

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 in Room 404 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Cassy Taylor, Interim County Administrator; Cathy Dreyer Assistant County Administrator; Chris Spanos, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division, Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary;

Others/Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: None

Chairman McIntyre called to order a special meeting of the Executive Committee at 5:13 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve the Recommended Fiscal Year 2022 Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Property Committee. Mr. Erickson asked about the energy contract term. Ms. Taylor indicated it would be a two-year contract and solar could be added within those two years. Ms. Metsker asked what type of energy the increase paid for if it did not cover solar. Ms. Taylor indicated increase was to receive energy from green energy sources instead of a traditional source including solar, wind and hydro. Ms. Taylor stated adding solar panels to our buildings would be a way the County could reduce our rates and those could be added within the two years. Mr. Wendt asked her to confirm amount of increase. Ms. Taylor indicated it would cost \$57,000 more than traditional. Mr. Wendt stated he would not approve.

Mr. McIntyre asked if other options were brought to the Committee. Mr. Barnett confirmed options were brought to the Committee. Mr. Barnett noted work was done to get solar panels on the building but the window for grants to assist with those costs was a yearly process and had closed last year by the time had completed the first steps in the process. He noted they could apply for grants this year. Ms. Wollrab stated the County gets property tax from windfarms and felt it would be good to support those sources. Mr. Martin asked if this was strictly Ameren and not Corn Belt. Ms. Taylor confirmed it was all Ameren. Ms. Schafer asked if there were other places Property Committee tried to balance out this increase in their budget. Ms. Taylor went over where funds were moved to cover this increase. Ms. Metsker asked about process if they voted this down. Ms. Taylor stated this action item was to approve all budgets under Property so if this were voted down then then they would have to amend the action item to approve the full budget at the Board meeting. Ms. Metsker stated she was not in favor of green energy but since this was a small piece of budget and she did not want to delay approval of the entire property or County, she would vote yes.

Motion by Barnett/Wollrab recommend approval of the Recommended Fiscal Year 2022 Departmental Budgets under the Oversight of the Property Committee.

Motion Carried. Members Schafer, Wollrab, Metsker, Barnett, Martin voted yes.
Members Soeldner, Erickson and Wendt voted no.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action an Addendum to Resolution of the Mclean County Board Continuing the Declaration of a Disaster. (COVID)

Mr. Erickson asked about the effective date. Ms. Taylor went over history noting OSHA presented change in emergency temporary standard, action was stayed by the courts and stay has been upheld, but if it should be adopted as an emergency temporary standard then policy would go into effect then. She stated policy was prepared so they did not have to call a special meeting of the Board or incur penalties. Mr. Erickson confirmed effective date would not be effective November 17. Ms. Taylor confirmed.

Mr. Erickson asked if the employees would have to pay for testing or the County would pick up the cost. Ms. Taylor stated Employer is required to make testing available and pay for it, but if employee wants to go to another location to be tested then the employee would be responsible. Mr. Erickson asked if members could get a copy of the accommodation form. Ms. Taylor state it would be a seamless doc and would check with HR about getting a copy of form to members. Mr. Wendt noted it had been policy of Department of Labor to not fine public employers and so he was not sure about urgency. Ms. Taylor noted that as part of the Federal requirement the State OSHA would have 15 days to put a policy in place or all agencies would fall under the federal policy. Mr. McIntyre asked her to confirm that if policy not in place we would incur fines. Ms. Taylor confirmed. Mr. Barnett called the question.

Motion by McIntyre/Soeldner to request approval of an Addendum to Resolution of the Mclean County Board Continuing the Declaration of a Disaster. (COVID)

Motion Carried. Members Erickson and Wendt voted no. Chairman McIntyre voted yes along with Members Soeldner, Schafer, Wollrab, Metsker, Barnett and Martin.

Chairman McIntyre indicated there was no further business to come before the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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