

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Owens, Members Rackauskas, Moss, Caisley and O'Connor (arrived at 8:39 a.m.)

Members Absent: Member Butler

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator; Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer and Ms. Peggy Ann Milton, County Clerk

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Owens presented a request for approval of a 2010 Rural Public Transportation Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation and McLean County (SHOW BUS) – Building and Zoning. He noted that this is a yearly grant renewal.

Motion by Caisley/Rackauskas to recommend approval of a 2010 Rural Public Transportation Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation and McLean County (SHOW BUS) – Building and Zoning.
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens presented a request for approval to change the polling place for Precinct, Empire 1 & 2 from Water Tower Place, 212 Pine St., LeRoy, IL to LeRoy Christian Church, 603 S. East St., LeRoy, IL as submitted Ms. Peggy Ann Milton, County Clerk. He noted that Ms. Milton is available to answer any questions.

Motion by Moss/Rackauskas to recommend approval to Change the Polling Place for Precinct, Empire 1 & 2 from Water Tower Place, 212 Pine St., LeRoy, IL to LeRoy Christian Church, 603 S. East St., LeRoy, IL.
Motion carried.

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

Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports for the period ending August 31, 2009, as distributed.

Ms. McNeil advised that the State of Illinois dispersed the Probation Officer salary reimbursement in the amount of approximately \$540,000.00, which is all of the back pay due to the County from December 2008 through March 2009.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Summary of Tax Receipts through August 31, 2009 report, which reflects how financial conditions are affecting revenue on our Sales and Income tax receipts. She noted the following:

August 2009 Revenue:	\$599,019.27
August 2008 Revenue:	\$743,383.25
Difference:	(\$144,363.98)
YTD 2009 Revenue:	\$5,852,726.60
YTD 2008 Revenue:	\$6,629,657.50
YTD Difference:	(\$ 776,930.90)
2009 Annual Budget:	\$9,545,150.00
Budgeted Revenue Per Month:	\$ 795,429.17
Budgeted revenue thru 7/31/09:	\$6,363,433.33
TYD Actual Receipts	\$5,852,726.00
Amount Over (Under) Budget:	(\$ 510,706.73 or -8%)

Ms. McNeil pointed out that the Personal Property Replacement Tax for the month of August was only \$24,000.00 compared to \$146,000.00 a year ago. She noted that she made a phone call to the State and was told that there is a refund fund that did not get distributed for August. That refund will be coming to the County within the next few weeks. Ms. McNeil indicated that all Counties are seeing the same thing. She noted that it was a huge drop for the County, but the funds should be coming in October.

Mr. Wasson stated that, looking back over several years, there have been instances in the past where this lapse in refund has occurred; this is not a unique circumstance.

Ms. Rackauskas asked where the County stands should the budget continue to be in a deficit. Mr. Wasson replied that adjustments were made in the budget in May to address these revenue trends.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Statistics on the Summary of Retailers Occupation Tax, State Income Tax and Personal Property Replacement Tax Revenue Report for the month ending August 31, 2009.

- Retailers Occupation Tax Revenue for August 2009 is \$476,611.11.
- Retailers Occupation Tax Revenue Year to Date is \$3,522,568.16, which is -7.1% below last year and 61.3% of budget.
- State Income Tax Revenue is \$1,214,578.97, which is -15.0% below last year and 63.1% of budget.
- Personal Property Replacement Tax Revenue is \$1,115,579.47 which is -20.9% below last year and 59.7% of budget.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance for period ending August 31, 2009, noting the following:

- Total Revenue year to date as of August 31, 2009 was \$19,277,460.43, which is 58.81% of budget;
- Expenditures were \$21,449,564.71, which is 65.88% of budget;
- The Fund Balance as of August 31, 2009 was \$7,585,284.63.

Ms. McNeil noted that the County is down almost \$1 million on expenditures for 2009 at this time. She indicated that cuts were made across the board on certain expenditures.

Ms. McNeil reviewed the Investment Report, noting that there is nothing new to report on interest rates, which continue to be low.

Mr. Caisley asked how the County is doing with second installment tax collections. Ms. McNeil replied that the due date was last Tuesday and payments are still being processed.

Chairman Owens advised that the County's Devnet system went down the evening before the final property tax installments were due. He indicated that the system was restored by 6:00 p.m. the evening installments were due, and the Treasurer's Office

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was able to post the payments to that day. He complimented Ms. McNeil and the Treasurer's Office staff for their patience and diligence in keeping the office running smoothly. Chairman Owens also complimented Information Technologies for getting Devnet back on line.

Motion by O'Connor/Caisley to accept and place on file the Month-end Financial Reports from the County Treasurer's Office for the month ending August 31, 2009, as submitted.
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens presented the minutes from the August 5, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Moss to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2009 Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens presented the August 31, 2009 Finance Committee bills for review. The Finance Committee bills include a Pending Total of \$2,010.84 and Prepaid Total of \$826,467.89 for a Fund Total of \$828,478.73.

Motion by Moss/Rackauskas to recommend approval of the Finance Committee bills as of August 31, 2009 as recommended by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

The Nursing Home bills include a Pending Total of \$7,687.37 and a Prepaid Total of \$552,184.74 for a Fund Total of \$559,872.11.

Motion by Caisley/O'Connor to recommend approval of the Nursing Home bills as of August 31, 2009 as recommended by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Owens advised that one or two extra Finance Committee meetings need to be scheduled. He noted that, in the past, the Committee has met from 9:00 a.m. to Noon or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Chairman Owens asked the County Administrator's Office to send an e-mail to the Finance Committee members with suggested dates and times. He indicated that he prefers the meeting(s) be in the morning or early afternoon.

Mr. Caisley asked that the Committee request that Ms. Hannah Eisner, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney, prepare an ordinance prohibiting video gambling in McLean County for consideration at the next Finance Committee meeting. He noted that a number of municipalities in DuPage County have done so. Mr. Caisley suggested that a copy of their ordinance could be used as an example for our ordinance.

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Mr. Lindberg stated that a research file has been started on the video gambling issue. He indicated that video poker is expected to provide one third of the funding for the \$30 billion capital bill. If a lot of jurisdictions opt out, there may not be sufficient funds for capital projects. Mr. Lindberg advised that he will determine which Committee has jurisdiction on the issue, whether it be Finance or Executive. He added that the Administrator's Office would develop an ordinance to ban video gambling to be presented at the appropriate oversight Committee meeting.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Owens adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary

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