

Minutes approved 06-20-12



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

McKenzie Building - Jury Commission Room

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman David Zimmerman, James Carius, Jim Donahue, Dean Grimm, Mike Harris, Linc Hobson, Carroll Imig, Tim Neuhauser, Greg Sinn, Terry Von Boeckman

Committee Members Absent: Russ Crawford, Terry Hillegonds

Others attending: County Administrator, Mike Freiling

MOTION

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012, April 12, 2012 In Place and April 25, 2012 In Place meetings.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

E-12-41

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve including taxable allowances as IMRF earnings.

County Clerk, Christie Webb, stated this is income such as flat mileage (car allowance) and clothing allowances. It is something that has always been done, however, it was discovered there was no Resolution showing it as adopted. This is considered as income for pension purposes.

Grimm asked if this could be opted out of. Webb stated if it is not passed, we will have to stop paying IMRF on those employees who receive allowances for clothing and car allowances. Webb clarified that this is taxable income under IRS.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-46

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY IMIG to recommend to County Board to approve County Delinquent Tax Resolution.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-47

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY DONAHUE to recommend to County Board to approve the execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association.

Chairman Zimmerman stated this was requested by the Coroner. This is an inter-governmental agreement for the Coroner's that elect to join. There is no cost to the County.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-54

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY DONAHUE to recommend to County Board to approve Emergency Declaration for Property for concrete work for the storm shelter base at the Tazewell County Health Department.

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY CARIUS to amend the total cost from \$13,000.00 to \$13,256.00 as additional work was requested for the ramp and warning strips.

On voice vote, AMENDEMENT APPROVED.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-55

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY DONAHUE to recommend to County Board to approve Emergency Declaration for Transportation to waive formal bidding requirements for bridge repair.

Sinn stated that Highway received four quotes. They are awaiting steel to be ordered. Chairman Zimmerman stated that the cost will be reimbursed by insurance as the bridge was damaged in an accident.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-58

MOTION BY NEUHAUSER, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to recommend to County Board to approve Emergency Declaration for Property to repair the chiller that serves the McKenzie Building and the Courthouse.

Chairman Zimmerman stated that one of the circuits was blown and a compressor was damaged.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-56

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend approval to County Board for the appointment of Monica Connett for the unexpired term for District 1.

Chairman Zimmerman stated that Connett was on the Board previously and is a hard worker and asks good questions.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-49

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve availability of an additional deferred compensation program for Tazewell County employees.

County Administrator Freilinger explained that there are currently three providers. These are 457B plans that the employee owns. There are no county fiduciary responsibilities. IPPFA came to us to request to be authorized as a plan provider. This is an employee decision to invest.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-59

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend to County Board to approve amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines.

Sally Hanley, EDC, stated that the Tazewell County Revolving Loan Fund has a balance that allows increased parameters. The State of Illinois passed a parameter increase approximately ten years ago.

Grimm pointed out that there is a typo in the Resolution in the 5th paragraph, 2nd line. Typo to be corrected.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-60

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend approval to County Board to earmark funds for the Revolving Loan Fund.

Hanley stated that the project being looked at on Wagonseller Road is new money into the county and grant money can be used for that improvement. In order to receive those grant monies, funds have to be earmarked for that project.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-40

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Michael Wurmnest to the Deer Creek Fire Protection District.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-42

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Richard Adams to the Northern Tazewell Public Water District.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-43

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of James Evans to the Northern Tazewell Public Water District.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-44

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Gary Pittenger to the Board of Review.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
E-12-45

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Robert Kieser to the Board of Review.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
E-12-48

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Darrell Meisinger to the Veterans Assistance Commission.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
E-12-51

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Michael Harris to the Board of Health.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
E-12-52

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Michael Godar to the Board of Health.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
E-12-53

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Gary Burton to the Board of Health.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
E-12-50

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Eric Dupree to the Central Fire Protection District.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-57

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Sandy May to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION

E-12-61

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Robert Vogelsang to the Zoning Board of Appeals – First Alternate.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

County Administrator Freilinger stated that Health Plan changes will not require any Board action. County Clerk, Christie Webb, stated these are federal mandates and all are positive for employees.

Freilinger stated he included a memo in the packet for the ICC Extension. He stated that essentially we will be loaning them the 2 million dollars that they will be short this year. Next year there will be an adjustment made. There is no Board action at this time. An inter-governmental agreement will need to be negotiated by the end of next month.

Freilinger stated that in order to fund this loan we will use reserves. There will be no negative impact to County operations. His recommendation is to amend the budget to shift public safety money that can only be used for public safety expenditures that we are currently using general fund dollars for. The goal is to preserve flexibility in the General fund.

Freilinger discussed an Economic Development Professional for Tazewell County. He stated there are two issues and the packet includes a memo explaining. His recommendation is to secure Economic Development services rather than hiring a person. His understanding is there has been enough money appropriated for economic development to fund the cost which is between \$70,000.00 and \$90,000.00. The total cost will not be known until Scope of Work is put out with a Request for Proposal. The County would have to issue an

RFP, receive proposals and make a selection to provide to the County Board.

The second component is the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's HUD Sustainability Community Regional Planning Grant. They currently have a grant and are looking at a Regional economic development strategy. They have been asked to look at a sub-strategy by Peoria County. They are also offering that to all of the counties. If Tazewell County does not participate, they will not develop a sub-strategy for us. The cost of the sub-strategy for Tazewell County is \$18,000.00 and we will have the same benefits that other counties in the Region have.

Harris asked what the funds were for that just went the EDC. Chairman Zimmerman stated that the EDC is undergoing major changes at this time. The proposal before the Committee is for the intervening period as well as the future. Individual communities have a person representing them including rural locations. Tazewell County currently does not have anyone to represent the rural locations of the county. This would be someone to fill in on an interim basis. There are still funds available as EDC was not fully funded this year.

Zimmerman also stated TCRPC received a \$150,000.00 grant for a HUD Sustainability grant which a big part of that is to complete a regional economic development strategy. It will be fairly broad, but within that, if a county wants more drill down they are asking for this additional \$18,000.00 for a specific county's needs.

Neuhauser stated that what we are paying for and what we are receiving from EDC has been discussed. This professional would be housed in Tazewell County that would work on our behalf. Denny Kief is that professional for Peoria County. We still need and want EDC for grants, revolving loan fund, statistics and getting issues to the forefront, etc. During this transition, our local economy appears to be on the upswing and there is real opportunity and Tazewell County has a lot to offer. We don't want a missed opportunity. If we had someone to market our area including rural locations and working with the local Economic Development agencies, this could yield results for us.

Grimm stated that part of the reason TCRPC hired this consultant to measure economic development in this area is that there is not always collaboration between the groups. Grimm is not opposed to bringing in a Tazewell County professional, however we would be adding to an already existing group. Major cities have their own individuals. It is very difficult to measure.

Chairman Zimmerman stated that some of the measurement is abstract, but some is not. Zimmerman stated he would like to proceed to get more information.

County Administrator Freilinger discussed his assignment of developing a Strategic Plan. He is requesting input from the Board. He stated one component is community input including the major initiatives for the County. Focus groups are needed. He would like to see 3 to 6 with at least one in each district. Freilinger would like direction from the Board on the locations and the number of Focus groups to hold. He will find the sites in the selected locations, send out invitations to municipal leaders and work with the press as these sessions will be open to the general public. This is an opportunity for the Board members to hear community input. After the focus groups, a retreat is held to work through the process to identify the priority needs the County wants to accomplish. A strategic plan development can take up to 18 months.

Donahue said that the full board does not need to provide input as it would all be the same suggestions. He would like to see the Board Chairman provide direction to the County Administrator. Chairman Zimmerman stated that could be done. He would look at the four major cities and southern parts of the County. Chairman Zimmerman advised the Committee if they had additional suggestions, please provide to Freilinger and we will proceed forward.

County Administrator Freilinger stated he was asked about responding to legislative issues that were coming out of Committee. There are mechanisms now on-line to weigh in. Direction requested on how Department Heads are to interact with their associations. Zimmerman stated the legislative Committee would discuss with Freilinger.

Chairman Zimmerman recessed the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)