

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Members McIntyre, Segobiano, Owens, O'Connor, Caisley, Soeldner, Gordon and Erickson

Members Absent: Chairman Sorensen

Other Board Members Present: Members: Schafer, Metsker

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney; Ms. Julie A. Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson

Others Present: Mr. Kyle Ham and Mr. Charlie Moore

Vice Chairman McIntyre stated that he was calling to order a meeting of the Executive Committee schedule at 4:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the September 8, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting and the August 18, 2015 Stand-up meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by Caisley/Segobiano to approve the minutes from September 8, 2015 and August 18, 2015 as presented.
Motion Carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve a Resolution of the McLean County Board Endorsing a Collaborative Economic Development Strategy for the Bloomington Normal McLean County Region.

Motion Segobiano/Owens to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Endorsing a Collaborative Economic Development Strategy for the Bloomington Normal McLean County Region.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Kyle Ham stated that the Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Planning Commission, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Airport came together to discuss economic

development of the community. He stated that BN Advantage looks to have a collaborative effort between the County of McLean, the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal and all local businesses. He stated that this plan plays off of successes and plans for future to make sure we have job growth in targeted sectors.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he and Mr. Erickson met with Mr. Ham and discussed trying to bring blue collar jobs to the community. He stated that since that discussion, Mitsubishi has announced it is closing. State Farm is leveling out and we have seen many minimum wage jobs come into the area. Mr. Segobiano asked what we are doing to attract good paying blue collar jobs. Mr. Ham stated that historically the community had not spent a lot of time or effort reaching out, but instead reacted to opportunities that came in and so part of this plan is to reach out and let people know why they would want to bring business to this community. Mr. Moore stated that 5 industries identified were Advanced Business Services, IT, Entrepreneurship, Agribusiness and Food Service and Transportation and Logistics. We need to identify what talent do we have available and what work force training do we need to develop to align with the businesses that are here. Mr. Segobiano stated that he works with kids that are ready to drop out of school and just need job training. This training is here in McLean County it is not being utilized. Mr. Segobiano stated that other states are exploding where they have interstates that bisect the city but it not happening here and asked when are we going to take advantage of the interstate system that we have in our community to attract businesses. Mr. Ham stated that recently we have had an increase in companies coming to Bloomington Normal to look at our facilities and location. He stated that about 8 months ago the Aurora/Joliet area had a 22% availability of logistical space and that number is now down to 6% which indicates that they are running out of space which puts us in a very good position.

Mr. Soeldner stated that McLean County has a great airport, universities and work force but if you could ask for one item that the County have to bring in more businesses what would it be. Mr. Ham stated that a collaborative effort with everyone working toward common economic goals for the community is what is needed.

Mr. Wasson stated that BN Advantage is a dynamic plan and it acknowledges that things do not stay the same. We need to have the strategy and collaborative efforts in place and then shift the plan based on the changing priorities and opportunities of the community.

Mr. Erickson asked how blue collar jobs fall in to advanced business services. Mr. Moore stated that if look at all of areas identified there might be different parts or components that are blue collar but I don't know that all of them will utilize blue collar workers. Mr. Ham stated that the definition of blue collar has changed with technology today and provided the example that employees at Mitsubishi run a computer or robot on the line. Mr. Ham stated that all of the 5 areas identified carry some type of blue collar job, but they are not the typical blue collar jobs you would have thought of 15 years ago. Mr. Erickson indicated that was his question; what is your definition of a blue collar job for each of these sectors. Mr. Erickson asked if they did not see blue collar jobs under the Advanced Business

Services, did they see blue collar jobs Information Communication and Technology area. Mr. Ham stated that most of the “blue collar” jobs are going to come in Transportation and logistics. Mr. Erickson asked how we see them coming in. Mr. Ham provided an example with Wildwood facility where they could bring in light assembly. Mr. Erickson stated he emphasizes the blue collar jobs because that is where he got his start as he worked in a factory in Rantoul and went to school at night. He stated that we can’t minimize these jobs because a lot of the time, that is where the individual gets his start and he encouraged them to find ways to bring them into the community because they are important to our economy and important for people to use as a stepping stone. He stated that they should not de-emphasize these positions because to be diversified we would want to have a strong blue collar base.

Ms. Schafer asked about the timeline for the project. Mr. Moore stated that they hoped to announce leadership counsel within next two weeks which would include 10 CEOs of large and small companies, the Chairman of the County Board, and both mayors. He stated that the next level would be the Steering Committee composed of the 5 organizations that started the process and adding Connect Transit. Mr. Moore indicated there would be 5 specific task forces and they hope to have those chairs a month after they announce the leadership council chairs. He stated that they hoped the first meeting would be in December and work start in January. He stated that they looked for a recommendation back to leadership council by April and then help with resource gathering with ultimately a June implementation. Ms. Schafer asked if they could tell her when all three of the information sessions were because she knew of two of them but not the third meeting and who was invited to that meeting. Mr. Ham stated that the first was a joint meeting with Bloomington, Normal and the County Board and all Board members had been invited to that meeting; the second was at the Economic Development Council’s quarterly meeting, and then the third was an event in August at Heartland.

Mr. Owens asked Mr. Erickson, Mr. Ham and Mr. Moore what their definition of blue collar was and whether they were looking at the types of jobs or just at the wages when they determined that definition. Mr. Erickson stated that he did not feel it was his job to give the definition of Blue Collar, but it was more that Mr. Ham and Mr. Moore should give a definition as based on their BN Advantage plan. Mr. Ham stated that objective is to acquire the highest wage paying jobs possible in every industry segment. He stated that every industry has a scale and so they are looking to acquire as many family wage jobs as possible and family wage to them is not minimum wage but a wage that will sustain a family. Mr. Erickson asked if they had been able to find a definition of blue collar jobs and how they break them down.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he appreciated the work, but co-chairing a study for the County and the City of Bloomington about 20 years ago and then they figured the common denominator for the growth in other communities was the interstate system and it bisecting the city. He stated that we are discussing the same issue all these years later.

Mr. Caisley stated that we should not confine ourselves to looking for certain types of jobs but should be looking for any type of good jobs that might come along. He stated that he felt the airport is under-utilized and that we need to see what we can do to develop greater use of the airport as that in turn might bring other industries to the community.

Mr. Gordon stated that there are multiple definitions of blue collar and maybe if we could review them then we could get a better grasp of what we were trying to do.

Mr. Erickson stated that it is not that we are opposed to bringing in other types of jobs but we don't think there is any emphasis on blue collar jobs.

Ms. O'Connor stated that it is her opinion the community does not feel it is a blue collar community but a white collar community and that we will have difficulty encouraging blue collar companies to come to the community unless we can change that.

Mr. Moore stated that part of the problem they have is the communication. He stated that we need to create the message of who we are, where we are going and how we are growing and then figure out how to get that message out both internally and across the nation because if we don't then other will make up the message and more than likely it will be the wrong message. He stated that externally Bloomington Normal is thought of highly of and we need to keep it that way.

Mr. Segobiano stated in his mind, all of the maintenance staff in all of the buildings here, ISU, State Farm, etc. are hardworking blue collar workers and asked how many people we have in the community in those types of jobs making a good wage.

Mr. McIntyre stated that if there were no other questions of Mr. Ham or Mr. Moore he would then take discussion on the floor about the motion. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the members.

Mr. Erickson stated that he supported most of the BN Advantage proposal but not all of it. Mr. Erickson provided the example of the proposed development of a downtown Bloomington hotel and stated that he will not support it. He also provided the example of "to become more familiar with, promote and support the local artist community". He stated he was a supporter of Art but did not think that was the key to economic growth. He stated that first priority should be the infrastructure and then if money left over support the amenities. He stated also concerned about the evaluation metrics. He stated that proposal indicates typically uses 20th century economy metrics and that the proposal indicated that we should be using indicators and metrics that are measured value in the 21st century economy. He stated that the reason we had the 20th Century Metric was to say if we are going to give you a tax incentive or a benefit to come in then we want to see that what you bring back into the town is just as good if not better. He stated that every time a tax payer is given a tax incentive he is making a priority decision. He stated that they might not be dropping the 20th century Metrics, but felt those should not be de-

emphasized either. He stated that the proposal states it will create a task force of municipal-county officials to review permitting and licensing processes. He stated that it was critical who they put on these task force panels because they need to know what they are doing especially when dealing with licensing and permits. Mr. Erickson stated that his dilemma is how do he can support this when he does not endorse everything in the proposal because he is concerned the resolution that says they will support everything.

Mr. Caisley asked who here would dispute the need for economic development and who thinks that collaboration between the private sector, the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and the County of McLean is not the proper method of going about it. He stated that need to adopt resolution and move on.

Mr. McIntyre stated this is a resolution endorsing the collaborative economic development strategy.

Mr. Gordon stated that not trying to minimize anything that has been pointed out. But was questioning which document we were being asked to endorse, the Resolution does not call for us or the County Board to endorse in full the BN Advantage document to which Mr. Erickson has been referring but instead the resolution calls upon us to decide whether we want to endorse "the collaborative economic development strategy for the Bloomington Normal, McLean County region". He stated that endorsement of a strategy does not mean that we are endorsing every aspect of how that strategy is going to be implemented. Mr. Gordon read from the Resolution, "Further, Be It Resolved, that the McLean County Board is committed to engagement and participation with its public/private partners in the continued development and implementation of the "BN Advantage" economic development strategy, to ensure its success." He stated that to him that meant that resolution itself identifies the reality of continuing development of the strategy on its way to being implemented which means plenty of room and opportunity for those who have issues with points in the document to bring them to the floor and to be resolved. Mr. Gordon emphasized that to him endorsing the strategy is not the same as endorsing the entire document.

Mr. McIntyre stated that he concurred with Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Owens stated that some of the issues that are in the documents are not things for the County Board to decide and provided the downtown Bloomington hotel and stated that is something for Bloomington to discuss and if they want the Town of Normal or the County Board to be involved then they can reach out to us. He stated that this is more about the strategy as a whole and indicated that there have been many other times where we have looked at other strategies and had to go down point by point and say agree or not agree which each point. He stated that this is for economic development and he believes the County will see some type of benefit.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he agreed with Mr. Gordon as long as we all understand that this document is not set in stone. He stated that they were elected to represent our district and to come together and represent the well-being of all of McLean County and are doing that by sharing our thoughts and concerns. He stated that as for the downtown hotel, three members here are residents of Bloomington so if we support it here how are we supposed to oppose City of Bloomington when they go to do it. Mr. Segobiano agreed that there are parts in the plan that he does not agree with so we need to agree that this plan is not set in stone.

Mr. Soeldner stated that he appreciated all things that Mr. Erickson stated as they gave him things to consider and appreciated what Mr. Gordon stated, but what we are here today discussing is this resolution and whether to recommend or not recommend to send to the full Board where there will be further discussion. He stated that while he felt everyone should be able to say their piece it was time to take a vote on this.

Ms. Schafer stated that she tried hard to read that the resolution is adopting the strategy and that things are going to change in the plan but stated that she could not. She stated that in the last Further Be It Resolved it states "committed to implementation to ensure success" and there are things in the plan that she does not agree and feels that in passing the resolution she would be committed to those things.

Mr. Erickson understands Mr. Gordon's interpretation but would point out in the language that it states "dedicated to the BN Advantage strategy, resolved and committed to the development and implementation of the BN Advantage strategy". Mr. Erickson stated that this is what they are selling today.

Mr. Gordon stated that he acknowledges Mr. Erickson's reason for pointing out his reservations but the document that he held up is a document that spells out ways in which a collaborative economic development strategy might be implemented but the resolution calls upon us to either endorse or not the collaborative strategy. Mr. Gordon stated that strategy adoption is a starting point, but we are being asked to endorse the collaborative side of the strategy. Not to endorse the large details let alone the fine details of how that strategy may play out and what we may be later asked to do by way of supporting later developments. Mr. Gordon stated that it is a strategic call for adoption of a particular approach in economic development strategy.

Mr. Erickson stated "Thank you.

Mr. McIntyre called the vote. It passed unanimously. Mr. McIntyre encouraged Mr. Ham and Mr. Moore to take into consideration all of the discussion that was presented before them.

Vice Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve a County Credit Card for the Information Technology Department.

Motion Owens/Segobiano to recommend approval of request for a County Credit Card for the Information Technology Department.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Jim Soeldner, Chairman, Transportation Committee presented for action an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance regarding Enbridge repair work. He stated that this is to do some minor repairs on county roads where Enbridge had crossed. He stated that the \$29,000 would be refunded by Enbridge per the road use agreement.

Motion by Soeldner/Caisley to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance regarding Enbridge repair work.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Soeldner stated that the Transportation Committee will meet again tomorrow night to discuss budget work and they are considering raising the rate on highway fund and the matching fund and if they do that then it will bring in an additional \$185,000. He stated that main reason they would be doing this is because in the proposed budget we were going to spend \$300,000 from unencumbered fund balance and that concerns him because we use the unencumbered fund balance for emergency bridge or road repairs.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Soeldner of the Transportation Committee, hearing none, he thanked Mr. Soeldner.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman Property Committee stated that he had no action or informational items for the Committee.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if anyone had any questions or comments for Chairman Segobiano of the Property Committee, hearing none he moved on to the Justice Committee and Chairman Caisley.

Chairman Caisley presented for approval an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for the Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Children's Advocacy Center Department Number 0062.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley presented for approval an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015 for Adult Redeploy Program in the Court Services Department 0022-0094.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner Request Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015 for Adult Redeploy Program in the Court Services Department 0022-0094.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley presented for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015 of SAMHSA Grant funds for the Recovery Court and Drug Court in the Court Services Department 0022-0093.

Motion by Caisley/Owens to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal year 2015 of SAMHSA Grant funds for the Recovery Court and Drug Court in the Court Services Department 0022-0093.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley presented for approval the Loomis Armored U.S. LLC Agreement Amendment to extend service for one year.

Motion by Caisley/Gordon to recommend approval of the Agreement Amendment with Loomis Armored US LLC.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley indicated that he would have one item to be presented to the Board for approval.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if anyone had any questions or comments for Chairman Caisley of the Justice Committee, hearing none he moved on to the Finance Committee and Chairman Owens.

Mr. Benjamin Owens, Chairman, Finance Committee presented for approval an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Nursing Home Fund 0401. Mr. Gordon asked the reason behind the subtraction in the capital improvements budget for the nursing home. Mr. Wasson stated that we put a lump sum in this capital item because we were not sure which method i.e. in-house or contractual, we will choose to utilize in completing these projects and that this is an accounting matter where we distribute we are actually expending the funds.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Nursing Home Fund 0401.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of Resolutions authorizing the Chairman of McLean County Board to execute Deeds of Conveyance.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to recommend approval of Resolutions authorizing the Chairman of McLean County Board to execute Deeds of Conveyance.
Motion Carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if anyone had any questions or comments for Chairman Owens of the Finance Committee.

Mr. McIntyre as Chairman of the Health Committee stated that they had nothing for the Executive Committee or the Board next week and asked if anyone had any questions for the Health Committee hearing none he moved on to Chairman Gordon of the Land Use and Development Committee.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Land Use and Development Committee had nothing to present for action today and would have one item to be presented to the Board next week.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if anyone had any questions or comments for Chairman Gordon of the Land Use Committee, hearing none he moved on to Mr. Wasson, the County Administrator.

Mr. Wasson presented for action the Information Technologies 2016 Recommended Budget. Mr. Caisley asked if we are spending an adequate amount of money to keep systems up to date. Mr. Wasson stated that they are looking at case management system to either expand or replace current system that will have additional capabilities including communication with agencies that provide health services as this will help with mental health services and general health services in the community.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to approve the Information Technologies Department 0001-0043 FY 2016 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson presented for action approval of the County Administrator's Office 2016 recommended budget. He stated that there were no major changes to the budget from 2015.

Motion by Segobiano/Owens to approve the County Administrator's Office 0001-0002 FY 2016 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson stated final item was the vacancies that have been filled in the last 30 days. He stated that there was nothing under the Executive Committee directly in this cycle

but will see some IT vacancies that have been filled in the coming month. He stated that we continue to have conversation with oversight committees to try to identify the reasons for turnover and working towards an exit survey that might help us establish the reasons. Mr. Soeldner asked if we currently do an exit interview. Mr. Wasson stated that is not an organization wide process right now and we are working with departments to establish that. Mr. Caisley stated that one of the areas we see a large turnover rate is in the nursing.

Mr. Wasson stated that he has nothing further.

Vice Chairman McIntyre indicated that there were bills to pay in the amount of \$195,650.19.

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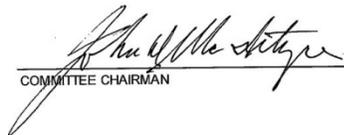
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Executive Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$179,003.51	\$179,003.51
0136	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.		\$8,076.02	\$8,076.02
0159	WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND		\$8,570.66	\$8,570.66
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			\$195,650.19	\$195,650.19



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Caisley/O'Connor to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills for October 1, 2015 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion carried.

Vice Chairman McIntyre asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee.

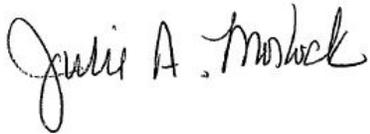
Ms. O'Connor let the Committee know that she was going to Texas to look for a house as her house here had sold. She will be resigning and if this is her last meeting then she wanted them to know that she has enjoyed working with them and hopes they continue to do great things.

Mr. McIntyre thanked Ms. O'Connor for her service and wished her well. Mr. McIntyre also let the members of the Committee know that Mr. Gordon had been nominated for the Extraordinary Ordinary Man of the Year Award.

Mr. Soeldner asked about the State of the County address. Mr. McIntyre stated that it is Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the Hanson Center at Wesleyan. The Mayors and Chairman Sorensen will be presenting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Vice Chairman McIntyre adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie A. Morlock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'M'.

Julie A. Morlock
Recording Secretary