

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Jim Soeldner Members, Carlo Robustelli, Jacob Beard, Chuck Erickson, Josh Barnett and Laurie Wollrab via remote attendance

Members Absent: Member Catherine Metsker

Other Members Present:

Staff Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Administrator; Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jessica Woods, First Assistant State Attorney – Civil, Julie Morlock Recording Secretary;

Department Heads/

Elected Officials/Others Present:

Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. and declared a quorum. He informed the Committee that Member Wollrab had requested to attend remotely under County Board Rules and asked if there was any objection. Hearing no objection, he approved Ms. Wollrab's request to attend remotely and declared her present.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between McLean County Board and McLean County Sheriff and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Representing McLean County Sergeants, Deputies, Investigators and Lead Process Servers. Mr. Schmitt went over the summary of changes from the previous contract based on arbitration. Mr. Soeldner asked him to confirm this was a favorable outcome for us. Mr. Schmitt confirmed. Mr. Barnett asked him how the second vacation bidding would work. Mr. Schmitt went over the process. Mr. Schmitt also pointed out the agenda indicated it was for correctional officers, but it was for the deputies as we are still waiting on the arbitration ruling on the correctional officers.

Motion by Robustelli/Beard to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between McLean County Board and McLean County Sheriff and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Representing McLean County Sergeants, Deputies, Investigators and Lead Process Servers.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve the Critical Hire Request. Ms. Rodriguez went over the position's duties and indicated there is training required for this position so wanted to get started with the search. Mr. Soeldner asked if it will be difficult to fill this position. Ms. Rodriguez indicated she was not sure, but stated they

were willing to work with the right individual while they received the required certification.

Motion by Barnett/Beard recommend approval of the Critical Hire Request from the Nursing Home.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Class C Raffle License request. Ms. Rodriguez indicated if there were questions Ms. Morlock was present to answer as she handled these requests in our office. Mr. Soeldner stated it looked like the application was in order.

Motion by Robustelli/Barnett recommend approval of a Class C Raffle License request.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2019 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for General Fund 0001, County Board 0001 – Legislation & Policy 0001 and County Clerk 0005 Elections 0006. Ms. Rodriguez indicated this was for equipment the County Clerk needs for the 2020 elections but needed to get the equipment in 2019 so training could begin.

Motion by Barnett/Beard recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2019 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for General Fund 0001, County Board 0001 – Legislation & Policy 0001 and County Clerk 0005 Elections 0006.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve the County Clerk – 0001-0005, Program 0006 Elections Budget. Ms. Rodriguez indicated this was a change in budget to purchase equipment in 2019 instead of 2020.

Motion by Beard/Erickson recommend approval of the County Clerk – 0001-0005, Program 0006 Elections Budget. Ms. Rodriguez indicated this was change in budget to purchase equipment out of 2019 instead of 2020.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve the F.I.C.A. Social Security 0130-0069 budget. Ms. Rodriguez went over the changes due to reduction in budgeted staff at the nursing home.

Motion by Robustelli/Erickson recommend approval of the F.I.C.A. Social Security 0130-0069 budget
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve the IMRF Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund 0131-0069 budget. Ms. Rodriguez indicated this is the same reason for change in F.I.C.A. budget.

Motion by Erickson/Robustelli recommend approval of the IMRF Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund 0131-0069 budget
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve the Tort Judgment Fund Risk Management – 0135-0077-0077 Budget. Mr. Schmitt went over changes to reflect addition of human resource manager position. Mr. Robustelli asked if this was a new position and asked how human resources are handled now. Ms. Rodriguez indicated that it would be a new position. She indicated there are individuals who perform some HR duties, but they are not designated as human resources personnel. Mr. Soeldner asked her about current employees who handle human resource matters and if this would be a supervisor role. Ms. Rodriguez indicated she did not necessarily see it as a supervisor but someone that would coordinate policies. Mr. Soeldner asked her to confirm there was plenty of work for this person to do. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed. Mr. Beard indicated he felt this was a crucial role that would benefit the County.

Motion by Beard/Barnett recommend approval of the Tort Judgment Fund Risk Management – 0135-0077-0077 Budget.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve the polling place change for Bloomington Township. Ms. Wollrab asked to amend to just include Bloomington township polling place information. She indicated she had researched this request and did not feel there was an urgency to move this polling place. She said some felt the construction on Fox Creek Road might be an issue, but in her research the work would not start before the primary and might not start any time soon after that. She indicated she had been told construction could be worked around and did not see a solid reason to move the polling place. Mr. Beard pointed out that Martin Township request was not part of this request, so they did not need an amendment. Mr. Robustelli said he appreciated Ms. Wollrab doing the research and given that construction and parking are not going to be an issue he did not feel a sense of urgency so wanted to hold off on consolidating. Mr. Barnett indicated he would vote no because he was not comfortable with the documentation given to support this request. Ms. Woods stated it is solely the County Board's decision whether to move polling place even if the Township asked for it. She stated the Township did not need to vote and approve it. Mr. Barnett said he felt moving a polling place was a big deal and that even though people receive notice they would still be confused with change. He said if the Township brought more information

in the future he might reconsider. Mr. Beard said he would not be comfortable moving polling place between the primary and the general. He said he would hate for it to be election day and they realized that construction would affect traffic and parking, so he was inclined to support. Mr. Soeldner indicated at the Township meeting they did not have a strong opinion on changing but he appreciated they know the people in their district. He said he talked to Mr. Pearl and Mr. Pearl said they discussed moving to a new building in the future because they did not know how construction would impact the current building in the future. Mr. Soeldner indicated he talked to the Road commissioner and they have trouble getting equipment in and out because of traffic on that road. Mr. Soeldner indicated Ms. Wollrab stated moving polling place out of the center of the Township, but there are only about 300 voters in that precinct and 1200 that vote at the fire station so geographically it might be in the center but population wise it is not in the center. Ms. Wollrab said there could be construction but after speaking with the Assistant City Engineer, he seemed to doubt whether construction would occur this next year or not. She said that she would like to look at other locations the precinct could utilize. Mr. Robustelli said construction could have an impact whether we move it or not. Mr. Soeldner stated he had talked with the County Clerk before the meeting who had been in touch with the Illinois Board of Elections and although there is nothing illegal about the Township utilizing a Bloomington Election Commission site, it was not something they recommended as it would cause confusion.

Motion by Erickson/Beard to recommend approval of change of Bloomington Township polling place.

Motion failed. There was a tie in the vote.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was anything else to come before the Committee; hearing nothing, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Robustelli/Wollrab to adjourn the Special Finance Committee meeting.\

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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