

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members McIntyre, Owens, Segobiano, Hoselton, O'Connor, Caisley and Gordon

Members Absent: Member Cavallini

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 4:33 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the January 8, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting and the December 18, 2012 Stand-Up Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Hoselton to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2013 Meeting and the December 18, 2012 Stand-up Meeting.
Motion carried.

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 the McLean County Board adopting the 2013 Legislative Program for McLean County – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Adopting the 2013 Legislative Program for McLean County – County Administrator’s Office.

Mr. Caisley noted that the County is losing fees for collecting Illinois Estate Tax. Mr. Wasson noted that the County lost those fees this year. Mr. Caisley recommended that “Illinois Estate Tax” be including in the Legislative Program under the topic “Proposals to reduce state-collected local government revenues.”

Mr. Caisley asked for an explanation of the topic “expedite demolition of deteriorating conditions and unsafe buildings issue.” Mr. Wasson explained that McLean County does not have a problem currently. He indicated that it was included in support of other sister counties. Mr. Wasson stated that after reviewing this with the director of Building and Zoning, it was included in the packet in support of one of the other Metro-counties. Ms. Eisner added that the municipalities have had this authority for some time and this may be an attempt to expand that to unincorporated areas of counties.

Mr. Caisley suggested that an addition be made to the topic “County Zoning Authority” to include the term “rock strata fracturing.”

Mr. Gordon recommended that a Resolution be considered at a Stand-up meeting in regard to County zoning authority. He noted that there have been conversations in Springfield about moving the County zoning authority on these matters to the State level. Mr. Gordon stated that he would like to see a formal County Government stand on the possibility of losing County zoning authority. He requested that the Administrator’s staff draft a Resolution that can be broken out from the Legislative Program that is more suitable to sending on to State Legislators.

After a discussion, the following amendments were recommended to the 2013 Legislative Program:

- Under “County Zoning Authority,” line three be amended to say “...including oil and gas drilling, rock strata fracturing, gas and fuel storage, mines and quarries.”
- Under the topic “Proposals to reduce state-collected local government revenues,” amend it to say “...important revenue sources such as the local government share of the state income tax (LGDF), the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes (CPPRT), Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) proceeds and Illinois Estate Tax.”

Motion by Caisley/Gordon to Recommend Approval of the Amendments to the Resolution of the McLean County Board Adopting the 2013 Legislative Program for McLean County – County Administrator’s Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the original motion to recommend approval of the Resolution of the McLean County Board adopting the 2013 Legislative Program for McLean County, as amended – County Administrator’s Office.

Motion carried, as amended.

Mr. Gordon made a motion to recommend that the Executive Committee request that the County Administrator’s Office draft a Resolution, topic specific, pertaining to County Zoning Authority in a form suitable for communication to elected officials at the state level.

Motion by Gordon/McIntyre to Recommend that the Executive Committee request that the County Administrator’s Office draft a Resolution, topic specific, pertaining to County Zoning Authority in a form suitable for Communication to Elected Officials at the State Level.
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/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of a Contract between the County of McLean and Anderson Legislative Consulting for Professional Services – County Administrator’s Office.

Mr. Hoselton asked if the fee of \$7,500 annually to Anderson Legislative Consulting has increased. Mr. Wasson replied that the fee has not increased in the last several years. He advised that Mr. Anderson’s ability to communicate with members of the General Assembly who are not our local representatives is a significant benefit to the County.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2013 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for publishing legal notices for Zoning and Subdivision cases.

Motion by Gordon/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2013 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Publishing Legal Notices for Zoning and Subdivision Cases.

Mr. Caisley asked if this type of Emergency Appropriation Ordinance is an outside auditor's recommendation or an auditing standards violation. Mr. Wasson replied that it is consistent with recommendations from the County's outside auditors and to meet auditing standards. He indicated that the County is eliminating expending funds out of revenue lines.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

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

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Highway Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055. He explained that, due to the reduced amount of snow and ice removal performed during 2012, more maintenance staff payroll was paid for out of the Highway Fund than Motor Fuel. These funds are being re-appropriated back to the Highway Fund.

Mr. Wasson advised that this fund is budgeted with the expectation that a portion of the Motor Fuel Tax money would be used for snow plow personnel costs. Because almost no Motor Fuel Tax money was used on personnel costs, the County Highway funds will be used instead of the Motor Fuel Tax funds for this year.

Mr. Hoselton stated that the Gasoline/Oil/Diesel Fuel will be reduced by \$54,000 and Contract Services will be reduced by \$12,000. He stated that that total of \$66,000 will be added to Full Time Employees salary.

Motion by Hoselton/Owens to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2012 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, McLean County Highway Fund 0120, McLean County Highway Department 0055.
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman, Property Committee, advised that the Property 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. Segobiano.

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

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

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of one Resolution and two Ordinances that allow the County to transfer monies between funds until the first installment of property taxes takes place. He added that once the tax revenues come in, these monies will be moved back. 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/Caisley 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.

Mr. Caisley asked why it is necessary to take money from the working cash fund to transfer into the Social Security Fund and IMRF Fund when those levies are uncapped. Chairman Sorensen explained that this is an inter-fund borrowing practice that is done at this time every year. Mr. Wasson indicated that the tax levy could be increase for FICA and IMRF, but it would be difficult to do that and meet the current budget policy that directs the Administrator's Office to bring a budget which has a tax rate that is as close to the previous year as possible. Chairman Sorensen added that these dollars get paid back as tax payment revenue is collected.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

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

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman, Justice Committee, advised that the Justice Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He reviewed the informational items that will go to the Board for consideration.

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

Mr. Wasson reported that he anticipates receiving the sub-division of the surplus property, formerly known as the Chamber of Commerce Building, on February 25th following City Council approval of the plat. He stated that he anticipates closing on that building shortly thereafter.

Mr. Segobiano complimented Mr. Wasson on the Legislative Report and his willingness to answer questions prior to meetings.

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Chairman Sorensen advised that he expects a full Stand-up schedule next week. He noted that some of them could be a little longer than usual.

Chairman Sorensen presented the January 31, 2013 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$600,070.94 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Hoselton/Owens to recommend Approval of the Executive Committee bills for January 31, 2013 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary