

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairman Sorensen, Members Moss, Owens and Selzer

Members Absent: Member Nuckolls

Other Board Members Present: None

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

Elected Officials/
Department Heads: Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer

Others Present: None

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer, presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Financial Reports as of August 31, 2006. She reviewed the Summary of Retailers Occupation, State Income and Personal Property Replacement Tax Revenue, noting the following:

- Retailers Occupation Tax Revenue is at \$3,904,266.71, which is 72.56% of budget and 8.26% over last year.
- State Income Tax Revenue is at \$1,238,990.29, which is 14.72% over last year and 93.45% of budget.
- Personal Property Replacement Tax Revenue is at \$1,145,772.24, which is 5.38% over last year and 93.21% of budget.

Mr. Selzer asked how many more Personal Property Replacement Tax distributions will be received. Ms. McNeil replied that there will be distributions in October and December.

Ms. McNeil advised that these numbers are projected to stay level, if not increase slightly, next year.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance Report for the General Fund. She informed the Committee that the Total Revenue is at \$17,169,980.73, which is 60.16% of budget. Ms. McNeil explained that the reason it is lower than last year is because, last year, a property tax distribution was made on August 31st and this year it was made on September 1st.

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Ms. McNeil reported that the Total Expenditures are at \$18,971,614.99, which is 66.47% of budget. The Fund Balance as of August 31st is \$6,904,070.98.

Motion by Owens/Selzer to accept and place on file the Month-End Financial Reports from the County Treasurer's Office for the month ending August 31, 2006, as submitted.
Motion carried.

Ms. McNeil presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board approving an Extended Leave of Absence Without Pay. Ms. McNeil explained that an employee had a family member pass away and has requested an extended leave of absence. Mr. Zeunik stated that the employee has currently used up all available benefit time. Ms. McNeil estimated that the additional time would be four weeks. She asked that the Committee approve this request.

Motion by Selzer/Moss to recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Approving an Extended Leave of Absence Without Pay.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented a request for approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Public Approval of the Issuance of certain Collateralized Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds and certain Documents in Connection therewith; and Related Matters. He explained that this is the First-Time Home Buyer Down Payment Assistance Program. Mr. Zeunik advised that, besides the Ordinance, additional information on the program is included in the Board Packet.

Motion by Selzer/Owens to recommend approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Public Approval of the Issuance of certain Collateralized Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds and certain Documents in Connection therewith; and Related Matters.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sorensen presented the proposed schedule of Public Hearings on the proposed Smoking Ordinance, as follows:

- Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Lexington Community Center, Lexington, IL (District #1)
- Thursday, October 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Water Tower Place, LeRoy, IL (District #2)
- Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 7:00 p.m., The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course, Bloomington, IL (District #3)
- Thursday, November 2, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Bloomington, IL

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Mr. Zeunik indicated that a sample of the Public Notice was included in the Board Packet, which identifies the dates, times and locations of the Public Hearings. Mr. Zeunik stated that, if approved, the Notice will be sent to The Pantagraph for publication on Thursday, September 21st and Sunday, September 24th.

After some discussion regarding the necessity of holding the fourth meeting, which is scheduled on November 2nd at the Government Center, the Finance Committee decided to hold all four meetings.

Chairman Sorensen indicated that information will be sent to the businesses located in the Unincorporated areas of McLean County that will be affected by the Ordinance. Mr. Zeunik stated that the list is currently being divided up between the various Districts for distribution.

The Committee discussed the procedure in terms of speaking at the Public Hearing. Mr. Zeunik stated that the County does not require notice of intention to speak ahead of time. Rather, a list is available at the door for people to sign up if they wish to speak at the Hearing. Mr. Zeunik indicated that written testimony is also accepted. He noted that a letter will be sent to the people in the various districts advising them that they can present formal testimony at the Public Hearing, send written testimony or respond via the website.

It was the consensus of the Finance Committee to hold the four meetings as described in the Public Hearing Notice.

Mr. Selzer expressed concern regarding the Justice Committee's approval to reduce the annual fee paid by the McLean County Bar Association to the McLean County Law Library Fund, particularly the fact that the reduction would be retroactive to 2005. He advised that he would address the issue at the full Board meeting.

With no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary