

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Vice Chairman McIntyre; Members Caisley, Owens, Segobiano, O'Connor, and Gordon

Members Absent: Chairman Sorensen; Members Hoselton and Cavallini

Other Board Members Present: Members Soeldner, Harris and Robustelli

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator, Mr. Pablo Eves, First Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Division

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Walt Howe, Health Department Administrator

Others Present: None

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

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked for a moment of silent prayer and wishes for continued recovery for County Board members who have been ill, and to family of staff members as well.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the December 10, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2013 Meeting.  
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre 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.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented a request for approval of Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. Agreement for Services – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Gordon/Caisley to Recommend Approval of Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd. Agreement for Services – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Caisley asked if the Administration is happy with the results that Anderson Legislative Consulting has produced. Mr. Wasson replied that the County has been engaged with Anderson since 2001 and have been happy with their work.

Mr. Wasson advised that Anderson worked with the County on a variety of items:

- Reorganization of the Regional Office of Education Districts;
- Assist with County communication with administrative bodies and legislators on actions in Springfield;
- Assisted with work in coordination with other counties;
- Monitors and notifies the County of Legislation which may impact the County.

Mr. Wasson stated that this contract is the same rate of compensation that has been in place since 2010.

Mr. Caisley asked if Anderson has other clients whose interest is inconsistent with McLean County. Mr. Wasson replied that he is not aware of any.

Mr. Wasson indicated that, over the last several years, the County has been playing a lot of defense rather than offense to ensure that the County's powers and revenues are not eroded. He noted that Administration will bring a legislative packet to the Committee in February for review and adoption.

Vice Chairman McIntyre called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented a request for approval of a Resolution to amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County in regards to Committees – number, designation and members – Rules Subcommittee. He noted that this is an accommodation to help provide interim services for the County.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County in Regards to Committees – Number, Designation and Membership – Rules Subcommittee.  
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented a request for approval of McLean County Officials and Employees Ethics Ordinance – Ethics Commission of McLean County.

Mr. Pablo Eves, First Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Division, distributed a handout of the redline version of changes to those members who wished a copy.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to Recommend Approval of McLean County Officials and Employees Ethics Ordinance – Ethics Commission of McLean County.  
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented a request for approval of a Proclamation of the McLean County Board in recognition of Elmo and Eula Quinn/Quinn Service Station – County Administrator's Office. Mr. Segobiano stated that he would be happy to make a motion for this recognition of a local business and individual who has contributed so much to this community.

Mr. Robustelli advised that he introduced this Proclamation to recognize the contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn who ran the Quinn Service Station for many years.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to Recommend Approval of a Proclamation of the McLean County Board in Recognition of Elmo and Eula Quinn/Quinn Service Station – County Administrator's office.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. McIntyre advised that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no questions.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman, Property Committee, advised that the Property Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He noted that a Stand-up Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to consider the request for approval of the RFP for a Needs Assessment and pre-Architectural Plan.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Segobiano.

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman, Justice Committee, advised that the Justice Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He indicated that several members of the Justice Committee attended the Board of Health Meeting last week and had a frank discussion with them regarding mental health issues.

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

Mr. Ben Owens, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board amending the 2014 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0112 (Animal Control) – Health Department.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to Recommend Approval of  
an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the  
2014 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for  
Fund 0112 (Animal Control) – Health Department

Ms. O'Connor made a substitute motion that this item be sent back to Committee for further review. She asked that Animal Control take another month to provide more information on the cost of this project. Ms. O'Connor stated that Committee members have received phone calls from constituents and veterinarians expressing concerns that other counties should have been consulted regarding registration fees, and concerns about the actual cost to convert from the carbon monoxide chamber to the lethal injection method of euthanasia.

Motion by O'Connor/Caisley to Recommend that this item  
be sent back to Committee for further Review.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he is going to oppose this motion because he believes that this item came out of Committee with due deliberation and it came to the Executive Committee with a positive vote. He indicated that community members have asked for this conversion for several months; the Finance Committee listened to them, and they have brought this recommendation to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Owens asked that Mr. Walt Howe, Health Department Administrator, be allowed to address the Committee.

Mr. Howe stated that this issue has been discussed at length through a number of meetings. He indicated that the only thing included in this request is for one additional FTE, which is necessary to move towards a 100% traditional euthanasia process. Mr. Howe noted that this need was conveyed to the Finance Committee in previous meetings. He explained that this change will require more staff time to assist the veterinarian. Mr. Howe added that the Health Department took over the Animal Control Program in 1985 with the assumption that it would be a self-supporting program via fees and contracts, and with no property tax resource support.

Mr. Owens asked if other counties were consulted on fees. Mr. Howe replied that other counties were consulted, including Sangamon and Champaign counties. He noted that other counties have a wide range of fees, with some higher and some lower than McLean County.

Ms. O'Connor asked if local veterinarians were contacted. Mr. Howe replied that the Animal Control works with a local vet community, which includes 15 local vets that were aware of this issue and the increase in fees. He added that there were no objections to this increase with the members in that community group.

Mr. Owens asked about grant monies. Mr. Howe stated that the U.S. Humane Society provided a grant of \$3,000 to assist with the purchase of equipment for this conversion process. Mr. Owens asked if the U.S. Human Society objected to the amount of money or purpose for the funds. Mr. Howe replied that the Humane Society provided what they had available at the end of the year for this conversion and may have provided more if it had been available.

Ms. Harris commented that she is glad that the carbon monoxide chamber has been abolished and applauded the on-line adoption information. She expressed concern that the number of animals euthanized by the County may be out of proportion with other counties and asked how it is determined that an animal needs to be euthanized. Mr. Howe responded that Animal Control does not have the ability that some humane organizations have to turn animals away. The Animal Shelter has to take every animal that is presented to it no matter the condition of the animal, including aggressive animals. Mr. Howe indicated that the Animal Shelter numbers are consistent with other organizations with a community of this size.

Mr. Soeldner expressed concern that the decision to convert to lethal injection, which precipitated the necessity to hire a full-time person and to purchase additional equipment, was determined by a vocal minority. He also pointed out that the carbon monoxide chamber was a safer method of euthanasia for Animal Control staff.

Mr. Owens expressed concern that if this conversion is not done properly, with additional training and necessary staff, there could be potential Workman's Comp costs. He stated that he believes this fee will offset some of that concern. Mr. Owens asked the Committee to not support the motion to send this back to Committee. He asked for a roll call vote on that motion.

Vice Chairman McIntyre called for the roll-call vote on the substitute motion.

Member Owens:	No
Member Gordon:	No
Member Segobiano:	No
Member O'Connor:	Yes
Member Caisley:	No

Vice Chairman McIntyre stated that the motion failed, and called for a motion on the original Resolution as presented.

Motion carried, with Member O'Connor voting "no."

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2014 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution associated with an Ordinance to Amend the Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0112 (Animal Control) – Health Department.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2014 McLean County Full-Time Equivalent Position Resolution Associated with an Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Combined Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fund 0112 (Animal Control) – Health Department  
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens 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 thanked Mr. Howe for attending the meeting.

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Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Owens and Mr. Howe.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, advised that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

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

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented the December 31, 2013 bills and a transfer in the Information Technologies Department as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$125,491.87 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

Motion by Owens/Caisley to recommend Approval of the Executive Committee bills and transfers for December 31, 2013 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, Vice Chairman McIntyre called for a motion for adjournment.

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano to Recommend that the Executive Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary