



Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 11, 2021

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse – 11:00 a.m.
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m., by Chair Bob Olson.

Member Roll Call: Chair Bob Olson, Vice Chair John Nicholson, Jim Schielein, Jim Wentling, Dave Bowers, Marilyn Shippert sitting in for Mike Koppien and Danielle Allen sitting in for Chris Norberg. All were present in person, there were no committee members that attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Members absent: None

Board Members, Department Heads and County Employees present: Jack Skrogstad and Keane Hudson (Board Members), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Dee Duffy (Zoning Administrator), Jonathan Henrickson (IT Intern) and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary), were all present in person, Kasey Considine (Board Member), John Simonton (Sheriff), and Greg Gates (LOTS) all attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Guests: Tyler Coon (Duke Energy Renewables, Developer of the South Dixon Solar LLC Project) and Kyle Barry (Attorney on behalf of South Dixon Solar) were present in person.

Tyler Coon spoke on behalf of the South Dixon Solar Project and provided a brief overview of the ZBA hearings and the ZBA's recommendation to the County Board to approve the project.

Approval of Minutes

The January 2021 Executive Committee minutes were approved without modification.

John Simonton walked the committee through the Criminal Justice Reform Bill draft resolution and letter from the Chairman that he introduced in the Public Safety Committee earlier in the week, which if passed by the County Board, would unanimously oppose the recently introduced Criminal Justice Reform Bill.

Committee Chairs Comments

Each committee chair or board member gave a brief recap of the committee topics that were discussed in the meetings and reported what items would be included on the County Board Agenda. Minutes from each committee meeting will be included in the County Board agenda packet and can be viewed on the Lee County's website 48 hours prior to the monthly County Board meeting.

Marilyn Shippert mentioned that she missed the Public Safety Committee Meeting on Wednesday because she was attending a ceremony at the Reagan Boyhood Home. Marilyn is the President of the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Preservation Foundation and in December the foundation transferred all their property to the Young America Foundation. On Wednesday nine (9) representatives from the Young America Foundation were in Dixon for a tour of the home. The group had lunch at Basil Tree with the former Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker, now CEO of Young America. The group also toured the Loveland Community Building and the Northwest Historic Site. In the future the Young America Foundation plans to bring groups through Dixon to visit for several days and learn the history of former President Reagan.

Announcements:

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Monthly Claim Sheet

The County's claims, the paid in vacation and holiday/sick pay claims, and Per Diem claims were viewed and signed by the committee for approval.

Motion by Marilyn Shippert: To approve claims.

Second by Jim Wentling. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Petitions Coming To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

a. Petition: 21-P-1559, Petitioner: Jared M. Zellhoffer, PPN# 13-21-01-010-005, May Township, requesting special use zoning in Ag-1 agricultural District for construction and farm equipment/machinery sales/service

- b. Petition: 21-P-1560, Petitioner: Jared M. Zellhoffer, part of PPN# 02-15-26-200-002 Amboy Township, requesting map amendment to be zoned from Ag-1 Agricultural District to I-1 Planned Industrial District.

Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- a. Petition: 20-P-1558, Petitioner: South Dixon Solar, PPN#'s found on file. South Dixon Township, requesting special use zoning for a solar farm.

Coming to the Planning Commission: None

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Old Business:

- a. Operators Union 150 Contract
- b. Ordinance: Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for Lee County (held over in January)

New Business

- a. Zoning fee changes
- b. Altered Speed Limit Ordinance – Wild Cat Road
- c. Addendum to Road Use Agreement – Green River Windfarm
- d. Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Shaw Road CIR/HMA Project
- e. Shady Oaks Phase II Wind Farm Road Use Agreement
- f. Big Sky Wind Farm Repower Road Use Agreement
- g. County Matching Fund Appropriation Resolution for Shaw Road CIR/HMA Project
- h. Awarding of bids as listed in the minutes
- i. End of Year Report – Sheriff's Office
- j. Jail Inspection Report
- k. Criminal Justice Reform Bill Resolution
- l. County Grant Coordinator

Appointments:

- a. Resolution: Appointment of Terry Zinke as Weed Control Superintendent
- b. Resolution: Appointment of Mark Appelquist as a Trustee to the Franklin Grove Fire Protection District
- c. Resolution: Appointing James Book as Trustee of the Dixon Community Fire Protection District

Raffle Report:

- a.

Executive Session:

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Motion from Jim Schielein: To enter into Executive Session at 11:51 a.m. for the purpose of discussing 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) personnel.

Second by Marilyn Shippert.

Roll call vote: Chairman Bob Olson, Vice Chairman John Nicholson, Dave Bowers, Jim Schielein, Jim Wentling, Marilyn Shippert and Danielle Allen were all present in person.

Also present: Jack Skrogstad and Keane Hudson (Board Members), Charley Boonstra and Becky Brenner.

Meeting started at 12:05 p.m. following a short break.

Roll call vote back in open session: Chairman Bob Olson, Vice Chairman John Nicholson, Dave Bowers, Jim Schielein, Jim Wentling, Marilyn Shippert and Danielle Allen were all present in person.

Also present: Jack Skrogstad and Keane Hudson (Board Members), Charley Boonstra and Becky Brenner.

Back in open session at 12:15 p.m.

Motion from Marilyn Shippert: To approve the new proposed agenda.

Second by Jim Schielein. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Bowers:

Second by Danielle Allen. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Becky Brenner – County Board Secretary

The next scheduled meeting for the Executive Committee will be 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2021