

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Owens

Other Board Members Present: None

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

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the August 14, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting and the July 17, 2012 Stand-up Meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections, Chairman Sorensen accepted and placed the minutes on file as submitted.

Chairman Sorensen presented the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations.

Motion by Segobiano/Bostic 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 Ordinance Amending "An Ordinance Describing and Designating an Area located partially within the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and Unincorporated McLean County as an Enterprise Zone" – Downtown Bloomington – County Administrator's Office. He reminded the Committee that this Ordinance is to amend the boundaries of the Bloomington/Normal/McLean County Enterprise Zone in order to cover approximately 185 acres of property centered around 101 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL.

Motion by Segobiano/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance Amending "An Ordinance Describing and Designating an Area Located Partially within the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, and Unincorporated McLean County as an Enterprise Zone" – Downtown Bloomington – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee to fund \$2,450.00 for McLean County Small Municipality Recycling Grants.

Motion by Gordon/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee to fund \$2,450.00 for McLean County Small Municipality Recycling Grants.
Motion carried.

Mr. Gordon presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Amending and Approving the Five-Year Update of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

Motion by Gordon/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Amending and Approving the Five-Year Update of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee advised that the Transportation 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. Hoselton.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, advised that the Property Committee had no items for action. She noted that the Property Committee will have a Stand-up meeting on September 18th.

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

Mr. John Butler, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of a Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for FY 2013 from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for SHOW BUS – Building & Zoning.

Motion by Butler/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for FY 2013 from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for SHOW BUS – Building & Zoning.
Motion carried.

Mr. Butler presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board amending the 2012 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105 – Health Department.

Mr. Hoselton asked what the contract services are for this Ordinance. Ms. Eisner replied that the Health Department received a \$200,000 grant, “We Choose Health,” which is a multi-year IDPA initiative to encourage and support obesity and tobacco prevention in Illinois communities. She stated that the Health Department is pro-rating \$70,000 of those funds that will be available this fiscal year. Ms. Eisner noted that the Health Department will sub-contract with schools, community groups, and perhaps senior living areas to provide education and training.

Motion by Butler/O’Connor to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2012 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105 – Health Department.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2012 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution associated with an Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2012 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105 – Health Department. He indicated that this to readjust FTE’s around this grant that was just recommended for approval.

Motion by Butler/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2012 McLean County Full-time Equivalent Position Resolution associated with an Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012 McLean County Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0105 – Health Department.
Motion carried.

Mr. Butler presented a request for approval of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County Administrator’s Office.

Motion by Butler/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of Critical Personnel Hiring Requests – County Administrator’s Office.
Motion carried.

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

Ms. Bette Rackauskas, Chairman, Justice Committee, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Fund 0001, General Fund, Court Services Department 0022 – Court Services Department.

Motion by Rackauskas/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Fund 0001, General Fund, Court Services Department 0022 – Court Services Department.
Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval to renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #610074 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Court Services.

Motion by Rackauskas/Bostic to Recommend Approval to Renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #610074 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Court Services.
Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Children’s Advocacy Center.

Mr. Butler noted that this Amendment looks like a reduction in funds. Mr. Wasson replied that this is a reduction of funds that were provided for the DeWitt County Satellite Office. That office space rent will now be paid directly by other entities.

Motion by Rackauskas/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance – Children’s Advocacy Center.

Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval to renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #610371 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Motion by Rackauskas/O’Connor to Recommend Approval to Renew a Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #610371 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Sheriff’s Department.

Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority’s Law Enforcement & Prosecution-Based Victim Assistance Program Grant – State’s Attorney’s Office.

Motion by Rackauskas/Bostic to Recommend Approval of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority’s Law Enforcement & Prosecution-Based Victim Assistance Program Grant – State’s Attorney’s Office.

Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval to renew the Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #608070 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – State’s Attorney’s Office.

Motion by Rackauskas/Gordon to Recommend Approval to Renew Multi-Disciplinary Team-Domestic Violence Continuation Grant #608070 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval of the Illinois Coroners & Medical Examiners Association Mutual Aid Agreement – Coroner’s Officer.

Motion by Rackauskas/Gordon to Recommend Approval of the Illinois Coroners & Medical Examiners Association Mutual Aid Agreement – Coroner’s Office.

Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, Coroner's Office 0031.

Motion by Rackauskas/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, Coroner's Office 0031.
Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas reported that a group of individuals from the Latinos United for Change (LUC) and Illinois Peoples Action (IPA) gave a 15-minute presentation at the Justice Committee Meeting. She noted that, following the presentation, staff was directed to write a letter to Federal Legislators to ask about forthcoming changes anticipated in the Secure Communities program. Ms. Rackauskas also advised that she recommended that any questions regarding this situation be directed to the Administrator's Office, the Sheriff or to the LUC group.

Mr. Gordon asked for an explanation of the process. Ms. Rackauskas responded that her understanding is that when anyone is stopped by the police for traffic or other offenses, the police ask for identification. If the driver has a suspended, revoked, cancelled or never been issued a valid driver's license, they are arrested and brought to the McLean County Jail and charged with the offense generated from the arrest. Ms. Rackauskas stated that if the individual is undocumented, the Sheriff calls ICE and ICE asks the Sheriff to hold the person until they can pick up the individual. She indicated that the LUC believes that the Sheriff is not mandated to call ICE, rather, Sheriff Emery voluntarily calls ICE. Ms. Rackauskas pointed out that Champaign County does not call ICE.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he is very familiar with the LUC group and receives information from them. He cautioned everyone to be careful because it is a very complicated issue. Mr. Segobiano advised that it is very important that we do not undermine the Sheriff of McLean County. Ms. Rackauskas indicated that she also cautioned the Justice Committee that this is a very complicated issue. She reported that the Justice Committee stayed neutral and supportive of the staff and elected officials. Ms. Rackauskas indicated that the Committee meeting was a venue for the public to know that they can be heard. She noted that the group was well organized and stayed within their 15 minute time limit.

Ms. Eisner stated that the Administrator's Office's understanding is that ICE works with the FBI. When the Sheriff sends fingerprints for identification information to the FBI, the FBI shares that information with ICE. Ms. Eisner indicated that she does not believe that the Sheriff calls ICE directly. She noted that when the FBI calls ICE, ICE calls the Sheriff and asks him to hold the individual. Ms. Eisner concurred that this issue is very complicated.

Mr. Butler asked what the goal of the group is. Ms. Rackauskas replied that she believes their goal is for the Sheriff to not follow through with ICE's request to detain the individual.

Ms. Rackauskas advised that the presentation was an opportunity for open discussion and clarification.

Chairman Sorensen stated that this may or may not actually be something that the County Board should or can take action and effect change upon. He encouraged the Executive and Justice Committees members to maintain an understanding that we provide a forum in open meetings, which is healthy, but there may never be any action of the Board, which may be appropriate.

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

Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, advised that it is the intent of the County Administrator's Office to present the County Board with its Recommended 2013 Fiscal Year Budget at next Tuesday's County Board meeting.

Chairman Sorensen reminded Committee Chairs that they need to schedule their October meetings with the budget in mind and plan for potential extra meetings over the next 30-45 days, as needed.

Chairman Sorensen advised that he received a letter today from State's Attorney Ron Dozier notifying him that he intends to resign his position as State's Attorney effective Friday, October 5, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. He thanked Mr. Dozier for his most recent service as well as for his many years of service to the County in the past.

Chairman Sorensen stated that, because there is one candidate on the ballot for State's Attorney, he will request that the County Board suspend its own rules requiring an application and interview process to name County-wide Elected Officials, and he will recommend that the Board name an appointment at next Tuesday's meeting for the next State's Attorney to take office effective October 5, 2012.

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Chairman Sorensen presented the August 31, 2012 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment, as well as a transfer of \$54,000 in Information Technologies Department from Computers to Contract Services. The Fund Total is \$593,072.81 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Segobiano/Rackauskas to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for August 31, 2012 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor, as well as a Transfer of \$54,000 in the Information Technologies Department.
Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas mentioned that Mr. Nelson volunteered to provide training to Board Members following a future Board meeting on how to download agendas, packets and minutes onto personal laptops and tablets.

There was a brief discussion on potential applications and recommendations on tablets for the Board members. Mr. Wasson advised that plans are being made to move ahead with implementation for Department Heads within the next few months. He noted that Department heads will have the choice of downloading to a tablet, a laptop, or they can print the documents out.

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