distribution and it is no longer sitting in the bank with that balance. She noted that she was waiting for State Farm to get some securities pledged so that the funds could be moved. Ms. McNeil added that \$3 million of that amount was moved last Thursday.

Ms. McNeil reported that the total of all Funds is \$36,110,601.94.

Ms. McNeil presented the CDAP Revolving Loan Fund Quarterly Report. She stated that all of the loans are current. Ms. McNeil advised that the loan to Trace Design was paid off. She noted that not only was the \$30,000 loan paid back, but the County received \$3,498.00 in interest which keeps the Revolving Loan Fund revolving.

Ms. McNeil stated that there is currently \$379,601.34 available in that Fund to lend. She pointed out that the bank interest earned on deposit over the years since the loan fund was established is \$379,295.76.

Mr. McNeil reviewed the Employee Benefit Fund Quarterly Report. She indicated that this is the Fund where the employer and employee contributions funnel in and out of to pay the premiums for the employee health fair and employee benefits. Ms. McNeil reported that in the first six months of 2010, \$2,401,402.88 has been received in Revenue. She noted that Expenditures were \$2,543,109.56. Ms. McNeil pointed out that the difference in the Expenditures and the Revenue was the result of the premiums being paid in June for July coverage in the amount of \$341,817.

Ms. McNeil presented the report on the Summary of the outstanding receivables from the State of Illinois. She reported that the County is currently carrying five months of the funds that are due to the County for State Income Tax. She noted that one or two years ago this money would have been received by now. Ms. McNeil added that the County received the January payment on June 17<sup>th</sup>, which shows how far behind the State is in payments to the County.

Ms. McNeil stated that other areas where funds are due from the State include:

- Appellate Prosecutor;
- Probation Salary Subsidy;
- Probation Grants in Aid;
- JDC Grants in Aid.

Ms. McNeil advised that the County received \$187,000 in June for the September payments, which demonstrates how far behind the State is in paying funds due to the County. Payments are running six to seven months behind.

Ms. McNeil pointed out that the Child Advocacy Fund has a negative balance due from the State. She explained that this is an instance where the State provided a Grant and the money has not yet been spent.

Ms. McNeil advised that the total overall receivable that is due from the State of Illinois is \$1,966,058.97.

Chairman Owens asked what "Exhausted" means on the Supervisor of Assessment Salary Reimbursement line. Ms. McNeil replied that this means that an appropriation was set aside last year and the claims against that appropriation have now exhausted the funds. Where the County would typically receive reimbursement for February, March, April and May, the County will not see anything because the budget appropriation has been exhausted. Ms. McNeil acknowledged that this is one fund that will not be paid so it is not considered an outstanding receivable.

Ms. McNeil advised that she is concerned with the Income Tax funds that have not been received. She noted that she has not heard that the funds will not be received from the State for last year, but the future is questionable. Mr. Lindberg stated that there was a budget proposal put out in February that originally included a 30% reduction in the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), which is the County's share of the Income Tax Revenue. That proposal met with no support on either side of the Assembly. Mr. Lindberg stated that he believes the LGDF will remain at current levels. He noted that, by statute, the State cannot move that money and they cannot switch it to another fund, so he expects that the County will eventually receive the funds.

Ms. McNeil reported that when tax bills were sent out in May, the County was collecting about \$280 million, \$140 million for each installment. As of today, the first installment has 96% paid, which is \$134.9 million. Ms. McNeil indicated that there is still \$5.1 million outstanding, which is typical. She noted that those payments will be received, with interest penalty, over the next five or six months. Ms. McNeil stated that \$140 million was billed for the second installment. As of today, \$10.4 million of that has been paid.

Mr. Lindberg asked Ms. McNeil to inform the Committee when she made her last distribution out of the first installment payments. Ms. McNeil responded that the distribution was made June 24<sup>th</sup>, which is two weeks after the due date. Mr. Lindberg advised that it is very helpful to the school districts to receive the distributions well before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Nuckolls/Moss to accept and place on file the  
Month-end Financial Reports from the County Treasurer's  
Office for the month ending June 30, 2010, as submitted.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens asked if there were any additional questions on the reports. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. McNeil.

Mr. Matt Riehle, Administrator of the McLean County Nursing Home, presented the Nursing Home Monthly Report. He pointed out that he also provided a report on the IDPA County NH Reimbursement for 2010. Mr. Riehle stated that this report reflects monies that will be part of a new Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement if it ever comes to fruition.

Mr. Caisley commented that the new Nursing Home Driveway is very nice.

Chairman Owens expressed concern with the amount of traffic he observed in the Nursing Home parking lot on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Riehle responded that a good job is done keeping traffic away from the ambulance lane.

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

Mr. Walt Howe, Health Department Administrator, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2010 Combined appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105 (Vision and Hearing Services Program), as well as a request for approval of a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution Association with an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2010 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105. He noted that these two requests can be considered together.

Mr. Howe advised that .24 FTE, or 468 hours of Vision and Hearing Technician services was budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. He asked that 702 hours be added for the last six months of this year for school based vision and hearing services, Medicaid Vision Program, and the Non-Medicaid IPA Program. Mr. Howe stated that the addition of these hours will generate almost twice the amount of revenue than will be expended.

Motion by Caisley/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2010 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105; and Approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal year 2010 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution Associated with an Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal year 2010 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105.  
Motion carried.



Mr. Howe presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2010 Combined appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0102 (Dental Fund), as well as a request for approval of a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution Association with an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2010 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0102. He noted that these two requests can be considered together.

Mr. Howe reminded the Committee that in July 2009 a decision was made to add an additional 1.5 days each week of dental services at the Health Department due to the increase in demand for both children and adult dental services. Mr. Howe asked for approval to add 585 hours for the Dental Hygienist. He stated that the Dental Hygienist is the most proficient dollar reimbursement program in the Health Department. Mr. Howe indicated that the Dental Hygienist generates \$72 in additional income for every hour that she works.

Motion by O'Connor/Caisley to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2010 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0102; and Approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal year 2010 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution Associated with an Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal year 2010 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0102.

Motion carried.

Chairman asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Howe.

Chairman Owens presented the County Recorder's Monthly Reports as submitted by Mr. Lee Newcom, County Recorder. There were no questions on the report.

Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, asked Mr. Wasson to present the next action item and to provide information regarding this item.

Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator, announced that he will begin his presentation with a review of the Personnel Policy relating to new hires by which "Critical Personnel Exemption Requests" are determined. He reminded the Committee that on May 18, 2010, in response to reductions in revenue levels, the County Board voted to reduce in Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and to maintain the hiring freeze initiated on April 20, 2010. For the Committee's consideration, the following guidelines are recommended to address continuing oversight of personnel levels within County Departments and Offices:

**Hiring Freeze Guidelines:**

1. Application – The hiring freeze applies to new positions, vacant positions, and positions that become vacant while the freeze is in effect. It covers all full-time and regular part-time positions of all County departments, judicial offices and offices of separately elected officials.
2. Overtime and other compensation – All Department Heads Countywide will be required to make sure that their departments are operating in the most cost effective manner – including adherence to budgeted amounts for overtime and other salary lines.
3. The hiring freeze will remain in effect until such time as the County Board resolution expires December 31, 2010, or as amended by the County Board.

**Exception Processes:**

1. Personnel actions initiated and approved, including offers that were tendered prior to the April 20, 2010 hiring freeze were processed without requiring an exception.
2. Seasonal/Occasional – These positions have previously been identified as fulfilling short duration-high demand situations in the most cost effective manner possible, such as elections supervision. Additionally, seasonal/occasional funding is not tied to a specific position, but to total full time equivalent hours. Seasonal/Occasional positions will be exempt to the extent that employment levels do not exceed total expenditures for the prior fiscal year.
3. An exception to the hiring freeze will be given for critical patient care and supervision. Normal hiring authorization from the County Administrator's Office is required for Personnel actions that Department Heads determine match the above description.
4. An exception to the hiring freeze will be given for positions required to maintain programs for which contractual agreements exist. For purposes of this section, contractual agreements include Intergovernmental and grant agreements. Normal hiring authorization from the County Administrator's Office is required for personnel actions that Department Heads determine match the above descriptions.
5. Work Study programs and supported employment positions will be exempt from the hiring freeze.
6. Current employees may move into a vacant position within the same agency:
  - a. If the movement is a simple change of duties and/or office, the agency does not have to request an exemption.
  - b. If the movement is a promotion or demotion, the agency will be required to request an exemption to fill the position ultimately vacated by an incumbent.

- c. If the movement includes a hiring process (e.g. active recruiting to build a pool of candidates outside of the Department, using a bid, etc.) the agency will be required to request an exemption to fill the position.
7. Current employees can move to a vacant position outside of the same Department.
  - a. If the movement is to a position for which an exemption exists.
  - b. If programs or responsibilities have been transferred to another Department.
8. Consideration for an exemption to the hiring freeze will be given to positions based upon critical necessity to departmental work. The agency should review:
  - a. Is the vacant position critical?
  - b. Can the critical work be redistributed to other staff?
  - c. A written justification requesting an exception must be submitted to the County Administrator's Office, which will then make a determination based upon the aforementioned factors.
  - d. No employment action or position posting will occur before an exemption request is approved.
  - e. The County Administrator's Office will provide monthly updates to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wasson advised that no personnel actions are anticipated that were initiated prior to the hiring freeze; however, anything initiated prior to the hiring freeze would need to be met. He indicated that the "Seasonal/Occasional" positions are not budgeted on a position basis, rather they are hours that the department expects to use as part of their payroll. Seasonal positions were identified as fulfilling short duration/high demand situations, such as elections in the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Wasson indicated that what a Department has in its budget for seasonal/occasional positions is what they have and when it is gone, it is gone. He added that what any one person accumulates in hours is not a management concern relative to the budget.

Mr. Wasson stated that the Nursing Home patient care needs is a good example of the "critical patient care and supervision" exemption. He noted that the County is required to meet minimum staffing requirements of the Nursing Home, which has a high turnover rate.

Mr. Wasson indicated that an example of the requirement to "maintain programs for which contractual agreements exist" would be the Health Department's part time positions for their Municipal Animal control contracts. To meet those contract obligations, it is necessary to fill those positions. Mr. Lindberg added that these positions are paid for by the municipalities that contract with the County.

Mr. Nuckolls suggested that Number 4 of the "Exception Processes" could be misconstrued to mean bargaining unit contracts. Mr. Wasson replied that this does not refer to bargaining unit contracts. Mr. Lindberg added that it strictly refers to contracts such as the one in the Health Department for the Animal Control Ordinance with the Town of Normal or the City of Bloomington. Mr. Caisley recommended that this section be revised so that it is understood that it does not refer to labor contracts. Mr. Wasson responded that the section will be clarified.

Mr. Wasson presented the request for approval of the Critical Personnel Exemption Requests.

Mr. Wasson indicated that the Health Department is requesting to fill 1.0 FTE Part-time Animal Control Wardens. The Health Department requires Animal Control Wardens to meet the requirements for services to municipalities under contracts to provide special animal control services. Mr. Wasson noted that the Health Department currently has two (2) part-time positions open.

Mr. Wasson recommended that, in the future, these types of requests be granted in this fashion under the "contractual obligation exemptions" section. Mr. Wasson added that this is the section that will be modified slightly to better reflect its meaning.

Mr. Wasson advised that the Nursing Home has filled two Licensed Practical Nurse positions, two Certified Nursing Assistant positions and one Food Services Assistant position to provide sufficient personnel to meet critical minimum staffing levels required to meet state guidelines. Mr. Wasson indicated that these positions fall under the recommended "critical patient care exemption" section of the hiring freeze guidelines. He noted that the Nursing Home has a high turnover rate in their positions, which is typical in the nursing home industry.

Mr. Wasson recommended that, in the future, these types of positions be automatically granted under the "critical patient care exemption."

Mr. Wasson advised that the Sheriff's Department is requesting to fill 1.0 FTE Corrections Officer and a 1.0 FTE Corrections Control Operator. He explained that the Sheriff's Department reduced Corrections Officers by 1.0 FTE in the May 2010 Budget reduction. The Sheriff's Department currently has 2.0 Corrections Officer positions vacant and on Control Operator position vacant. Mr. Wasson stated that these positions are necessary to provide sufficient personnel to meet critical minimum staffing levels required to comply with state guidelines.

Mr. Wasson indicated that the Sheriff's Department reduced its Corrections Officer FTE by 1.0 in the May 2010 budget reduction, which left them with three open spots in their current FTE's at this time. He stated that the Sheriff's Department would like to fill two of those three openings for vacant positions. One of these will include a promotion of a Control Operator to a Corrections Officer position and they want to fill one additional Corrections Officer position and a Control Operator position. Mr. Wasson noted that this will still leave the Sheriff's Department with one vacant FTE for a Corrections Officer. This request is being made first to meet minimum critical staffing levels in the Adult Jail, and also with consideration to the fact that it takes six months to get through the training process these individuals will be required to complete. Mr. Wasson added that because of that timeline it is especially important that these individuals be hired and trained to become active towards the end of the year. He noted that the Sheriff has agreed to leave one FTE Corrections Officer position vacant at this time and attempt to work with two less than he previously had prior to the reduction in May.

Mr. Lindberg advised that despite these types of hires, more than 24 vacancies still exist as a result of the 18 empty positions and six filled positions that were eliminated in May. He indicated that even with these exceptions, the County continues to operate below that level that was set back in May.

Ms. O'Connor asked what is an example of a work study program. Mr. Wasson replied that a work study program would refer to someone who is an unpaid intern. He noted that "supported employment" is when someone else, such as Illinois State University or the Work Force Development Board, is paying for the position.

Mr. Nuckolls asked what the estimated cost is for the Sheriff Department's request. Mr. Wasson replied that the estimated cost would be \$40,000 for the rest of the year. Mr. Lindberg reminded the Committee that even with the hires being recommended by the Sheriff's Department, they will still be one FTE short of the original cuts.

Mr. Caisley asked how many of the six County employees, who were to be discharged, actually been discharged and how many moved to other vacant County positions. Mr. Wasson replied that all of them have been discharged. Mr. Lindberg added that attempts were made to move people to other positions, but without success.

Motion by Moss/Butler to Recommend Approval of Critical  
Personnel Exemption Requests.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Lindberg announced that he will be bringing an action item to a Standup Committee meeting prior to the County Board meeting. The request is for approval of a recommendation to extend the Outside Auditors services with McGladrey & Pullen for an additional three years. He reminded the Committee that Clifton Gunderson filled that position for nine years. Mr. Lindberg noted that sometimes, after three years, the renewal request will be submitted to the Board and sometimes it is just signed. He indicated that the Agreement Letter will be with the same firm but with a different Managing Partner, which will give the audit a different perspective. Mr. Lindberg advised that McGladrey's fee was low when we bid it out three years ago, and they have offered to provide a three-year extension at very favorable rates. At the end of the sixth year, we will likely go back to the marketplace for bids.

Mr. Lindberg expressed his appreciation for the good efforts of Bill Wasson and Michelle Anderson, County Auditor, in responding to a request for information from Moody's Investors Services a couple weeks ago. He indicated that Moody's was doing a review call on McLean County after receiving and noticing some changes in our CAFR. Mr. Lindberg noted that Moody's sent approximately six pages of questions at 2:30 one after and answers were prepared by 9:00 p.m. He added that they then sent another round of questions on the following day, and again received a same-day response.

Mr. Lindberg advised that the results of these efforts was a AA1 rating from Moody's which is the second highest rating that is bestowed in the municipal bond business. He added that we are the only organization in McLean County and probably in Central Illinois that has a AA1 rating with no indications ("with an indication" might mean that the organization needs improvement in a specific area).

Mr. Lindberg stated that the Public Building Commission is considering testing the market and perhaps reissuing some of the outstanding debt of the Government Center Building. The County's excellent bond rating will help in this effort.

Chairman Owens presented the June 30, 2010 Finance Committee bills for review. The Finance Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$970,448.90 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by Butler/Caisley to recommend approval of the Finance Committee bills as of June 30, 2010 as recommended by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

The Nursing Home bills include a Prepaid Total of \$543,905.71 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to recommend approval of the Nursing Home bills as of June 30, 2010 as recommended by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens presented a request to approve a transfer in the Health Department of \$2,820 and a transfer in the Nursing Home of \$1,411.

Motion by Moss/Caisley to Recommend Approval of a Transfer in the Health Department of \$2,820 and a Transfer in the Nursing Home of 1,411.  
Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Owens adjourned the Finance Committee at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary

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