

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 10, 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, Paul Segobiano, George Gordon, Chuck Erickson, William Caisley, Susan Schafer, Erik Rankin and David Selzer

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: Members Scott Murphy, Carlo Robustelli and Catherine Metsker

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

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Jason Chambers, State's Attorney

Others Present:

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 May 15, 2018 special meeting and June 12, 2018 regular meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2018 special meeting and June 12, 2018 regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

Motion Carried

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

Mr. Mike O'Grady from the Economic Development Council provided their quarterly update. He stated they continue to make retention calls to check in with area businesses. He indicated that Rivian Automotive continued to move forward with 60 plus employees and improvements to the plant. He stated EDC and community leaders went to Plymouth Michigan to spend the day at their facility and came away with since of pride for what they will bring to our community. He stated the Small Business Development Center has seen over 200 potential clients of which and 6 have started businesses since the beginning of 2017. He stated that American Precision Assemblers came in the last 3 months and is estimating to have eventually 110 positions at their facility. He stated that they continue to look at foreign trade and sent a representative to Washington DC who met with a number of companies, including an African Company looking for corn. Mr. O'Grady indicated that the EDC continues to work with the Angel Group and look to partner with Peoria's Angel group where they find high net worth individuals willing to invest in up and coming entrepreneur projects. He stated they are also working with Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State University to develop a community incubator, a location where up and coming businesses, entrepreneurs can find a landing spot for a period of time as they develop their

project. He stated that they are starting some marketing and branding workshops. He provided some upcoming dates including the Community Leaders Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup> and the One Voice trip next March. He asked members if they had any questions. Mr. Soeldner stated that he saw Fresh Market leaving the community, stated his feeling was we have enough grocery stores in town and wondered if Mr. O'Grady had in insight on the reasoning behind them leaving. Mr. O'Grady stated the EDC does not deal a lot with retail, but his personal opinion is that Mr. Soeldner could be correct in his assessment. Mr. Segobiano asked if he could comment on project behind Walmart. Mr. O'Grady stated there has not been contact with the EDC office.

Mr. Erickson asked the status of a goal mentioned on page 60 of the BN Advantage report that talks about empaneling a task force of entrepreneurs and municipal county officials to review permitting and licensing processes and requirements to ensure a greater ease of starting up a business in the Town of Normal, City of Bloomington and McLean County. Mr. O'Grady indicated it has not happened yet but they continue to work on all goals in the BN Advantage plan. He said they have received assistance from Bloomington, Normal and the County when there have been permit issues and provided examples. Mr. Erickson stated that he would like to see this panel put together to work on the permit and licensing processes and felt it might also help create jobs in McLean County. Mr. Erickson stated that the State of Illinois is not the best state to attract business and sometimes we have to utilize tax incentives to get them to come to our state. He stated that he hoped this might be another way to stimulate economic growth. He said that City, and County might be telling you different things, so would be nice to get this task force empaneled. Mr. O'Grady stated that if anyone knows of businesses having issues with permits, and licenses to please have them call us. Mr. McIntyre asked if there were further questions; hearing none he thanked Mr. O'Grady. Mr. O'Grady thanked the Committee for their continued support.

Chairman McIntyre stated that there were no appointments or reappointments this month.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve Resolution Authorizing Electoral Authorities in McLean County to Submit a Public Question regarding consolidation of Election Authorities. Mr. Gordon stated that he had two problems with this, first there has been a proposal floated for the creation of a County wide election commission that is unrelated to both the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean and since that is not an option presented here, he was not prepared to support this as it reads. He stated that other issue he has is that this non-binding referendum may appear on the ballot at the same time as a binding resolution in the city of Bloomington. He stated that if we are trying to avoid public confusion this is not the way to do it. Mr. Gordon stated that the question of how elections ought to be administered if obviously an important one as neighboring counties have had similar questions. He provided the example of Peoria County

Ms. Schafer asked if we could remove this should the City get enough signatures to put their binding referendum on the ballot. Ms. Woods stated that the referendums have to be submitted by August 20<sup>th</sup> which is the day before the August County Board meeting. She stated that they could pass resolutions this month but not present them to the County Clerk until August 20<sup>th</sup>,

but she was not sure if they could submit to the County Clerk and then later ask her to withdraw it, but would look into it if they would like her to.

Mr. Segobiano said he was in support of combining both election offices, however, he believes it is a Bloomington question and not a County question. Mr. Selzer said that all McLean County citizens pay for the Bloomington Election Commission but don't have a say in it. Mr. McIntyre stated asked if petitions are signed if the same date for being on the ballot existed as our non-binding referendum. Ms. Woods stated that she was not sure of the dates for those. She said that she figured they would be in August because they would have to get the ballots printed but would confirm. Mr. Rankin stated that while he has supported getting rid of the Bloomington Election Commission he feels the question is extremely leading and from an academic standpoint is wrong. Mr. Rankin stated that the Bloomington Election Commission cannot be consolidated as it must be eliminated first and then once it is eliminated then the functions would go to the Clerk's office, so including the term consolidation is a leading question and most people would be for it because they would feel less government. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Segobiano that this should be up to the citizens of Bloomington. Mr. Caisley stated that he felt we could end up with a split vote in the City of Bloomington, if we have both advisory and binding referendums on the ballot, which would put us before a Circuit Court Judge to determine the outcome. He provided history and reasons for forming the City Election Commission and stated that several of those reasons no longer exist. Mr. Soeldner stated that at the legislative committee meeting members felt that if there were an appropriate number of signatures to put the matter on the ballot then we would not want to put this forward.

Ms. Schafer offered a change in language to "should the Bloomington Election Commission be eliminated?" as that would satisfy the leading question issue. She stated that she agreed with Mr. Selzer that all of McLean County citizens pay for the Bloomington election Commission and should get a say in where their tax money goes. Mr. Segobiano asked Mr. Wasson to speak to the cost to the County tax payers. Mr. Wasson stated that the funding level is statutorily mandated and the City of Bloomington Election Commission returned to the County \$100,000 a year for a number of years, but was unable to for a couple of years, but have committed to begin returning the amount this year.

Ms. Woods stated that they have until early October to get something on the ballot. Mr. McIntyre stated there has been a call for the question. Ms. Schafer objected. Mr. Caisley withdrew call for question. Ms. Schafer asked to amend to change wording to "Should the Bloomington Election Commission be eliminated?" and with a provision to hold this until August 19<sup>th</sup> to see if enough signatures had been gained for the binding question in the City of Bloomington. Mr. Segobiano asked her to confirm that this is contingent up on them getting enough signatures. Ms. Schafer agreed. Mr. Rankin stated that he still did not like the wording of the question as there were no other options provided. He stated that he still felt this should be tabled until we see what happens with the City of Bloomington's question. Mr. Selzer asked if this could go on the municipal ballots. Mr. Rankin stated that it could. Mr. Selzer stated that he would like more information provided with the question. Mr. Segobiano stated that League of Women voters provided education.

Motion to Amend Schafer/Soeldner to change wording to “should the Bloomington Election Commission be eliminated?” with provision to hold this until August 19<sup>th</sup> to see if enough signatures had been gained for the binding question.

Roll Call Vote: Yes votes were recorded from Selzer, Schafer, Erickson, and Soeldner. No votes were recorded from Rankin, Caisley, Gordon, Segobiano and McIntyre

Motion Failed 5/4

Chairman McIntyre indicated they were back to the original motion.

Motion Soeldner/Erickson by to recommend the Resolution Authorizing Electoral Authorities in McLean County to Submit a Public Question regarding consolidation of Election Authorities. – Legislative Sub-Committee

Roll Call Vote: Yes votes were recorded from Schafer, Erickson, Soeldner; No votes were recorded from Selzer, Rankin, Caisley, Gordon, and Segobiano

Motion Failed. 5/3

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve a Resolution Authorizing Electoral Authorities in McLean County to Submit a Public Question regarding term limits for political office. Mr. Caisley asked if members of public would think this is hypocritical of us to put this question on the ballot with respect to State officials but not County officials. Mr. Rankin agreed with Mr. Caisley. He said we should not ask this regarding State Officials and not include County officials and further more we did not define the terms. He stated that the vast majority will say yes unless you are more specific with the question. Mr. Gordon stated that any unit of local government can propose an advisory referendum that focuses on a particular aspect of something so felt we do not have to pose question regarding term limits that apply to everybody. He said that he also did not accept characterization that we are being hypocritical. He said that we can put this forward and if someone wants it to apply to us then fine. He questioned where this question came from and support for this. He said that he would probably vote against this. Mr. McIntyre pointed out that this resolution says state wide. Mr. Selzer stated that he feels the election commission should be eliminated because you have people paying for something they have no voice over. He thinks that frustration with general assembly is when you have speaker Madigan who lives in a district where he will be re-elected for life and his control over the entire state is enormous. He said that maybe this is not worded right, but think there is a growing frustration with the fact that Madigan has such control. He said that the citizens should be heard about this.

Mr. Segobiano said he would vote no on this because we have been given the right to vote and think it is up to each and every individual to vote for whomever they want whether they are there for several years and terms or not. Mr. McIntyre reminded the Committee that the President of the United States is limited to two terms. Mr. Soeldner stated that one time a member mentioned they did not feel we were listening to the views of our voters and that a large majority of constituents in his district are in favor of term limits. He said that any opportunity we have to give the voters a voice he is in support of. Mr. Rankin said that yes the President does have term limits but members of the Senate and the House do not, which

is part of the problem as you do this everywhere or you do this nowhere. He stated that it he feels we already have term limits, elections, because if you do not like someone then vote them out of office. He provided example that President is doing a great job but can't vote for them again. He stated that he term limited himself but feel that should be choice of elected official and provided example of George Washington setting the term limit for himself.

Motion by Soeldner/Erickson to recommend approval Resolution  
Authorizing Electoral Authorities in McLean County to Submit a Public  
Question regarding term limits for political office.

Roll Call Vote Yes votes recorded from Selzer, Erickson, Caisley, Gordon,  
Soeldner, McIntyre; No votes were recorded from Rankin, Schafer,  
Segobiano

Motion Carried. 6/3

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve a Resolution Authorizing Electoral Authorities in McLean County to Submit a Public Question regarding a state-wide property tax increase. Mr. McIntyre read the proposed language. Mr. Soeldner stated that this was at his request. He stated that some time ago the Chicago Federal Reserve Group proposed this as a way to pay down the pension obligations for the State of Illinois. They felt that 1% property tax on all the tax payers of the state would still take many years to make this work. He stated that one of the reasons we have pension problems is because of the State legislatures not doing their duty and making the payments they should in the past and this would be a direct vote telling them how we feel in McLean County. Mr. Gordon said that wording could be sharper. Mr. Gordon presented an idea that we could insert 1% between new and property to pay the pension obligations. Mr. Segobiano asked if we know how the other counties feel about this. Mr. Wasson stated they had not polled other counties. Mr. Selzer stated that he felt the voters should have a voice in this but 1% had not been decided on by legislators but was just a number put out for discussion. Mr. Rankin stated that voters do have a say through their elected representative. He said that he did not feel this would go through.

Mr. McIntyre reminded them that local legislators would be present the next morning at a legislative breakfast. Mr. Caisley stated that property tax are calculated differently for Cook county than it is in the other 101 counties. He explained that they have different process for resident, commercial and manufacturing and those are more favorable to than the 33 1/3 that is down state so we could end up paying more than our fair share when compared to Cook County tax payers. Ms. Schafer stated that she agreed with Mr. Selzer about the 1% because that number is still up to negotiation. She asked if this would be a new property tax. Mr. McIntyre confirmed it would be a new statewide property tax. Mr. Segobiano stated that from the Governor down all we hear is how bad off the State of Illinois is and so he would vote no on this.

Motion by Gordon/Caisley to amend resolution to read "should the Illinois General Assembly enact a new 1% property tax to pay the Illinois pension obligations?"

Roll Call Vote: Yes votes recorded from Selzer, Caisley, Gordon, Soeldner; No votes recorded from Rankin, Schafer Erickson, Segobiano and McIntyre

Motion failed 5/4

Motion by Selzer/Schafer to recommend approval of Resolution Authorizing Electoral Authorities in McLean County to Submit a Public Question regarding a state-wide property tax increase that would read "Should the Illinois General Assembly enact a new property tax to pay the Illinois pension obligations?"

Roll Call Vote: Yes votes recorded from Selzer, Schafer, Erickson Caisley and Soeldner; No votes recorded from Rankin, Gordon, Segobiano and McIntyre.

Motion Carried. 5/4

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve an Amendment to Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code, McLean County Board Rules – Rules Subcommittee. He went over the minor changes recommended by the Rules Committee.

Motion by Gordon/Schafer to recommend approval of an Amendment to Chapter 20 of the McLean County Code, McLean County Board Rules – Rules Subcommittee

Motion Carried.

Mr. Gordon asked for confirmation that failed motion regarding public question on consolidation of election authorities would not go forward to the full board. Mr. Wasson confirmed it would not go forward.

Mr. Paul Segobiano, Chairman of the Property 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 for the Facilities Department. He stated this was regarding phone equipment as part of the expansion of the Law & Justice building.

Motion by Segobiano/Gordon to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Facilities Department.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Segobiano indicated they had no further items for the Committee today. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions for Mr. Segobiano and the Property Committee; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Justice Committee presented for action to request to approve an Inter-Governmental Agreement between The State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and McLean County on behalf of McLean County Court Services for the Adult Redeploy Program.

Motion by Gordon/Caisley to recommend approval Request approval of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between The State of Illinois, Illinois

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Criminal Justice Information Authority and McLean County on behalf of McLean County Court Services for the Adult Redeploy Program.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Gordon indicated they had nothing further for the Committee, 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 accept and place on file of the Management Letter of Advisory Comments and Single Audit Report for year ended December 31, 2017 (Report of Federal Awards).

Motion by Selzer/Schafer to recommend the Committee accept and place on file Management Letter of Advisory Comments and Single Audit Report for year ended December 31, 2017 (Report of Federal Awards).  
Motion carried.

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.

Ms. Susan Schafer, Chairman of the Health Committee 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 presented for action a request by the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee to approve an Electronic Waste Recycling Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County and the Ecology Action Center (EAC).

Motion by Erickson/Gordon to recommend approval of Request by the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee to approve an Electronic Waste Recycling Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County and the Ecology Action Center (EAC).  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Erickson indicated they had no further items for the Committee today but would have two other items for the Board next week. Chairman McIntyre asked the Committee if they had any questions for Mr. Erickson; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Erickson.

Mr. William Caisley, Chairman of the Transportation Committee presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Colfax Prohibiting Excessive Engine Braking Noise. Mr. Soeldner asked if the Village of Colfax did not have the authority to

do this on their own. Mr. Wasson stated they do not because it is a County Highway. Mr. McIntyre stated that the Resolution will give them authority to enforce it.

Motion by Caisley/Rankin to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Colfax Prohibiting Excessive Engine Braking Noise.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley indicated they had no further 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. 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. Mr. Wasson stated they had a vehicle damaged beyond repair and the replacement would be a truck with a topper to assist the Coroner's office in providing services. Mr. McIntyre asked Staff to confirm that the amount was the amount above what was budgeted. Mr. Wasson confirmed that was the case.

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

Chairman McIntyre reminded the Committee again of the Legislative breakfast.

Chairman McIntyre presented for approval bills as forwarded by the Auditor in the amount of \$190,827.57.

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AS OF 7/1/2018

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

**Executive Committee**

| FUND | FUND TITLE                | PENDING TOTAL | PREPAID TOTAL | FUND TOTAL   |
|------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 0901 | GENERAL FUND              |               | \$178,361.64  | \$178,361.64 |
| 0136 | VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM. |               | \$3,558.43    | \$3,558.43   |
| 0159 | WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND     |               | \$8,907.50    | \$8,907.50   |
|      |                           |               | <hr/>         |              |
|      |                           |               | \$190,827.57  | \$190,827.57 |

  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Gordon/Segobiano to recommend approval of the Executive Committee bills as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor for \$190,827.57.  
Motion carried.




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Chairman McIntyre stated there was no other business to come before the Committee and adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Morlock".

Julie Morlock  
Recording Secretary