

Minutes approved 10-23-13



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

James Carius Community Room – Justice Center
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 – 4:46 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Zimmerman, Tim Neuhauser, Russ Crawford, Jim Donahue, Brett Grimm, Mike Harris, Terry Hillegonds, Carroll Imig, Darrell Meisinger, Greg Sinn, Terry VonBoeckman

Committee Members Absent: Dean Grimm

Others attending: Michael J. Freiling, County Administrator

MOTION

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND DONAHUE to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting and the August 28, 2013 In-Place meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

E-13-114

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve the clarification of Highway reporting structure.

Sinn provided the Committee with handouts including state statute. Sinn stated that Highway is different and there are duties that are regulated by the State with lots of responsibilities. If other duties were added by the County Administrator it could be against State Statute. Sinn provided another handout to show how Highway Departments are ranked all over Illinois and who the engineer reports to.

Crawford read a short statement identifying the pre-County Administrator era as a “silo” impact and that in modern government the Administrator represents the Board and the Board Chairman.

Chairman Zimmerman referred to several similar counties and the reporting structure. He stated our Organizational Chart all lines up with the exception of Transportation.

Redlingshafer inquired of the IDOT relationship. County Engineer, John Anderson, stated there are three State grant funds that require IDOT approval. ASA Holly stated that the state statute requires the County Engineer to report to the County Board and the Board can pass that to the County Administrator. Hiring and firing of an engineer is solely the Board’s authority. Holly stated that the ordinance gives joint supervision to the

Board Chairman and the County Administrator except those appointed by statute. If changed, the ordinance also needs updated to reflect.

Chairman Zimmerman called for a roll call vote clarifying that a “yes” vote would change the reporting structure and a “no” vote would stay the same:

Neuhauser	yes
Crawford	yes
Donahue	no
B. Grimm	no
Harris	yes
Hillegonds	yes
Imig	no
Meisinger	no
Sinn	no
VonBoeckman	no

On roll call vote, **MOTION FAILED.**

MOTION
E-13-115

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve the request from Deer Creek to waive TIF reimbursement for tax year 2012 payable in 2013.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

STRATEGIC PLAN

Freilinger opened the discussion of the strategic plan. He stated that two offices require resources for their plan - the Auditor and Community Development. He provided handouts to Committee members of their Plans. The Finance Budget Committee needs direction from the Executive Committee before taking action.

Harris stated for the Auditor’s plan he understood a CPA to review and recommend. Freilinger stated it is for a part time consultant in the budget. Harris stated he opposed the Economic Development Coordinator. Grimm also inquired if this was yet another level of what is available to municipalities and the regional level.

Chairman Zimmerman stated that this is an appropriation only at this time. Donahue stated he has not seen anything productive yet. He asked that the Board be provided with a total spent for Economic Development programs.

Neuhauser stated there is a presentation on the agenda that may help with the understanding of the goal with this discussion. One of the top

priorities the new Administrator was charged with was creating a strategic plan. Freilinger did the job. Town hall meetings were held for input. Economic development and customer service were the top issues in those meetings. These proposals are appropriations for future planning.

Freilinger asked Denny Kief to speak on the evolvement of Economic Development. A copy of the power point show Kief used was presented to Committee members. Kief stated that the town of Elmwood proves what a good Economic Development staff can do. Hopedale could be our Elmwood but needs the help of ED staff. Economic Development is very competitive. He invited anyone to attend the Technical Workgroups that met on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. There are many Tazewell County municipalities represented there. All work very well as a regional team.

Chairman Zimmerman stated this is again an appropriation for the FY14 budget. This is not a discussion or decision to spend the funds.

iPads

Chairman Zimmerman opened the discussion of iPads for Board members. It would reduce paperwork but was not a requirement for Board members to have. Hillemonds stated he gets his packets via email and they can be in the area of 100 pages. He prints selectively. He stated sometimes he does not print everything and then in a meeting wishes he had. Having an electronic option would be useful.

The overall consensus of the Committee was to leave the appropriation in the budget at this time.

MOTION
E-13-113

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEISINGER to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Jerry Vanderheydt to the Central Illinois Agency on Aging.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
E-13-110

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEISINGER to recommend to County Board to approve the reappointment of Brian Frank to the Mackinaw River Levee and Drainage District No. 1.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Zimmerman pulled Items II A and B off the agenda at this time. He also pulled Item V A at this time as well. He stated these items will come back to the Committee in October.

DISCUSSION Chairman Zimmerman brought the liquor ordinance times for sale up for discussion. He stated that Tazewell County has the beginning sale time of noon on Sunday's. Recently East Peoria approved 10am and Creve Coeur approved 9am. He has been contacted by some County vendors to also change the County time which would be an ordinance amendment.

Chairman Zimmerman advised the Committee that he received the first report on the ProAct prescription discount card that the Board approved. The report indicates that 457 people have used the card for a savings of over \$27,000.

Chairman Zimmerman recessed the meet at 6:16 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)