

Minutes approved 03-18-15



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jury Commission Room – McKenzie Building
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 – 4:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Zimmerman, Monica Connett, Russ Crawford, Jim Donahue, Mike Harris, Terry Hillegonds, Carroll Imig, Darrell Meisinger, Greg Sinn

Committee Members Absent: Tim Neuhauser, Brett Grimm, Dean Grimm, Mike Harris

MOTION **MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY MEISINGER** to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 and the January 28, 2015 In-Place meetings.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
E-15-31 **MOTION BY CONNETT, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to recommend to County Board to approve the appointment of Gary Sciortino to fill the unexpired term from County Board District 1.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
E-15-32 **MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS** to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pekin to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
E-15-33 **MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS** to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Tremont to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
E-15-34 **MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS** to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Washington to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

E-13-35

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Morton to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

E-15-35

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Minier to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

E-15-37

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Mackinaw to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

E-15-38

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of East Peoria to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

E-15-39

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS to recommend to County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Delavan to upgrade digital orthophotography.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION

E-15-41

MOTION BY MEISINGER, SECOND BY CRAWFORD to recommend to County Board to approve Revolving Loan Fund Agreement and Repayment Modification for Precision Laser Manufacturing.

Chairman Zimmerman provided the Committee with some background information. There are two revolving loan funds that are in arrears and we are working with the companies to recover the funds. We would like to lower the interest rate to 3% from 5% and amortize the outstanding balance. PLM opened in 1990 in East Peoria. They also have a shop in Redbud which is by St. Louis. Because of the manufacturing climate PLM will have

to close the East Peoria facility and move all to Redbud. The existing agreement gives us the right to call the loan in 30 days when a business leaves Tazewell. Zimmerman stated it would be very dire to the company. He has met with Sally Hanley of the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council and the owner of PLM and in order to complete the plan to recover any funds the resolution before the Committee needs to be approved.

Hanley explained the 5% was market rate. PLM has experienced some of their prime customers closing which caused financial problems in their East Peoria facility. Continuing the operation in Redbud will allow them to have the resources to re-pay the loan. Chairman Zimmerman stated the loan is approximately \$35,000. The Auditor and Hanley will work together for an exact amount. The original loan was \$80,000 with a seven year term.

Crawford inquired if there was any option of keeping the facility open in East Peoria and closing Redbud. PLM owner explained there are more opportunities in the St. Louis area. Crawford stated there has never been a loan where there was no longer any economic development and he wanted to be comfortable voting for this as PLM will no longer be connected to the area. PLM owner stated his track record would show he has paid his bills until this recent financial struggle. This move will keep him viable. Hanley reminded the Committee that RLF funds came from a state grant. All of the interest returns to the fund to re-loan.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION
E-15-40

MOTION BY CONNETT, SECOND BY CRAWFORD to recommend to County Board to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Agreement and Repayment Modification for Waite Equipment.

Chairman Zimmerman stated this business is also in East Peoria. They make overhead cranes. The owner wanted to be here today but was not able to make it.

Hanley stated they have an out of town partner that does all sales and marketing. They have experience more sporadic payments but now the local partner is in charge of this aspect. Their loan was \$100,000 for ten years. They are approximately \$20,000 in arrears. An ACH has been arranged.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**
Terry Hillegonds abstained.

MOTION

E-15-42

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY MEISINGER to recommend to County Board to approve revisions to the Revolving Loan Recapture Strategy.

Hanley explained the state requires a recapture strategy. Tazewell adopted one many years ago. In 2013 it was included in the application guidelines. She does not feel it should be in the application packet and wants to amend to allow for the existing loan interest rate to be changed or reduced from the original amount and term and to allow the County Board to waive the loan agreements. She stated that DCEO recommended this change.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Zimmerman opened the discussion on public comment at County Board meetings. He stated that according to our current Board rules someone has to contact the Board office five days in advance to address the Board. This is an OMA violation. There has always been an agenda item. Chairman Zimmerman stated the Board rules need to be changed. He is creating an ad-hoc committee to review all rules and ordinances. He has asked John Redlingshafer to chair this Committee. He stated it will be a large task that will likely take several years.

Chairman Zimmerman recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)