

Minutes approved 08-22-12



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

McKenzie Building - Jury Commission Room

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 – 4:05 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Chairman Zimmerman, Russ Crawford, Terry Hillegonds, Lincoln Hobson

Others attending: County Administrator, Mike Freilinger

## **MOTION**

**MOTION BY NEUHAUSER, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MOTION**

E-12-71

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

It was clarified by Treasurer Burress that this was property that has been sold at auction for delinquent taxes.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

### **MOTION**

E-12-71

**MOTION BY SINN, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to recommend to County Board to approve a commitment to E.D.A. for funding agreement.

County Administrator Freilinger explained that this is a solution that was negotiated with E.D.A. This is for a federal grant for further road improvements to Wagonseller Road. The grant requires that all adjacent property owners sign a Property Valuation Agreement (PVA) to establish that property owners will agree not to sell their properties for more than the current assessed value for a period of no less than five years upon the completion of the road improvement project.

A request was made to waive the signatures required on the PVA's. A compromise was agreed upon in which Tazewell County will complete a Resolution committing not to change the zoning classifications of the affected properties currently zoned as Agriculture and Conservation during this five years. Freezing zoning for agriculture or conservation in that area will meet the requirements and no PVA's will be needed. If zoning is changed, we will be non-compliant with the grant requirements and would likely have to return the grant. All affected property owners were sent a notice providing them with this information and to contact the County with questions. They were also invited to attend this meeting or the County Board meeting on 07-25-12.

Denny Kief, EDC of Central Illinois, stated this would be a \$503,000.00 grant from the Federal government in addition to the \$750,000.00 CDAP grant and the \$859,000.00 IDOT grant for the Wagonseller Road improvement project.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION**  
E-12-69

**MOTION BY SINN, SECOND BY IMIG** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Brian Becker to the Spring Lake Drainage District.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Sinn inquired if a clarification can be made to the media regarding the tax error. He stated the media makes it appear that taxes are being increased to pay for the error. Freilinger stated that the press release was prepared to be honest and truthful. It was the second error in a short period of time and he believes it was managed as well as possible. It was an unfortunate human error.

Neuhauser stated all Board members need to be able to explain what happened and the solution. Board members also need to be supportive of the Treasurer's office when discussing with tax payers. He stated the consequences of this error are not over yet.

Freilinger stated that he will present a Memo of Understanding at the meeting next month. He stated that Burress has the authority to disburse for I.C.C. but he has asked her to wait. If the agreement is received, we can release the payment. The amount is twice as much as anticipated and therefore he will be asking for a two year period instead of a one year period. This will make a big

difference for those with higher valued properties. Letters will be sent to this group of property owners advising of the upcoming financial situation.

This taxing error will affect home buyers and sellers as well as escrow accounts. Auditor Grashoff would like to see it completed in one year instead of two to reduce these things from continuing.

Vice Chairman Carius recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)