

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman John McIntyre and Members James Soeldner, Chuck Erickson, Susan Schafer, Catherine Metsker, Laurie Wollrab, Josh Barnett and Randall Martin

Members Absent: Member George Wendt

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Cassy Taylor, Interim County Administrator; Cathy Dreyer Assistant County Administrator; Samantha Vazquez, Assistant State's Attorney; Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Craig Nelson, Information Technologies; Ray Lai, Regional Planning Director

Others Present: None

Chairman McIntyre called to order a meeting of the Executive Committee at 4:00 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the August 12, 2021 special meeting and September 13, 2021 regular meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion by Soeldner/Metsker to approve the minutes from August 12, 2021 special meeting and September 13, 2021 regular meeting of the Executive Committee.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre indicated there had been a request to speak to the Committee by Kathy Michael.

Ms. Michael stated she wanted clarification on the vaccine incentive and that Ms. Taylor had indicated she could provide more clarification at the meeting this evening. Ms. Michael stated federal funds had been allocated and can be given as bonuses. She stated the incentive had not passed the Finance Committee, but she hoped they would reconsider this option.

Chairman McIntyre indicated there were no reappointments this month but there was one appointment for approval. Mr. McIntyre presented for approval an Appointment to the Chenoa Fire Protection District.

Motion by Schafer/Wollrab to recommend approval of the appointment.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented on behalf of the Information Technology Department a request to approve an agreement with Clifton Larson Allen (CLA). Ms. Metsker stated she felt a pin test should be done but questioned if all documents listed in the agreement had been updated and provided. Mr. Nelson indicated they were working to update those policies and procedures. Mr. Nelson stated this would provide a base line. Ms. Metsker stated she felt we needed to have policies, procedures and standards and other documents before this starts. Ms. Metsker asked how they set the standards. Mr. Nelson went over who sets standards they try to conform to. Ms. Metsker asked when he would anticipate doing next test. Mr. Nelson stated they hoped to do this each year in October. Ms. Metsker asked if a year between tests was too long. Mr. Nelson stated he did not feel that was too long. Ms. Metsker asked how many individuals are currently working from home as she noted the test would include a check on VPN. Mr. Nelson stated they generally do not have more than 36 VPN connections at one time and at the height of the pandemic there were about 60 connections at one time. Ms. Metsker stated she wanted to make sure VPN was checked and we meet all the standards. Mr. Soeldner asked if this would disrupt service to the rest of the organization. Mr. Nelson confirmed it would not.

Motion by Martin/Wollrab to recommend approval of an Agreement with Clifton Larson Allen (CLA)
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre asked the committee if there was an objection to combing the next two items. As there was no objection, he presented on behalf of Trisha Malott, Supervisor of Behavioral health Coordinating Council a request to approve a Provider Services Agreement with Molina Healthcare of Illinois, Inc. and a Participating Provider Agreement with Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, Inc. Ms. Wollrab asked if there were other provider options. Mr. McIntyre stated he was not sure if there were other options. Ms. Wollrab noted the Nursing Home had issues receiving payments from Molina. Ms. Taylor stated these organizations are prominent in our area, but they are looking at other contracts in addition to these. Ms. Schafer stated these are companies the State works through.

Motion by Schafer/Metsker to recommend approval of a Provider Services Agreement with Molina Healthcare of Illinois, Inc. a Participating Provider Agreement with Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, Inc.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre indicated there were reports from Information Technologies and the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council in the packet and asked if there were questions; hearing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda.

Ms. Catherine Metsker, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance Amending Designation and Operation Criteria in the Bloomington Normal Enterprise Zone. She indicated the original resolution had been passed by the County and this was a follow up Ordinance now that all other taxing bodies had passed the resolution.

Motion by Metsker/Soeldner to recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending Designation and Operation Criteria in the Bloomington Normal Enterprise Zone. Ms. Wollrab asked how the numbers cited in the agreements figured. Mr. McIntyre indicated that the Economic Development Council verifies the information. Mr. McIntyre indicated also reviewed by the State.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Metsker presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2021 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the American Rescue Plan Fund 0163 (Without support of the Finance Committee). Ms. Wollrab stated she struggled with incentivizing people to get a life-saving vaccine especially giving the incentive to individuals who opt out. Ms. Taylor confirmed it would be an incentive to employees who have been or get vaccinated. She read guidelines for funds. Ms. Taylor stated they thought about the best way to handle this. She went over things they considered including the fact they offer benefits to employees for other wellness incentives such as reduction in health insurance premium if they get an annual physical or incentives for scheduling at certain facilities. She stated they took into consideration the more individuals vaccinated could also mean a reduction in the likelihood of a claim against our self-insured health plan which could amount to about 1,500-2,500 per day for a hospital stay. She noted the County has already spent about 42,000 for COVID related health claims. Ms. Taylor further noted exemptions would require signatures from medical professional and provided an example of someone who might not be able to receive the vaccine.

Mr. McIntyre indicated he felt there was no perfect solution, went over history of vaccines and who he felt should be mandated to receive. Mr. Martin asked how many employees are currently vaccinated. Ms. Taylor indicated she was not sure. Mr. Martin stated that another employer in town was offering a \$500 incentive. Mr. Erickson asked them to confirm we already approved incentives for nursing home. Mr. McIntyre confirmed incentive with State funds. Mr. Erickson stated he did not agree with the concept. Mr. McIntyre stated we have many different jobs in the county from individuals who work outside and can socially distance to health department workers who provided the vaccines. Mr. Soeldner asked about total cost. Ms. Taylor stated they budgeted for all employees. Mr. Erickson stated he felt this could go on and on with incentives for boosters. Ms. Schafer asked if those who have already been vaccinated would receive. Ms. Taylor confirmed. Ms. Schafer indicated other companies are providing incentives or penalties as some are charging more for insurance if you do not receive. She stated she could support this.

Mr. Erickson stated COVID-19 is here to stay and just like the flu we are going to have to get a booster shot ever year, so questioned having to give an incentive every year. Mr. McIntyre stated this is one time funding from the federal government and he hated to say no to our employees especially those who have already been responsible and received the shot. Mr. McIntyre stated he also tried to keep in mind this could also affect our insurance rates. Ms. Taylor stated average cost is being reported for a hospital stay for someone with COVID-19 is \$24,000. Ms. Taylor also noted for the Committee that this is new territory without a lot of information available as to how to respond. She noted County has made

other concessions during this pandemic such as work from home, extending personal and vacation time and locking down buildings.

Ms. Metsker asked if definition of employees covers elected officials as she would not accept the incentive if it did. Ms. Taylor indicated this would not include employees who work less than 600 hours a year. Ms. Wollrab stated if using this as a bonus to employees then she felt we should do the salary survey and increase their salary, not provide this incentive. Ms. Wollrab stated this was not an issue when vaccine first came out, but now with federal funds available this is an issue. Mr. McIntyre stated even if we had wanted to provide incentives in February we did not have the funds to do it, but now we do. Mr. Erickson stated he did not feel this was the right way to do this. Mr. Erickson asked if staff gathered cost information County incurred because of the flu. He also asked how staff arrived at the dollar amount presented for the incentive. Ms. Taylor stated they did not get information on the flu. She stated there was no formula for the amount, just an informal poll of county workers.

Mr. McIntyre asked about the difference between vaccine pay and premium pay. Ms. Taylor went over definitions of eligible worker, essential worker, and essential work. Ms. Taylor stated it would be the department head who would decide individuals and amount received regarding premium pay. Ms. Taylor went over difficulties that could pose. Ms. Metsker noted this vaccine pay has specific criteria. Ms. Metsker asked them to confirm that premium pay was not part of the motion on the floor. Ms. Taylor confirmed. Mr. Erickson asked what this had to do with Ms. Michael. Ms. Taylor stated she felt Ms. Michael had mentioned both premium pay and vaccine pay. Ms. Schafer called question.

Motion by Metsker/Soeldner recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2021 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the American Rescue Plan Fund 0163 (Without support of the Finance Committee)
Motion Carried. Roll call vote requested. Members McIntyre, Soeldner, Schafer, Metsker, Barnett and Martin voted yes; Members Wollrab and Erickson voted no.

Ms. Metsker indicated they had no further items for action today but would have items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any comments or questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Susan Schafer, Chairman of the Health Committee indicated they had no items for the Committee today but would have items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Chuck Erickson, Chairman of the Justice Committee presented for action a request to approve an Amendment to the Grant Agreement between Illinois Association of Court Appointed Special Advocates and CASA of McLean County.

Motion by Erickson/Schafer to recommend approval of an Amendment to the Grant Agreement between Illinois Association of Court Appointed Special Advocates and CASA of McLean County.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Erickson presented for action a request to approve a grant agreement between the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois and Children's Advocacy Center of McLean County.

Motion by Erickson/Metsker to recommend approval of a grant agreement between the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois and Children's Advocacy Center of McLean County.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Erickson indicated the Justice Committee had no further items for action today but would have additional items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Jim Soeldner, Vice Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee indicated they had no items for action today or for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if the Committee had any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Josh Barnett, Chairman of the Property Committee presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2021 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Facilities Maintenance Department 0041.

Motion by Barnett/Wollrab to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2021 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Facilities Maintenance Department 0041.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Barnett indicated he had no further action items for the Committee today but would have items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Jim Soeldner Chairman of the Transportation Committee presented for action a request to approve Amendment to Chapter 300 Roads and Highways of the McLean County Code. (Without support of the Transportation Committee). Mr. Erickson asked why Transportation opposed this. Mr. Soeldner indicated the Sheriff, Highway Department and Regional Planning all noted it was high risk to the county. Mr. Soeldner stated the Committee continues to work with Village of Hudson on other options. Mr. Erickson asked if other communities allow golf carts. Mr. Soeldner stated other communities allow golf carts to cross county highways but not drive on county highways. Ms. Metsker confirmed that statement and noted she and Mr. Thompson met with Hudson regarding other options. Ms. Schafer asked for clarification on section added by Hudson Ms. Taylor went over section added. Ms. Wollrab and Ms. Schafer asked for clarification that voting no is to vote against golf carts and voting yes would be to allow golf carts on county highway. Mr. McIntyre asked if bicycles are allowed on county highways. Mr. Soeldner confirmed they are by State statute. Mr. McIntyre asked about speed limits in area requested. Ms. Metsker stated went over speed

limits in areas requested. Mr. McIntyre asked for confirmation that they currently can cross county highway. Mr. Soeldner confirmed.

Motion by Soeldner/Barnett Amendment to Chapter 300 Roads and Highways of the McLean County Code. (Without support of the Transportation Committee).
Motion Failed. Roll call vote requested. Members Soeldner, Schafer, Wollrab, Metsker, Barnett and Martin voted no; Members Erickson and McIntyre voted yes

Mr. Soeldner presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Ridgeview Community Unit School District #19.

Motion by Soeldner/Wollrab to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Ridgeview Community Unit School District #19.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Soeldner indicated they had no further items for action for the Committee but would have items for the Board. Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Taylor presented for action a request to approve a Resolution of the Mclean County Board continuing the Declaration of a Disaster (COVID).

Motion by Wollrab/Martin to recommend approval of a Resolution of the Mclean County Board continuing the Declaration of a Disaster (COVID).
Motion Carried.

Ms. Taylor presented for action a request to approve the Regional Planning Commission 0001.0010.0010 Recommended Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Ms. Taylor went over Regional Planning Office responsibilities and noted their budget had been reviewed and approved by the Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Taylor provided an overview of revenue and expenses for the Regional Planning office. Ms. Metsker asked about payroll increase. Ms. Dreyer stated they move employees between grants so there were other lines decreased.

Motion by Barnett/Wollrab to recommend approval of the Regional Planning Commission 0001.0010.0010 Recommended Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Taylor presented for action a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for Information Technologies Department 0001-0043, sub departments 0047 (data processing) and 0107 (County GIS). Ms. Taylor provided overview of department responsibilities as well as budget revenue and expenses. Ms. Metsker asked for clarification on increase in expense lines for GIS. Ms. Taylor stated a fly over is scheduled for this year as well as the purchase of a plotter.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for Information Technologies Department 0001-0043, sub departments 0047 (data processing) and 0107 (County GIS).
Motion carried.

Ms. Taylor presented for action a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for Shared Sale Tax/Municipalities Budget Fund 0007 including: County Board Department 0001, Mental Health Program 0060 and Non-Departmental 0099 Department, Non-Departmental Program 0099. Ms. Taylor provided a budget overview.

Motion by Schafer/Martin to recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for Shared Sale Tax/Municipalities Budget Fund 0007 including: County Board Department 0001, Mental Health Program 0060 and Non-Departmental 0099 Department, Non-Departmental Program 0099.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Taylor presented for action a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for County Board Fleet 0001.0001.0010. Ms. Taylor stated she did not prepare slide as it is the cost for vehicles for all departments and was covered in each department's oversight committee.

Motion by Martin/Schafer to recommend approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for County Board Fleet 0001.0001.0010
Motion Carried.

Ms. Taylor presented for action a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for County Administrator's Office Fund 0001, Department 0002, Program 0002. Ms. Taylor provided an overview of the responsibilities of the office as well as the budget.

Motion by Soeldner/Barnett to recommend approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for County Administrator's Office Fund 0001, Department 0002, Program 0002.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Taylor presented for action a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for American Rescue Plan Act Fund 0163, County Board Department 0001, Legislation & Policy Program 0001. Ms. Taylor provided list of projects and amounts budgeted from this Fund for these projects.

Motion by Wollrab/Erickson to recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Budget for American Rescue Plan Act Fund 0163, County Board Department 0001, Legislation & Policy Program 0001.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre indicated reapportionment meetings continue and asking that all board members refrain from attendance. Mr. Soeldner stated he would contact Administration regarding a recommendation for hazard pay. Chairman McIntyre asked if there was any

other business to come before the Committee; hearing none, he moved to the payment of the bills.

Chairman McIntyre presented for approval bills in the amount of \$1,126,748.30 for the General Fund, Shared Sales Tax and Veterans Assistance Commission and \$13,431.05 for Regional Planning.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Regional Planning

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0010	Regional Planning		\$13,431.05	\$13,431.05
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			\$13,431.05	\$13,431.05

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Executive Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$136,827.69	\$136,827.69
0007	Shared Sales Tax/Municipalities		\$11,400.70	\$11,400.70
0136	VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMM.		\$2,511.87	\$2,511.87
0163	American Rescue Plan Act		\$876,008.04	\$876,008.04
0603	COMMUNITY DEVEL. PROGRAM		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
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			\$1,126,748.30	\$1,126,748.30



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Metsker/Martin to approve payment the General Fund, Shared Sales Tax, Veterans Assistance Commission and Regional Planning invoices.
Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre indicated there was no further business to come before the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 5:28p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Morlock
Recording Secretary