

APPROVED – APRIL 21, 2010



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 24, 2010 - 4:15 p.m.

McKenzie Building, Jury Commission Room

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chairman James Carius, Russ Crawford, Jan Donahue, Dean Grimm, Mike Harris, Terry Hillegonds, Carroll Imig, Greg Sinn, Terry Von Boeckman

Committee Members Absent: Chairman David Zimmerman, Lincoln Hobson, Tim Neuhauser,

Others: County Administrator David Jones, Sally Hanley

MOTION **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS**
to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION **MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend
RC CB to authorize Acceptance of the Special Warranty.
E-10-11

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY VON**
RC CB **BOECKMAN** to authorize the acceptance for the application
E-10-12 for Public Transportation Financial Assistance for We-Care.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Jones said that the money that We-Care operates on is Federal and State money, not County.

Jim Thompson said that he turns in his requests for funds to the Federal Government.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION **MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY GRIMM** to recommend
RC CB to the County Board to approve an Ordinance to provide for
E-10-13 Public Transportation in Tazewell County.

Jim Thompson said that they have received 6 new vehicles in two years with money coming through several sources. Some

of the vehicles are titled to the county and some of the money is stimulus money,

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
E-10-14**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CRAWFORD to recommend to approve the recommendation by the State’s Attorney and the Administrator on the six-month review of the Executive Session minutes and recordings.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
E-10-15**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY IMIG to recommend to the County Board to approve Comcast ordinance codified as 10 TCC-5.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
E-10-16**

MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY GRIMM to recommend to the County Board to approve Tel-Star Cablevision ordinance codified as 10 TCC-6.

Member Grimm said that he would like to see an occasional audit and Administrator Jones agreed with this and said that both of these agreements allow for a look-back in an audit.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
E-10-17**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY SINN TO recommend to the County Board to approve the Development of Strategic Plan.

Administrator Jones said that there has been talk for some time about developing a strategic plan for the County. Engaging in a strategic plan and process would involve staff participation for identification of priority, with the County Board establishing priorities from the board level that involves major projects that the board wants to get done. There have been delays in the process but there is money in the budget to do this. Jones said that Frank Mackaman does strategic planning and has done so for a number of local governments and that the agreement is to engage his firm to develop a strategic plan.

Jones said that there are a couple of different ways to do this that involves getting all together. It would include meetings in which

the entire board would be invited along with Department Heads and elected county officials. These persons would be instrumental in the front end with the actual execution of the plan being at the Board's discretion. The meetings will be conducted by Mr. Mackaman and his fee for this is \$125 per hour, not to exceed the amount that is budgeted.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
E-10-18**

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY GRIMM to recommend to the County Board to approve a resolution opposing a reduction in the Local Government Distributive Fund Formula.

Administrator Jones said that he attended a meeting in Springfield for Metro County and had a chance to talk to our lobbyist regarding the state budget. The general consensus in Springfield is that it is not gaining a lot of traction right now, but because of the size of the hole at the State budget level, it will probably survive as a proposal through the entire legislative process. It is unlikely this will go away soon but will more likely continue to be brought up as a way to fill the \$3,000,000 and will require diligence.

Member Grimm asked how you would budget for next year and where is the point when you know it is not going to happen.

Jones said that from a budget standpoint, we are about one-third of the way through our fiscal year. The state usually runs over and does not have a full year's budget by the beginning of their fiscal year so Administrator Jones said it would probably be August before we would know for sure. From a budget standpoint, we would not do anything other than what we have already done which is making tough decisions to get the budget in line for the current year. Jones said that he had a Department Head meeting recently and all the department heads are working over their budgets. Jones said that sometime during the summer, we should know whether or not this will actually be implemented and at that time, we will be earnestly starting our budget process here. Jones said that this is really more of a 2011 issue rather than 2010.

Jones said that one of the problems with this proposal is that we are still trying to amend other budget issues such as Probation where we have been subsidizing that at a higher level than had been done historically and efforts to get the state to fund at a statutory level have been less than fully successful.

Administrator Jones said that if we lose 3.3% of the general fund revenue on top of the recessionary impact, this would be extraordinarily difficult to work with and almost impossible to work with in a non-structural way.

Jones said there has been discussion in Springfield between the connection and the cut and the income tax increase. In doing the math, if the income tax rate were moved to 4.5 from 3%, and if all is shared, it would come out about the same. A number of legislators have said that if the income tax increase passes, local governments will be dialed back to be basically revenue neutral but not get the additional increase. The income tax revenue is the revenue source right now that is struggling the most and is not rebounding. Sales tax is rebounding some locally compared to the latter part of 2009. Jones said that even if the state does nothing, we will be taking a hit.

Member Crawford called for the question.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
E-10-19**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CRAWFORD to recommend to the County Board to approve a revolving loan for e-Kelly Ornamental Iron, LLC.

Sally Hanley of the EDC said that the Kelly Ornamental Iron is desiring to move to a new location into a used equipment building and that they are renovating half of the building to give them a more efficient use of their space.

Rick, of Kelly Ornamental Iron, said their business is located on Rte. 24 near Washington. Rick said they were moving as the space they have is not usable for the iron work they perform. Rick said they do a lot of work in the Tri-County area and have a good Chicago market.

Sally Hanley said the loan is for \$70,000 to come from the County's revolving loan fund for five years with a 4 % fixed interest rate.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Member Harris abstained.

MOTION
RC CB
E-10-20

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY DONAHUE
to recommend to the County Board to accept the appointment of
John P. Webb to the Zoning Board of Appeals as (1st Alternate).

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Vice-Chairman Carius recessed the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer