

# McLean County Legislative Program – 2014



McLean County government strives to continue efficient citizen services in an efficient manner. To accomplish this McLean County is committed to maintaining strong partnerships with state and federal legislators. Through these partnerships and the County's policies, the residents of McLean County continue to receive valuable services in an efficient and cost effective manner.

In 2014, as in previous years, the McLean County Board appreciates the opportunity to share with our state legislators the challenges facing our County. In these challenging times it is essential that McLean County is able to govern without the restrictions of various statutes and public acts slowing down the process to ensure a high quality of life for McLean County residents.

We are well aware of the state and federal governments' on-going financial situations and have tried to be responsive and responsible as we prepared our 2014 legislative program. As in the past, the County legislative policy is to:

1. Support legislation granting additional permissive authorities for counties.
2. Support legislation allowing counties to expand fee and non-property tax revenue sources.
3. Oppose unfunded mandates imposed by the state or federal government.
4. Oppose legislation that would reduce the existing authority of county government.
5. Oppose proposals that erode the existing County revenue base.

- **Topic – Proposals to reduce state-collected local government revenues** In prior legislative sessions, proposals to reduce state-collected local government revenues for the purposes of increasing State revenues have surfaced, many times at the end of a session. This includes important revenue sources such as the local government share of the state income tax (LGDF), the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes (CPPRT), and Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) proceeds.

**Recommendation** -These revenues are critical to ensuring that counties can continue to receive the service levels that residents have come to expect. There is also a need for the direct deposit of LGDF revenue to local governments. Local governments have seen their historical share of LGDF revenue reduced from 10% to 6% of total income tax receipts. The state increased its revenue stream to address budget shortfalls, but left local governments behind. The state typically delays LGDF payments to local governments and uses the money to resolve its own cash-flow problem.

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- **Topic – Transportation Infrastructure Construction Program** The State of Illinois has not approved a capital investment program with sustainable, ongoing funding increases, since 1999, leading to a decline of the state’s transportation infrastructure and affecting the economic health and the safety of our citizens. The 2009 capital funding program known as “Illinois Jobs Now” will expire and result in a steep decline in transportation construction projects after July 1, 2014.

**Recommendation** - Support consideration and approval of a new capital investment program that will allow state and local governments in Illinois to maintain and enhance our critical transportation networks. A dedicated pay-as-you-go funding source is necessary to guarantee steady and predictable revenue is available to assure the routine annual modernization, rebuilding, and maintenance required to relieve our growing infrastructure crisis, and support all transportation systems—local roads, state roads, interstate highways, bridges, public transit, airports, waterways, & freight rail efficiencies.

- **Topic - 9-1-1 Wireless Surcharge Funds** The Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) currently receives a portion of the 73 cents per wireless line surcharge that is assessed to support the operation of the county's 9-1-1 emergency response system. The Wireless Emergency Telephone System Surcharge is scheduled to sunset however as of July 1, 2014. As more than 50% of the 9-1-1 calls placed in the county are from wireless technology (cell phones), the wireless surcharge represents a corresponding user based fee that funds the operation and infrastructure of our emergency response system.

**Recommendation** - Support the removal of the sunset date and more importantly encourages all parties to address the issues raised in the recent ICC Report, including the need for continued and in some cases, increased funding of local Emergency Telephone System Boards. Absent these surcharge funds, dispatch and other services required to ensure a timely and appropriate response by local public safety agencies to all 9-1-1 calls placed in the county would be in jeopardy.

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- **Topic: Hazardous Waste** The budget challenges of organizations like the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) are well known and soon they may not be able to help offset the rising costs of recycling paint. Paint is almost 30% of Household Hazardous Waste (HCW) collected by Solid Waste Program. The most recent Collection cost over \$140,000. McLean County and its municipal partners must find a more sustainable way to fund its HCW collection. McLean County and other Illinois Counties are looking to the paint manufacturers to help solve the problem. This will help shift responsibility for recycling or other safe disposal of products and packaging to the producers. Under the proposed legislation, similar to efforts in Oregon, California and Connecticut, paint manufacturers will assume the costs of managing unwanted latex and oil-based paints.

**Recommendation:** Support legislation from the American Coatings Association and the Illinois Paint Council that will institute an upfront fee on new paint purchases to pay for the proper management of the paint. This will make the industry responsible for developing and implementing a statewide paint recovery plan, including education

- **Topic - Construction or demolition debris recycling facilities** are defined as Pollution Control Facilities under the Pollution Control Act. This type of facility is currently exempted from the definition of a Pollution Control Facility for facilities if located in Cook and contiguous Counties. Local County zoning provides effective community oversight for these types of facilities and allows for local governments to effectively address any problems without a cumbersome and lengthy Pollution Control Facility process.

**Recommendation –** Support legislation that would amend definition of a Pollution Control Facility, extending the current exemption of recycling facilities for general construction or demolition debris facilities from Cook County and contiguous Counties to facilities in all Counties of over 120,000 population and give Counties zoning oversight of such uses, if such County has adopted a zoning code.

- **Topic - Hold Mortgagees Responsible for Abating Code Violations on Vacant Properties** The state law should be amended to provide clear statutory authority for Counties to hold Mortgagees responsible for abating code violations on Vacant properties.

**Recommendation:** Support legislation to change the State Statute to allow the County to hold any mortgagee responsible for failure to maintain or secure vacant property during the foreclosure process:

- State law will provide clear statutory authority for the Department of Building & Zoning to continue with its current policy of holding mortgagees responsible for abating nuisances.

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- **Topic: Demolition liens on unincorporated property** Under the current Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/22-35), if a municipality has expended funds on a property within its jurisdiction for “police and welfare power” purposes, the purchaser or assignee of such a property cannot obtain the property’s tax deed until the municipality has been reimbursed in full for its expenses. Municipalities are able to use this statute to secure reimbursement for demolition expenses. An example of a need to exercise such a power is if a municipality has to demolish a structure that is a hazard to a community on private property. However, this power is not given to counties by law and it delays reimbursement for outstanding liens for structures demolished within the unincorporated area.

Without the same rights municipalities have under the Property Tax Code, McLean County may incur outstanding debt owed on demolition liens.

**Recommendation:** Sponsor a change in state legislation, consistent with municipal rights, to require that purchasers or assignees make reimbursement to counties for demolition liens before issuance of a tax deed. Counties would be able to recover expenses incurred in demolishing dilapidated structures in the unincorporated area. Overall taxpayer burden in assuming expenses associated with demolition would be addressed. Expenses would be assumed by the purchaser or assignee of the liened property.

- **Topic – Cell Tower Siting** Illinois State Law allows cellular towers by right in all unincorporated areas, and provides counties with no authority over the siting, height, and setbacks of cellular towers. This law has led to the proliferation of cellular towers in unincorporated areas, despite county efforts to encourage appropriate siting and co-location on existing towers.

**Recommendation:** Support legislation previously offered through the re-writing of the telecommunications bill that would:

- Provide counties with more authority in the siting, height, and setback for cellular towers.
- Require new cellular towers to provide capacity for multiple telecommunication carriers.

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- **Topic - County Nursing Home Enhanced Payment Rate & Timely Payments** As a county nursing home, the McLean County Nursing home receives an enhanced rate for the provision of Medicaid services from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). This enhanced rate (an additional \$450,000 annually for the Nursing Home), was obtained through the adoption of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the state in 2011 after three years of negotiations between the county and the department. The rate was approved in recognition of the fact that the majority of county nursing home residents are Medicaid recipients. The enhanced rate also underscores the significant financial contributions made by counties to subsidize the care provided by county nursing homes that in part benefits the state's Medicaid program.

**Recommendation** -Due to the implementation of the Dual Medicare/Medicaid capitation program, the enhanced rate program will be modified. McLean County requests that the state honor its commitment to county nursing homes by working with all parties to ensure these payments continue.

- **Topic – Illinois Renewable Energy as a component of Municipal Aggregation.** Renewable energy, including wind power, is a significant component in many municipal electrical aggregation components. Unfortunately, due to the short duration of most electrical aggregation contracts, the wind energy industry is restricted in expansion of new development projects, in part, due to the inability to obtain long-term contracts with major Illinois utilities.

**Recommendation** –Support Illinois wind industry economic development as a component in future m.

- **Topic- Administrative Adjudication**

Currently under Illinois law, both county and municipalities have an administrative adjudication process that provides for the issuance of fines following a finding of defendant liability. It is common for defendants to default on payment of fines thus necessitating the use of a 3rd party collections process.

Under the Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-1), the cost of collecting fines can directly be charged to the defaulting party which avoids any collections delay and additional administrative expense to the municipal jurisdiction. However, counties do not have a streamlined process for collecting fines under the Counties Code (“Administrative Adjudication – Specified Counties”; 55 ILCS 5/5-43035 (c)).

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- **Topic- Administrative Adjudication(continued)**

In order to recover the full amount of debt owed by a defendant, counties must fix a judgment through an additional administrative adjudication hearing or in the circuit court for collection costs already incurred before charging such costs to the defendant. This necessitates both the pre-payment by the county of such costs out of the debt collected, additional notice to the defendant and a determination by a hearing officer, or circuit court to fix the costs.

Through their authority, municipalities avoid delay of administrative process and additional expense because the collection agency may directly collect their fee from the defendant in the absence of further process. In the absence of having the same authority, counties must incur additional administrative expense

**Recommendation: Support** a change in state legislation to obtain the county equivalent of Municipal authority under the administrative adjudication provisions of the Counties Code (“Administrative Adjudication – Specified Counties”; 55 ILCS 5/5-43035 (c)).



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Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Justice Committee  
Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator,

FROM: Lori McCormick-Director, Court Services

CC: Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb  
Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator

RE: Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Opportunity

DATE: 1/21/14

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On December 17, 2013 I received a notification from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission of funds available to conduct a 6 month planning grant to gain information and data on the Juvenile Justice population in McLean County. The application was due on or before December 30, 2013. As the Commission requested that Juvenile Justice Councils take the lead on the data compilation, and the quick turnaround time indicated, I spoke with both Mr. Wasson and Chief Judge Robb about the funding opportunity, and both agreed that an application should go forward, knowing that the Justice Committee and Full Board would still have to approve any contract. I have attached the request for funding that was sent to the Commission as well as an email I received on 1/13/2013 regarding the approval for an award totaling \$30,600.00 and a letter to Mr. Wasson from the Chair of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission indicating the award.

This amount if approved by the Justice Committee and the full County Board will be used to compile data for the development of a local juvenile justice system map including the decision making process, demographic data at each local juvenile justice decision point ; age, race, ethnicity, gender, offense type, an inventory of graduated responses available to the local system which includes station adjustments, arrest, probation, detention, electronic monitoring etc., as well as feedback from system consumers and a discussion of any gaps in services or resources that are of particular concern.

McLean County is fortunate to have a working Juvenile Justice Council as provided for in the Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/6-12) I have attached a McLean County Juvenile Justice Council Membership. As you can see from the listing, a number of County Offices, are represented along with outside agencies that work with certain juvenile populations in the County.

With the funds that could be awarded to the County, the Juvenile Justice Council would work collaboratively in sharing data and information with a researcher who would assist in developing a juvenile justice plan to not only prevent juvenile delinquency, but to effectively utilize existing community resources to deal with juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system. I have also attached the Grant Information form, and an agreement with Dr. Sesha Kethenini to lead the research and write the final report with assistance from Juvenile Justice council member agencies.

I will be present at the Justice Committee meeting on February 4, to answer any questions that you may have.

McLEAN COUNTY – GRANT INFORMATION FORM

General Grant Information

<u>Requesting Agency or Department:</u> McLean County Court Services		<u>This request is for:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A New Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal/Extension of Existing Grant	
<u>Granting Agency:</u> Department of Human Services (Juvenile Justice Commission)		<u>Grant Type:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal, CFDA #: <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<u>Grant Title:</u> Juvenile Justice Council Planning Grant		<u>Grant Date:</u> Start:  End:	
<u>Grant Amount:</u> \$30,600		<u>Grant Funding Method:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement, Receiving Cash Advance <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Funded Expected Initial Receipt Date:	
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<u>Grant Total Amount:</u> \$30,600		<u>Equipment Pass Through?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>Monetary Pass Through?</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<u>Will it be likely to obtain this grant again next FY?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Grant Costs Information

<u>Will personnel be supported with this grant:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (complete personnel portion below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<u>A new hire will be responsible for financial reporting:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																									
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Responsible Personnel for Grant Reporting and Oversight:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grant Administrator/Coordinator Signature (if different)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPROVAL





# Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission

815-823 East Monroe Street • Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: 217-557-2109

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## Request for Funding

Date Received:	Federal Funding Source: Title II
JABG or Title II Purpose Areas: System Improvement	Reviewed By:

Please provide a short description of the purpose for which you are requesting funds (250 word limit):

The McLean County Juvenile Justice Council (MCJJC) seeks funding that will assist in development of a community-based interagency assessment of the county juvenile justice system. The Council struggles to maintain momentum and support as many times our monthly meetings revolve around anecdotal information not tied to any research and or data compilation. The Council prepared a Delinquency Intervention Plan; adopted in December of 2008. This plan was rich with goals and objectives in relation to prevention, intervention and suppression, and as it was the Council's plan, it was the council who had the primary responsibility to carry out the plan. Due to council member's duties and responsibilities in their respective departments and agencies some of the goals were difficult to meet, and the focus became narrower in development of programming for High Risk Youth. With this change, we have started to question what our Delinquency Intervention Plan should look like and what it is we want to accomplish as a Council.

It is our desire that the priorities of the Council should be centered on acquiring and using data that will drive decisions, policies and programs, promoting the use of evidence based practices, and collaboration among the stakeholders working in the juvenile justice system. With these priorities in place and a designated funding source to help advance the priorities, we are optimistic that McLean County would see an increase in the effectiveness of the Juvenile Justice System.



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### **Explain how this proposal will strengthen your local Juvenile Justice Council.**

Involving every member agency in the assessment of the county juvenile justice system will help all agencies gain a renewed focus for their participation in the council. Collaboration and "buy in" within the Council will aid in identifying goals and objectives of the council and allow for the Council to be an effective voice for the Juvenile Justice System in McLean County.

By their definition, program evaluations help define strengths and weaknesses of programs, and shed light on areas that need development. In addition to a traditional descriptive program evaluation, we would also include an exploratory element. A needs assessment to determine if there are gaps in service and action steps to eliminate those gaps. Better understanding the needs of our target population and improving our service to them can only strengthen and improve the efficacy of Juvenile Justice Council.

### **Please describe the outcomes you are seeking to achieve with these funds and how you will measure results.**

1. Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the target population
2. Comprehensive Baseline Program Evaluation to determine efficacy of the current JJC and recommendations for improvement.
3. Comprehensive 6 month (or 12 month) follow up evaluation to determine how well the recommendations have been implemented, what change has been effected and if efficacy has improved as a result.

Data points would be determined by the researchers employed to do the Needs Assessment and Program Evaluations. But possible data points to measure results may include:

- % of Participation in the assessment process
- % of return of any needs surveys
- % of participants in any training events
- Process problems/community needs identified
  - Needs being meet
  - Needs going unmet



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- Rate of implementation of recommendations
- Improvement in narrowing gaps of service based on implementation of recommendations

**McCormick, Lori**

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**From:** Mueller, Heidi <Heidi.Mueller@Illinois.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2014 10:32 AM  
**To:** McCormick, Lori  
**Subject:** Juvenile Justice Councils Planning Grant Award

**Importance:** High

Hi Lori!

On behalf of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, I am happy to inform you that McLean County Court Services has been awarded a Juvenile Justice Council Planning Grant in the amount of \$30,600.000!

The Department of Human Services (who acts as the fiscal agent and administrative support for the Commission) is now processing the paperwork to execute the contract for this award. The contract should be ready within the next week or two. When it is ready, we will notify you by email so that you can get the signature page signed and returned to us. Once we have that, we will publish a fully executed contract and start getting payments to you.

Thank you, Lori. Congratulations!

Heidi

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**McLean County Juvenile Justice Council  
Membership  
Existing Members**

	Name	Representing	Title
1	Mike Emery	Sheriff*	McLean County Sheriff
2	Jason Chambers	State's Attorney*	State's Attorney
3	Kim Campbell	Public Defender*	Public Defender
4	Lori McCormick	Chief Probation Officer*	Director-McLean County
5	Elizabeth Robb	11 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit –McLean County-Presiding Juvenile Judge	Chief Judge of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
6	Randy Macak	Juvenile Court Services	Deputy Director
7	Cathy Waltz	Juvenile Detention	Superintendent
8	Ken Bays	Bloomington Police Department	Ass't Chief of Police-Bloomington
9	Rick Bleichner	Normal Police Department	Chief of Police-Normal
10	Doug Braun	Center for Youth and Family Solutions	Out Reach Services Coordinator
11	Peter Rankatis	Project Oz	Executive Director
12	Alicia Lenard	Youth Build	Director-Organizational Advancement
13	Amy Cottone	Western Avenue Community Center	Executive Director
14	Grant Anderson	Boys and Girls Club	Chief Professional Officer
15	Corey Burrows	Big Brothers-Big Sister	Vice President of Programs
16	Ken Fosnot	Chestnut Health Systems	Adolescent Intake Coordinator
17	John Dirks	State Farm Insurance	Associate General Counsel
18	Mark Jontry	Regional Office of Education	Regional Superintendent
19	Barry Reilly	Bloomington School District #87	Superintendent
20	Gary Niehaus	Unit 5 School District	Superintendent
21	Doug Crossman	Community Member	Retired- Juvenile Parole System
22	Carletta James	Department of Human Services	Community Support Services Consultant

\*Required



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January 27, 2014

William Wasson  
McLean County Administrator  
104 W. Front Street, Room 700  
Bloomington, IL 67101

Dear Administrator Wasson,

This letter is to inform you that the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) has awarded McLean County a grant in the amount of \$30,600 for the period of January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014. The grant was awarded as part of a Commission project to build the capacity of local Juvenile Justice Councils to identify and create plans to address issues affecting local juvenile justice systems.

McLean County has submitted the required application and budget materials to be eligible for these funds, and the IJJC is working through the Illinois Department of Human Services to approve and process a contract for the \$30,600 grant award.

You will be notified via email as soon as this contract is available in the Department's web-based contracts system. In the mean time, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission's Executive Director, Heidi Mueller, by email at [heidi.mueller@illinois.gov](mailto:heidi.mueller@illinois.gov) or by phone at (312) 793-3401 if you have any questions or need any assistance.

We look forward to working with you!

Respectfully Yours,

Hon. George W. Timberlake, Retired  
Chair, Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission

Contractual Agreement  
between

McLean County Court Services  
and

Dr. Sesha Kethineni B.S., M.A., B.L., M.C.J., Ph.D., LL.M.

As a result of McLean County Court Services applying and receiving a grant award from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission to develop juvenile justice population system data, Dr. Sesha Kethineni, a specialist in the area of program and system evaluation will conduct the needed research and data components that will enable the Juvenile Justice Council of McLean County to submit a local juvenile justice system data report that will contain the following

For the duration of the agreement, Dr. Kethineni shall provide services including, but not limited to: The mapping of the local juvenile justice system and decision making process, population data at each of the local juvenile justice decision points, an inventory/spreadsheet/chart of the continuum of graduated responses available to the local system, feedback from system consumers and the discussion of any gaps in services or resources or issues of particular concern, attendance at meetings as required and draft and completed report writing.

For the performance of this agreement, McLean County Court Services shall pay Dr. Kethineni \$75 per hour, for a maximum of 320 hours of research within the time frame of the planning grant.

This AGREEMENT shall automatically terminate, without further action, upon the termination of the grant or its funding. Additionally, this Agreement can be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon a thirty (30) day written notice to the other party.

Dr. Sesha Kethineni shall maintain complete and accurate records of all services provided pertinent to this AGREEMENT, and will provide timely and accurate reports as outlined by the Commission for inclusion in COURT SERVICES' grant reports.

Dr. Sesha Kethineni will bill the County of McLean, via a monthly invoice for services as outlined above, to the COURT SERVICES DIRECTOR by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month, at the rate of \$75.00 per hour not to exceed a total of 320 hours. Payment will be expected within 60 days.


Dr. Sesha Kethineni agrees to save and hold harmless from any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, cost expenses, or attorney fees (with the exceptions of any liability imposed for willful and wonton acts or negligence on the part of McLean County) arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of contractual duties under this Agreement.

This AGREEMENT is entered into in the City of Bloomington, County Of McLean, Illinois and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois and venue shall be proper in McLean County, Illinois.

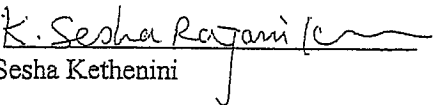
This AGREEMENT shall become effective upon approval by the McLean County Board

In Witness Whereof, signatories agree to the terms laid out above:

**McLean County Court Services**

By:  Date 1/23/14  
Signature of Provider

**Contracted Consultant/ Researcher**

By:  Date 1/23/2014  
Dr. Sesha Kethenini

**McLean County Board**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Sorensen

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Michael, Clerk of the County  
Board of McLean County, Illinois





**OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

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TO: Honorable Chairman Benjamin Owens and Members, Finance Committee

FROM: Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator

DATE: January 30, 2014

RE: Critical Personnel Hiring Requests

The following is a list of critical personnel position requests which have been received by the County Administrator's Office through, December 27, 2013. All positions listed below are budgeted and funded through the end of FY 2014.

Treasurer

- 1) Request to fill 1 FTE Accounting Specialist II position

The Treasurer's office is requesting permission to fill a vacant Accounting Specialist II position. The person in this position is responsible for reconciling all bank statements to the county's general ledger system, researching variances with staff responsible for the daily receipting and daily bank deposit processes as well as handling all mobile home tax billing corrections reported by the County Clerk and other duties vital to the property tax collection cycle. The individual acts as a liaison between the office and various banks and occasionally engages in direct departmental contact regarding deposit variances or settlement issues. The position is responsible for tracking all outstanding checks and the final disposition of those outstanding items. The duties of the position also include assisting the Treasurer in monitoring the investment portfolio, reviewing collateral statements; collateral releases, preparing audit work papers, and matters which require bank communication. This position is critical to maintaining proper internal controls and segregation of duties in the Treasurer's office. The duties cannot include functions performed by other staff such as general ledger daily receipting, reconciliation and deposit process.

Court Services

- 1) Request to fill 1 FTE Probation Officer II position.

The Court Services Department is requesting permission to fill a vacant Probation Officer II position. The vacant position is for the Intensive Probation Officer. The person in this position is responsible for monitoring individuals on felony probation who would otherwise be in the Department of Corrections. There is currently only one position designated for Intensive Probation. There are currently 31 probationers on this caseload. The responsibilities of this position cannot be assigned to other probation officers who already have full case loads. This position is also unique in that the individual does not work a "typical" schedule. It requires night and evening work. The position must be filled to maintain the needed monitoring and supervision of the highest risk adult probationers residing in the community.

Nursing Home

- 1) The following positions were vacated and refilled pursuant to the patient care exemption:

7 FTE Certified Nurse Assistants and 1 FTE Registered Nurse

An EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION Ordinance  
 Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2013  
 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance  
 McLean County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123  
 McLean County Highway Department 0055

**WHEREAS**, the McLean County Board, on November 20, 2012, adopted the Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, which sets forth the revenues and expenditures deemed necessary to meet and defray all legal liabilities to be incurred by and against the County of McLean for the 2013 Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance includes the operating budget for the McLean County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the acquisition of right-of-way for a 2014 construction project and a 2015 construction project being performed during 2013 and funded from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Committee at its regular meeting on February 4, 2014, approved and recommended to the County Board an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund's Unappropriated Fund Balance line item (0123-0055-0056-0400-0000) of Fund 0123, and to provide additional budget authority for expenses incurred in the Purchase of Right-of-Way line item (0123-0055-0056-0820-0001) of Fund 0123; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the McLean county Board as follows:

1. That the County Auditor is directed to make an Emergency Appropriation from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the McLean County Highway Department's County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123 in the amount \$33,500.00 and to amend the Fiscal Year Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance as follows:

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Motor Fuel Tax Unappropriated Fund Balance 0123-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$800,000.00	\$33,500.00	\$833,500.00

2. That the County Auditor is directed to add to the appropriation budget of the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123, Highway Department 0055, the following appropriation:

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Motor Fuel Tax Purchase of Right-of-Way 0123-0055-0056-0820-0001	\$64,665.00	\$33,500.00	\$98,165.00

3. That the County Clerk shall provide a Certified Copy of this Ordinance to the County Administrator, County Treasurer, County Auditor and County Engineer.

**ADOPTED** by the McLean County Board the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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 Kathy Michael, Clerk of the County Board  
 McLean County, Illinois

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 Matt Sorensen, Chairman  
 McLean County Board