

## Minutes of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the McLean County Board met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairman Jim Soeldner and Member Catherine Metsker (in-person) Members Josh Barnett, Chuck Erickson, Laurie Wollrab, and Jacob Beard (via remote attendance)

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present:

Staff Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator; Ms. Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator; Samantha Vazquez, Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division; Ms. Julie A. Morlock, Recording Secretary (In-Person); Chris Spanos First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division (via remote attendance)

Department Heads/Elected

Officials Present: Ms. Becky McNeil, Treasurer; Marshell Thompson (via remote attendance)

Others Present: Patrick Hoban, Economic Development Council

Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and declared a quorum

Chairman Soeldner presented the Minutes of September 15, 2020 special meeting; October 14, 2020 Special Meeting and November 4, 2020 regular meeting of the Finance Committee for approval.

Motion by Barnett/Beard to approve the September 15, 2020 special meeting; October 14, 2020 Special Meeting and November 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes of the Finance Committee.

Motion carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner confirmed there were no members of the public to appear before the Committee.

Ms. Kathy Michael, County Clerk presented for action a request to extend leave for an employee. Ms. Rodriguez briefly went over the request. Ms. Wollrab asked why Administration needed to bring these requests to the Committee and if the Committee received all the requests or just certain ones. Ms. Rodriguez indicated that per Code she is not allowed to extend unpaid leave without approval from the Committee. She indicated that they bring all requests to the Committee if the request is to extend unpaid leave.

Motion by Metsker/Beard to recommend approval of extension of leave for employee.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all Members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Michael her monthly reports. Chairman Soeldner asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Marshall Thomson of Animal Control presented her monthly and general reports. Chairman Soeldner asked if there were any questions, hearing none he thanked her.

Chairman Soeldner indicated Ms. Michelle Anderson, County Auditor was not present, and there was no report on file.

Ms. Rebecca McNeil, McLean County Treasurer presented for action a request to approve Resolutions Authorizing the County Board Chair to Assign Tax Sale Certificates of Purchase for Parcel Number ID#: MB-00-0031. Ms. McNeil indicated taxes had not been paid on this parcel, redemption period had expired, and a bid had been submitted so in exchange for the bid we would provide Tax Sale Certificates of Purchase.

Motion by Wollrab/Metsker to recommend approval of Resolutions Authorizing Resolutions Authorizing the County Board chair to Assign Tax Sale Certificates of Purchase for Parcel Number: MB-00-0031

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. McNeil presented her monthly summary of revenue and indicated the numbers were good. She went over budget comparison, shared sale tax revenue from town of normal and city of Bloomington numbers, property tax revenue and noted they did final distribution today; and motor fuel tax revenue.

Ms. Wollrab asked her to remind them about income tax as it seemed odd that number is up. Ms. McNeil stated back in April the Governor moved income tax filing date to July so during April, May and June our income tax numbers were down and now they have picked back up as a result of later payments. Mr. Soeldner asked if she had any information on the personal property replacement tax as he saw zero on the report. Ms. McNeil stated that PPRT is not being withheld as it is routinely only distributed about 8 times a year, they do not usually see a distribution in the month of November

Ms. McNeil then went over investment report and indicated rate on CDs continues to be low, so they are keeping case in money markets. She reminded the Committee that over the next 6 months the cash numbers would be lower until we get in the next tax revenue She indicated no concerns about cash balance and that they put reduction in the budget for next year knowing that revenue would probably be less.

Ms. McNeil then went over the blue cross report and stated that November expenses were higher compared to last year but year-to-date numbers for 2020 expenses are lower than 2019. She stated stop loss adjustment has helped us keep our costs down in 2020.

Ms. McNeil went over nursing home report including year-to-date numbers for revenue and expenses, cash and investments and fund equity. She stated that some expenses have not gone through the Auditor yet so will see expense numbers come up with next report.

Motion by Beard/Wollrab to accept and place on file the County Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator presented for action a request to approve a Class C Raffle License for the American Legion. Ms. Morlock indicated paperwork was in order

Motion by Barnett/Cline to recommend approval of the Class C Raffle License for the American Legion

Motion carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes, including the chairman.

Ms. Rodriguez presented for action a request to approve a McLean County Ordinance approving a technical correction to the Bloomington Normal Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment – The Ferrero Expansion. Mr. Hoban stated they heard back from State when they submitted the original that the property description was incorrect on the McLean County copy. Mr. Soeldner asked if we were the only one that needed to approve this change. Mr. Hoban indicated all entities have to approve the correction.

Motion by Cline/Beard to recommend approval of a McLean County Ordinance approving a technical correction to the Bloomington Normal Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment – The Ferrero Expansion.

Motion carried. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Rodriguez also asked Mr. Hoban to provide an update on the forgivable loan program. Mr. Hoban indicated there had been a lot of interest in this program as 27 companies have submitted applications and of those, they have 6 under review. He stated they are reviewing credit worthiness and waiting for CDC to approve and then they would cut checks. Ms. Wollrab thanked him and wondered if he had idea about the amount of funds that would be spoken for if most of those are approved. Mr. Hoban indicated about \$70,000. Mr. Erickson asked him to confirm that they were waiting on some information from the other 21 applicants. Mr. Hoban confirmed. Mr. Erickson stated that the Town of Normal had put out a program and asked if applicants of that program were then excluded from our program. Mr. Hoban stated they are not as the County program is for a new expense. Erickson stated he had sent out information on the program to accountant friends and encouraged other members to send out information. Mr. Beard stated he was glad to see the interest and asked him to confirm that the 10-employee cap was not a hard cap and asked applicants had been smaller employers. Mr. Hoban stated majority is smaller and reminded them that 2 part time employees equals 1 full time employee.

Mr. Metsker thanked him and county administration. She asked him to confirm if we knew what six applicants planned to use the funds for. Mr. Hoban stated most are for web tech equipment for online ordering.

Ms. Rodriguez presented her report on recent employment activities. Chairman Soeldner asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Soeldner thanked Mr. Beard for his time on the County Board and this Committee. Mr. Beard thanked him and said he really enjoyed working with them and County leadership.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Finance Committee with bills in the amount of \$1,302,169.60 for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor.

**MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

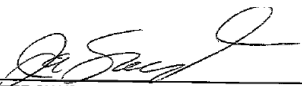
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**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**

**Finance Committee**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND TITLE</b>	<b>PENDING TOTAL</b>	<b>PREPAID TOTAL</b>	<b>FUND TOTAL</b>
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$249,160.68	\$249,160.68
0131	I.M.R.F. FUND		\$446,227.10	\$446,227.10
0135	TORT JUDGEMENT		\$14,368.65	\$14,368.65
0137	RECORDER DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$1,957.00	\$1,957.00
0164	CO CLERK DOC STORAGE		\$107.46	\$107.46
0401	NURSING HOME		\$1,332.00	\$1,332.00
0512	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN		\$589,016.71	\$589,016.71
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			\$1,302,169.60	\$1,302,169.60

  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Cline/Metsker to approve the presented transfer and bills with prepaid total and fund total amount of \$1,302,169.60.

Motion carried. Roll call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was anything else, hearing nothing he adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Julie A. Morlock*

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