

Minutes approved 01-18-12



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

McKenzie Building - Jury Commission Room

Friday, December 09, 2011 – 3:35 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Zimmerman, Vice-Chairman James Carius, Russ Crawford, Jim Donahue, Mike Harris, Terry Hillegonds, Carroll Imig, Terry Von Boeckman

Committee Members Absent: Dean Grimm, Lincoln Hobson, Tim Neuhauser

### **MOTION**

**MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY IMIG** to approve the minutes of the November 09, 2011 meeting.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

### **MOTION**

E-11-112

**MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS** to recommend to County Board to approve and support the creation of a Mental Health Advisory Committee.

Chairman Zimmerman explained that this is a state mandated issue. The TCHD Administrator submitted six names for the seven member committee. They are not paid and will be responsible to survey the mental health needs.

Crawford asked if we had looked into this committee merging with the Persons with Developmental Disabilities to see if the existing committee meets the state criteria.

Chairman Zimmerman said we would approve subject to calling to investigate. The deadline for forming this Committee was 12-31-11.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

### **MOTION**

E-11-120

**MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to recommend to County Board to approve the resignation of Human Resources Director, Brian Bartsch.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-103

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Joseph Kelley to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-102

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Steve Thompson to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-104

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Terry Hillegonds to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-105

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of K. Russell Crawford to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-106

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of David Zimmerman to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-107

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Dean Grimm to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-108

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Lincoln Hobson to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-109

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Darrell Meisinger to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-110

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Timothy Neuhauser to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-111

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Verne N. Herrman to the Mackinaw Ricer Levee & Drainage District No. 1.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-113

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Terry L. Ziegenbein to the Sheriff's Merit Commission.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

The Committee agreed to recommend approval for appointments to the Mental Health Advisory Committee

**MOTION**  
E-11-114

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Amy Tippey to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-115

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Caterina Richardson to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-116

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Barb Strand to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

**MOTION**  
E-11-117

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Jamie Cates to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-118

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Meagan Bash to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-119

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Patrick Arity to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-122

**MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Ron Conklin to the Lake Arlann Drainage District.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

**MOTION**  
E-11-121

**MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HARRIS** to recommend to County Board to approve the business development loan.

Sally Hanley, EDC for Central Illinois, was present and introduced Johnny Wheat of 4B Elevator. His business has been in East Peoria since 1994 and he has been in the business in a previous location from 1984. The business has grown ever since. It is an agricultural business industry and they ship worldwide. They are growing and will be moving into an existing building in Morton with the potential of an eventual purchase of the building.

Harris asked how a business qualified for the revolving loan fund. Hanley stated that it was available to anyone expanding or creating jobs. This particular loan will create 4 new jobs and retain 6.

Zimmerman stated that the Revolving Loan Fund must be spent in the community. When RLF's go into the community, the client repays the principle and the interest. An infrastructure grant is a new grant from the State of Illinois. In order to apply for the infrastructure grant there has to be an active Revolving Loan Fund.

**On voice vote, motion carried.**

Crawford stated he wanted to share a few mini reports with the Committee. Information was shared that will be included with these minutes regarding Decriminalizing Cannabis, State Supreme Court information on Board size and Salary determination of board of health members and employees

Crawford also asked, if the Committee concurred, for an In-Place on County Board night for an Executive Resolution of Appreciation to Caterpillar for dropping their assessment challenge. If they were successful it would have had a financial impact for Tazewell County. They didn't have to drop their challenge. They did it because they realize there are still tough economic times in both Tazewell and Peoria Counties. He stated that Woodford County is doing this and they have no Caterpillar in their county. Peoria is also supporting this.

Zimmerman stated he disagreed, but if there was a consensus of the Committee we would go forward. He stated it may set a bad precedent. The County does not do resolutions of appreciation to thank taxpayers for paying their taxes.

Harris said they filed against Tazewell County and why thank them for pulling away. He would not support the Resolution.

Zimmerman again stated that it was a business decision. If they had a solid chance of winning they would have likely pursued.

Donahue stated he could see both sides and if other counties are doing this then Tazewell should not be silent.

Zimmerman stated there was an overall consensus in the Committee to do a Resolution of appreciation for dropping

the property assessment challenge. There will be an In-Place Committee meeting on 12-14-11 to complete.

Sinn advised the Committee that at the January Board Meeting there will be an IDOT representative for input on the six routes left.

Donahue stated that he was unsure of the business development loan that was approved and would like additional information on the process. Sally Hanley provided the Committee members with her business card to contact with questions or for discussion. She said the amount of loan is derived by the number of jobs that are created or retained. Business resource events are used to advertise and invite clients in. There is a network of banks and accounting firms involved for a referral to Tazewell County. The RLF needs to be used for economic development.

Chairman Zimmerman recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)