

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman John McIntyre, Members Jim Soeldner, George Gordon, Chuck Erickson, William Caisley, Susan Schafer, Erik Rankin and David Selzer

Members Absent: Member Paul Segobiano

Other Board Members Present: Members Scott Murphy (as Vice Chair of Property Committee) and Carlo Robustelli

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Mr. Don Knapp, Assistant County Administrator, Jessica Woods, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division; Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director and Ms. Mallory Snodgrass, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Michelle Anderson, County Auditor; Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer; Craig Nelson, Director Information Technology

Others Present: Ms. Trisha Malott; Mr. Derek Barker

Chairman McIntyre called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee at 4:30 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the April 17, 2018 special meeting and May 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2018 special meeting and May 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Executive Committee.
Motion Carried

Chairman McIntyre confirmed there were no appearances by members of the public.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve the Appointments and Reappointments. Mr. Erik Rankin asked about the Cropsey Street Light district removing appointments of this level. Mr. Wasson stated that there has been some legislation introduced to try to allow for removal of some of these levels of government. He stated Staff would evaluate and provide information to the Committee. Mr. Caisley stated that originally they may have wanted to have streetlights but not incorporate.

Motion by Gordon/Selzer to recommend the Appointments and Reappointments as presented.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented on behalf of Craig Nelson and the Information Technologies Department a request to approve the bid award of wireless equipment for the Law & Justice Center expansion to Entrée Solutions.

Motion by Selzer/Murphy to recommend approval of the bid award of wireless equipment for the Law & Justice Center expansion to Entrée Solutions.

Motion Carried.

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman of the Transportation Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today but would have items for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked the Committee if they had any question for Mr. Caisley; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Caisley.

Mr. Scott Murphy, Vice Chairman of the Property Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Mr. Murphy and the Property Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Murphy.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Justice Committee presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, Circuit Clerk 0015.

Motion by Gordon/Caisley to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, Circuit Clerk 0015

Motion Carried.

Mr. Gordon presented for action to request to approve an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Emergency Management Agency and County of McLean. Mr. Caisley stated this was an example of bureaucratic excess as it is 36 pages to get a grant for less than \$4,000.

Motion by Gordon/Schafer to recommend approval of Request approval of Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Emergency Management Agency and County of McLean.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Gordon presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the General Fund 0001, Sheriff Department 0029, EMA Operations 0052 for an additional grant.

Motion by Gordon/ Schafer to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the General Fund 0001, Sheriff Department 0029, EMA Operations 0052 for an additional grant

Motion Carried.

Mr. Gordon presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Coroner.

Motion by Gordon/Selzer to recommend approval of Request approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Mr. Gordon and the Justice Committee, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance of the McLean County Board establishing the Annual Salary of the Circuit Clerk, Auditor and Coroner. Mr. Caisley asked to amend the Ordinance to delete any reference to salary of the Circuit Clerk, County Auditor and Coroner starting January 1, 2021. He stated that he did not feel we should be determining salaries that far out as we could not determine what the economic situation of the County will be at that time. He stated that we do not have do it now and felt we should not do it now. Mr. Rankin stated that a no vote on this motion would get to the same thing as the salaries are already set for 2019 and 2020. Mr. Caisley agreed and withdrew the motion.

Mr. Murphy stated that he felt it was good to do this now because if there is a contested primary for one of these positions the opposing candidate should know the salary before they registered for the primary. Mr. Gordon stated he had conversations with individuals who have concerns about setting the salaries out this far but also had conversations with people who felt that the more pieces that we can put in place about the budget now, will help us with fiscal planning. He stated that based on that he is willing to support. Mr. Soeldner stated that this is the second time coming out of Finance and felt we should pass this and move on to other issues in the County.

Mr. Rankin stated that he struggled with this because he has had difficulty with having this office in the County, not the person in the office, but has supported eliminated the County Auditor position. He stated that he agreed with Judge Caisley that we can't forecast. He also stated that he did not feel, he should be making these decisions since he was not going to be on the County Board and that is should be done after this election. Mr. Rankin stated that he was not in support of this motion for a number of reasons, one of which is that there has been a narrative that this is punitive and based on an individual and not an office. He clarified that he did not say that anyone on the Board was doing that, but that it has been a narrative that is circulating. He stated that if someone wants to place this on the ballot again for the entire office to be eliminated, he would support, endorse and work for that cause as he has always felt that the Auditor's office is an unnecessary layer of bureaucratic control that the County does not need. He stated that if others felt the same way we should not make a decision on the salary at this time. Ms. Schafer agreed with Mr. Gordon's statement about planning or setting guidelines for the future and reminded the Committee that this could be changed any

time in the next two years. Ms. Schafer stated that the Committee needed to remember that while this is an elected public office it is also a job.

Mr. McIntyre stated he understood the thoughts on either side. He said that overall budget planning has become difficult so he felt having a plan was a good thing. Mr. McIntyre also pointed out that capital projects requires some planning. Mr. Rankin asked him if he was in favor of or against this item. Mr. McIntyre stated that he would be in favor of it at this time. Mr. Rankin stated that voting on these salaries now is breaking tradition. He stated he had asked for a percentage that the County Auditor's workload had been reduced, but no one had been able to put a number to that reduction, so when he made the recommendation to reduce the salary by \$25,000 it was a number he put out there and was not based on numbers. He stated he felt that was another reason he struggled with this decision. He said that while he did not feel the position was a necessary position he did feel the Board and Administrator should have maximum financial flexibility when constructing the budget. Mr. Rankin stated that while he agreed with Ms. Schafer that we can change, he felt that once we set the salaries it does become more difficult to go back. He stated that this is making a commitment with some saying that need to commit amount so person running for position is aware of salary and for that reason, it should be difficult to change it again. Mr. McIntyre said that Mr. Rankin has used the term flexibility but he would point out need for stability. Mr. Rankin said that \$25,000 is not going to save the County, and if it were presented as such then this was a game.

Mr. Caisley stated that judicial salaries were not increased for six years during a time when inflation was at 14%. He stated that when they were finally given raises there was public outcry as to why Judges were given 30% raises. He stated it was not in the press that they had gone 6 years without a raise and he did not want the same thing to happen again, so recommended waiting to adjust salaries until closer to when they are going to be earned.

Mr. Rankin asked when the deadline would be to put a referendum on the ballot to eliminate the position. Mr. Knapp stated that he thought it was in August.

Motion by Selzer/Soeldner to recommend approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Establishing the Annual Salary of the Circuit Clerk, Auditor and Coroner.

Roll call.

Selzer yes

Rankin no

Ms. Schafer yes

Mr. Erickson no

Mr. Caisley no

Mr. Gordon yes

Mr. Murphy yes

Mr. Soeldner yes

Mr. McIntyre yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action the acceptance and placement on file of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2017. Mr. Murphy asked that document be amended to add the Treasurer's name to the opening page as well as the 11th page of the document. Mr. Rankin asked if it was a printers error or intentional. Mr. Murphy stated that he did not know but the Treasurer's name has been on the document for the last 30 years and was not on it this year. Mr. Selzer stated that he spoke with the auditor today and could not speak to what was done in the past or whether intentional or not, but it was related that 98% of the work on the CAFR was from the Auditor and that is why it was prepared with the Auditor's name.

Motion by Murphy/Schafer to amend the CAFR to add the Treasurer's name to the opening page as well as to the 11th page of the document.

Motion carried.

Motion by Selzer/Rankin acceptance and placement on File Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2017 as amended.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Dave Selzer, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request accept and place on file the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) – December 31, 2017. Mr. Rankin stated that he really appreciated having this document, as it is an excellent tool to explain to the constituents what the County does. He thanked the Auditor for putting the document together. Ms. Schafer asked if Treasurer's name should be added to this document as well. Mr. Wasson stated that historically this document has not had both names listed and he believed the names on this document reflected preparation. Mr. Selzer stated that not a lot of County's prepare this document and agreed with Mr. Rankin that it is very user friendly and used by many people and agencies in the County and it is a direct result of the Auditor's office.

Motion by Selzer/Gordon to recommend accept and place on file the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) – December 31, 2017.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Selzer presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance for the Prevailing Rate of Public Works Wages for McLean County.

Motion by Selzer/Gordon to recommend approval of an Ordinance for the Prevailing Rate of Public Works Wages for McLean County.

Motion Carried. Mr. Caisley voted against.

Mr. Selzer indicated he had no other items for action for the Executive Committee. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions for Mr. Selzer or the Finance Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Selzer.

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Ms. Schafer indicated they had no items for the Committee today nor would they have any for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Chairman Schafer or the Health Committee; hearing none, he thanked Ms. Schafer.

Mr. Chuck Erickson, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today. Chairman McIntyre asked the Committee if they had any questions for Mr. Erickson; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Erickson.

Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, County Board 0001

Motion by Gordon/Caisley to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, County Board 0001.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Wasson stated they would not have documents to present for action on Item H1b. He stated Staff and a couple of Board members had been reviewing closed minutes, but were not able to prepare summaries for today's meeting.

Chairman McIntyre presented for approval bills as forwarded by the Auditor in the amount of \$259,726.11

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Executive Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$246,487.41	\$246,487.41
0136	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.		\$4,331.20	\$4,331.20
0159	WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND		\$8,907.50	\$8,907.50
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			\$259,726.11	\$259,726.11


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Caisley/Murphy to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor for \$259,726.11.
Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre asked for a motion to go into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Action (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Mr. McIntyre indicated that only Staff as appropriate and County Board members were to remain for this Closed Session.

Motion by Schafer/Selzer to move into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Action (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Motion Carried.

Executive Committee entered closed session at 5:06 p.m.

Executive Committee returned to open session at 6:39 p.m.

Chairman McIntyre stated there was no other business to come before the Committee and adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Morlock
Recording Secretary