

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Nuckolls, Owens, Gordon, Hoselton, Bostic and Segobiano

Members Absent: Members Renner and Selzer

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Sheriff Mike Emery; Chief Deputy Rusty Thomas

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Anderson, Financial Reporting Specialist, County Auditor's Office

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Sorensen presented the minutes from the January 8, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Owens/Segobiano to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to Recommend Approval of the Reappointments, Appointments and Resignations as recommended by the Chairman.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of the Vehicle Bid recommendations to replace six Sheriff's Department police squad cars and two extended vans for the McLean County Detention Facility (\$153,401.48).

Motion by Segobiano/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of Vehicle Bid Recommendations to replace six Sheriff's Department Police Squad Cars and two Extended Vans for the McLean County Detention Facility (\$153,401.48) – Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Hoselton asked if any dealerships in McLean County were considered. Sheriff Emery replied that no dealerships in McLean County submitted a bid. However, Sheriff Emery advised that the vehicles will be taken to local dealerships for repairs and warranty work.

Mr. Owens asked if this bid is a State bid and, if so, aren't the vehicles usually purchased locally. Sheriff Emery responded that Landmark Ford in Springfield was chosen because their bid was more than \$1,000.00 less per vehicle than the State bid. He added that Landmark Ford also offered a total of \$3,200.00 more on the vehicles being traded in. Sheriff Emery indicated that he felt a total savings of \$4,200.00 was a significant amount.

Mr. Segobiano applauded the Sheriff on his efforts to save the County money.

Mr. Nuckolls asked if the vehicles will come police-equipped. Sheriff Emery replied that the vehicles come with the Police package minus the computer technology and emergency lights. He indicated that, in the past, the emergency lighting system was purchased through Ray O'Herron Co., Danville, for \$1,500.00 per squad car. Sheriff Emery stated that the equipment is now purchased locally from a gentleman in Towanda who provides the same equipment but at a reduced price of \$900.00 per unit. He stated that he attempts to utilize local companies whenever possible.

Mr. Gordon asked why the Crown Victoria is the squad car of choice. Sheriff Emery replied that they switched from the Chevy Impala to the Crown Victoria because it has more room to accommodate equipment and prisoners.

Chairman Sorensen called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman, Land Use and Development Committee, reported that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Gordon.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman, Property Committee, reported that the Property Committee brings two items for action to the Executive Committee. Ms. Bostic presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Department of Parks and Recreation General Fund 0001, Parks and Recreation 0040. She explained that, on January 14, 2008, the COMLARA County Park Visitor Center Building experienced a catastrophic failure of its underground electrical service feed. This electrical service feed was not protected by conduit.

Ms. Bostic reported that the total cost of \$9,000.00 is approximately 37% of the Department of Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2008 Budget for contractual building/ grounds/equipment maintenance.

Motion by Bostic/Hoselton to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Department of Parks and Recreation General Fund 0001, Parks and Recreation 0040 for COMLARA County Park Visitor Center Electrical Service Feed – Parks and Recreation.
Motion carried.

Ms. Bostic presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041, Health Department Building 0046 (for a new HVAC Energy Management Control System) – Facilities Management.

Motion by Bostic/Segobiano to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, Facilities Management Department 0041, Health Department Building 0046 – Facilities Management.
Motion carried.

Ms. Bostic advised that the Property Committee recommended approval of the bid submitted by Otto Baum for the Phase II renovation of the Old Courthouse. She added that the architect, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (“WJE), was pleased that Otto Baum is being recommended for approval.

Ms. Bostic stated that, since the bid came in under the allotted budget, it was possible to add some of the "alternates" that were not part of the bid.

Ms. Bostic indicated that construction is expected to be completed in 200 days.

Mr. Hoselton asked what is the \$1,750,000.00 figure. Ms. Bostic replied that this is the figure that was budgeted for the Phase II project. She noted that WJE prioritized what they could do for that amount of money. The bid came in at \$776,300.00, making it possible to add some of the alternate projects. Ms. Bostic noted that there is quit a bit of money in the contingency fund that will probably not be spent and will be carried over to the next phase.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Bostic.

Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, Transportation Committee, reported that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee. He pointed out that there are several items to be presented to the Board.

Mr. Segobiano expressed concern about an article in *The Pantagraph* regarding the fact that only one bid was received for the traffic signals that will be installed on Towanda Barnes Road and Oakland Avenue. He suggested that single bids should be denied and that multiple bids should be encouraged. Mr. Hoselton replied that the Transportation Committee has not yet recommended approval for the project. Mr. Zeunik advised that this will come to the Transportation Committee next month.

Mr. Segobiano recommended that the Transportation Committee seek additional bids for this project. Mr. Hoselton replied that he will thoroughly evaluate the project.

Mr. Nuckolls asked if the newspaper article referred to the City of Bloomington's bid for the traffic signals. Mr. Zeunik replied that the installation of traffic signals at Towanda Barnes Road and Oakland Avenue is a joint project between the City of Bloomington and McLean County. He noted that this project will come to the Transportation Committee in March for review and approval. Mr. Zeunik stated that the project is a 50-50 joint split on the work, because Towanda Barnes Road is a County Road and Oakland Avenue is now a City of Bloomington road.

Mr. Nuckolls asked if the Committee has to approve the single bid. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Committee has not yet seen the proposal.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Hoselton.

Mr. Ben Owens, Vice Chairman, Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee brings several items for action to the Executive Committee. He presented a request for approval of an ordinance of the McLean County Board amending the 2008 Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Motion by Owens//Bostic to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Amending the 2008 Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of an Ordinance transferring monies from the County General Fund 0001 to the F.I.C.A./Social Security Fund 0130 and the I.M.R.F. Fund 0131, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/Bostic to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance transferring monies from the County General Fund 0001 to the F.I.C.A./Social Security Fund 0130 and the I.M.R.F. Fund 0131, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of a Resolution transferring monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the Children's Advocacy Center Fund 0129 and the Tort Judgment Fund 0135, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office.

Mr. Hoselton asked for an explanation of Tort Judgment. Mr. Zeunik explained that Tort Judgment is the Risk Management Fund that covers all of the County's insurance coverage and the cost of the two Civil Attorneys who represent the County in matters involving civil litigation.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to Recommend Approval of a Resolution transferring monies from the Working Cash Fund 0002 to the Children's Advocacy Center Fund 0129 and the Tort Judgment Fund 0135, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of an Ordinance transferring monies from the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/Bostic to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance transferring monies from the Health Department Fund 0112 to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Fund 0110, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens presented a request for approval of an Ordinance transferring monies from the Bridge Matching Fund 0121 to the County Matching Fund 0122, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office.

Motion by Owens/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance transferring monies from the Bridge Matching Fund 0121 to the County Matching Fund 0122, Fiscal Year 2008 – County Administrator's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Owens advised that the Finance Committee also has a few items to be presented to the Board.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Owens.

Mr. Bob Nuckolls, Vice Chairman, Justice Committee, reported that the Justice Committee brings no items for action to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Nuckolls.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, informed the Committee that there will be a Public Information Meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Normal Community High School for the Eastside Highway Corridor Study. This is a stakeholders meeting and all members of the public are invited to attend. Mr. Zeunik stated that the Purpose and Needs Statement and the preliminary corridors will be reviewed at the meeting.

Mr. Zeunik indicated that all Board members should have received, in their mailboxes, an invitation to the graduation for Drug Court, which is Thursday, February 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Courtroom 5A. He noted that three individuals have completed the course of treatment and will graduate on Thursday.

Mr. Nuckolls asked how long does it take to complete the process. Mr. Zeunik replied that the program takes 18 months to complete.

Mr. Segobiano commented that he recently met with the Sheriff and the Chief Deputy who indicated that they are excited about the Drug Court program.

Mr. Gordon asked how many candidates are eligible for the program. Mr. Zeunik replied that there are 31 individuals in the Drug Court Program. He noted that the program can handle a maximum of 40 individuals at one time.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there was any other business and communication.

Mr. Segobiano stated that the County Board members make decisions based on information that is provided to them. He reminded the Committee that the decision to sell the McBarnes Building was based on advice they received that the expense of relocating the elevator to allow access to the third floor would be prohibitive. Mr. Segobiano stated that he recently had a meeting at the McBarnes Building. He noted that a new large capacity elevator was placed in the same location as the old elevator. Mr. Segobiano informed the Committee that the building was beautiful. He expressed his belief that the County would have and should have kept the building had they known that the elevator did not have to be relocated. Mr. Segobiano expressed regret that the County Board was not able to make a more informed decision when they voted to sell the McBarnes Building.

There was a brief discussion on the advisability of keeping the McBarnes Building versus purchasing the Government Center Building.

Chairman Sorensen asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Sorensen presented the final December 31, 2007 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total for the month is \$47,112.09 with the Prepaid Total the same.

Chairman Sorensen also presented the January 31, 2008 bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The Fund Total is \$368,746.27 and the Prepaid Total is the same.

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Motion by Owens/Gordon to approve the Executive Committee bills for December 31, 2007 and January 31, 2008 as presented to the Committee by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary