

## Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 8:35 a.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairman Owens, Members O'Connor, Wollrab, Rankin and McIntyre

Members Absent: Member Butler

Other Members Present: Member McKibbin

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

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials

Present: None

Others Present: None

Chairman Owens called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Chairman Owens advised that the Finance Committee can go into *Executive Session*, if necessary. The Committee did not feel it was necessary to go into *Executive Session* since Mr. Wasson presented an overview of the Collective Bargaining Agreements during an *Executive Session* at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting.

Chairman Owens presented a request for approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the McLean County Board and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #176 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the McLean County Board and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #176 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion carried.

Chairman Owens presented a request for approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the McLean County Board and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #780 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the McLean County Board and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #780 – County Administrator's Office.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens presented a request for approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the McLean County Board and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local #531 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Wollrab/McIntyre to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the McLean County Board and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local #531 – County Administrator's Office.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens advised that the League of Women Voters' Resolution will be presented at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Finance Committee Meeting. He noted that he received the Resolution last week, which is available in the Administrator's Office. He added that it will be included in the Finance Committee Packet.

Mr. Rankin asked if the language has been revised from the League of Women Voters' earlier draft resolution. Chairman Owens responded that the Administrator's Office may have provided suggested language revisions. Mr. Wasson stated that he can't confirm if there have been any modifications to the initial document. Mr. Lindberg indicated that he believes the resolution might emerge in a different format as per the League of Women Voters. He added that the cover letter and resolution clarifies what the League of Women Voters plan to do in terms of supporting and marketing efforts for a Referendum of the rejection question, and it explains what it wants the County Board to do.

Chairman Owens informed the Committee that this issue was discussed at length at the Executive Committee Meeting last month. He cautioned that the issue may require some discussion at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. O'Connor asked what the League of Women Voters' resolution is requesting. Chairman Owens responded that the League of Women Voters would like to see the Bloomington Election Commission be dissolved and, once approved by the voters, that a separate County-wide Election Commission be established by the County Board.

Ms. O'Connor asked if the Bloomington Election Commission is dissolved, can the County decide to roll those elections into the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Owens replied that the County Board can establish a County Election Commission or it can move it all into the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Lindberg explained that the League of Women Voters indicated that the County Board doesn't have to do anything in terms of supporting or opposing the rejection question regarding the Bloomington Election Commission. However, the League of Women Voters wants the County Board to vote a resolution that says the County Board promises to immediately thereafter establish a County-wide Election Commission, which is the item up for discussion.

Mr. Wasson stated that alternatives include:

- The County Board make no commitment to setting up a County-wide Election Commission,
- Instead of the County Board voting to establish a County-wide Election Commission, allow the question to be taken to the voters via a referendum.

Ms. Wollrab asked if there would be a time lapse between the time the Bloomington Election Commission is dissolved and the time a County-wide Election Commission is established, and what would happen during that time. Mr. Wasson responded that there would be a time lapse and during that time it would be placed in the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Lindberg added that the time lapse could be eight or nine months.

Chairman Owens stated that the resolution would be a tool for the League of Women Voters to say that the Board favors the idea of dissolving the Bloomington Election Commission. He added that the League of Women Voters would like the Board to commit to establishing a County-wide Election Commission. Mr. Rankin commented that the possibility of the voters of Bloomington dissolving the Bloomington Election Commission is very unlikely.

Ms. O'Connor stated that she wouldn't want to commit the County Board to too much before the League of Women Voters takes the first step to dissolve the Bloomington Election Commission. She also commented that she does not believe the Bloomington voters will approve the dissolution of the Bloomington Election Commission.

Chairman Owens advised that even if the Finance Committee rejects the resolution, the issue may be brought up again.

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There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Owens adjourned the Finance Committee at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary

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