

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 5:00pm**

PRESENT: Kurt Prenzler (Chair), Phil Chapman, Mick Madison, Ray Wesley, Mike Walters, Michael Holliday Sr., Brad Maxwell, Tom McRae, Jamie Goggin, Lisa Ciampoli, Erica Harriss, Clint Jones

ABSENT: Don Moore, Gussie Glasper

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Faccin, Matt Brandmeyer, Annette Schoeberle, Patrick McRae, Bruce Cooper, Cynthia Ellis

Chairman Prenzler opened the meeting and roll was taken.

Mr. Madison made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017 regular meeting and the January 24, 2018 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mr. Walters. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Resolution to Accept Transfer of Land from the Collinsville Area Recreation District (CARD) for Property within the Arlington Wetland. Motion to approve by Mr. Maxwell, second by Mr. Madison. Mr. McRae expressed a concern about CARD indebtedness. He asked whether we would assume a portion of CARD's debt if we take responsibility for the property. Matt Brandmeyer, Director of the Planning and Development Department, responded that the contract was reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office, Jeff Ezra. We are not assuming any liability. Questions were raised on whether there is a clear title for the property. Mr. Maxwell asked for a title search to be completed within the next thirty days. Mr. Maxwell then amended his motion, requesting a postponement until a title search has been completed and we receive assurance that there are no liens on the property. Second by Mr. McRae. Motion carried.

Resolution Establishing Salaries for Madison County Elected Officials to be Elected in 2018. Mr. Prenzler called for a motion on the resolution to establish salaries for Madison County elected officials to be elected in November 2018. He informed the committee that there were three separate versions of the resolution and requested the committee review them to determine which resolution is to be adopted. The three versions provided are options which were discussed by the committee members at the September 13, 2017 meeting. They are as follows:

Version 1: continues the two percent pay increases throughout the four-year terms of the officials.

Version 2: provides incremental increases until the salaries of three offices being considered in the resolution (County Clerk, Treasurer, and Sheriff) are equal to the maximum salary already approved in 2016 (\$116,722.27) for FY2019 salaries of the offices of Circuit Clerk, Auditor, Recorder, and Coroner. The County Board Chairman, whose salary was also approved in 2016, will reach a top level of \$107,390.29 in FY2019.

Version 3: freezes the salaries as they currently stand – at \$110,115.20.

Mr. Madison made a motion to approve Version 3. Second by Mrs. Harriss. Mr. Maxwell mentioned that, given the differences in the positions and their responsibilities, he does not understand why all officials are paid the same salary. Chairman Prenzler acknowledged that this issue is something that should possibly be looked into at a future date. It is not currently feasible because the committee must vote on the

new salaries at least 180 days prior to the elections. Mrs. Ciampoli stated that freezing the salaries should not be an issue because candidates know the salary of the position they are running for long before the election. Mr. Wesley expressed concern that, after the cuts the county recently made in the FY2018 budget, a pay raise for elected officials seems hypocritical. Mr. Walters added that salaries and pensions in the public sector exceed those offered in the private sector which, in his opinion, is a problem. Mr. Faccin stated that freezing the salaries of the three elected positions in question would grow the gap between these positions and the four elected offices that have already been approved for a two percent pay raise every year through FY2019. Mr. Holliday questioned why the county doesn't want to reward officials who are doing a good job. Mrs. Harris stated that our public officials are already earning more than Madison County's general population, where the median income is just \$52,000. After extensive discussion by committee members, a roll call vote was taken. The motion to approve version three of the resolution was approved by a vote of 10-1, with Mr. Holliday as the dissenting vote.

Resolution Establishing Salaries for Madison County Board Members to be Elected in 2018. This resolution freezes board member salaries at \$14,495.00 for four more years. Mr. Walters made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wesley. Mr. Holliday made a motion to amend the resolution, providing a two percent raise per year for county board members. There was no second. Motion to approve a four-year freeze on county board member salaries was approved 10-1, with Mr. Holliday as the dissenting vote.

Resolution Authorizing Supervisor of Safety Compensation for Madison County Sheriff. This resolution continues the \$4,000 per year county stipend to the Madison County Sheriff who also serves as County Supervisor of Safety. Motion to approve made by Mr. Chapman with a second by Mr. Holliday. Mr. McRae stated that he doesn't understand why we provide county stipends for any position in addition to their salary. He favors eliminating stipends across the board. Other committee members stated they did not want to freeze the Sheriff's salary and cut his income by \$4000 at the same time. Mr. Madison and Mr. Wesley asked for a list of additional duties for the Supervisor of Safety. Mr. Goggin read the duties from Illinois Statute 55 ILCS 5/3. Resolution to approve continuation of the stipend was approved 7-4.

Ayes: Chapman, Walters, Holliday, Maxwell, Goggin, Ciampoli, Jones
Nays: Madison, Wesley, McRae, Harriss

Resolution Authorizing County Stipends for Regional Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Motion to approve made by Mr. Holliday. There was no second. Mr. Walters made a motion to eliminate the two stipends. Second by Mr. McRae. Mr. Wesley asked what duties go along with these stipends. Illinois Statute 105 ILCS 5/3-2 does not address any additional duties beyond the original responsibilities of the offices. The Statute merely states that counties may pay a stipend for these two positions if they wish to supplement the state-paid salaries. Motion to eliminate these stipends approved 10-1, with Mr. Holliday as the dissenting vote.

New Business:

Mr. Faccin addressed the committee and asked that there be consistency in approval of salaries, specifically when determining the salaries of appointed officials. Mrs. Ciampoli agreed, stating that the Finance Committee should relook the two percent pay raises for appointed officials and possibly reconsider or modify the raises. Mr. McRae and Mr. Jones concurred. This will be discussed at a future Finance Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

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