



Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, March 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, Mike Koppien, Dave Bowers, Jim Schielein, Chris Norberg and Jim Wentling 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 Rick Humphrey (Board Members), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Dee Duffy (Zoning Administrator)(11:00-12:14), Alice Henkel (Zoning Assistant and Renewable Energy Coordinator)(11:00-12:14), John Simonton (Sheriff), Greg Gates (LOTS)(11:00-12:08), Jonathan Henrickson (IT Intern) and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person, Marilyn Shippert (Board Member), Kevin Lalley (EMA)(9:00-11:40) and Andy Shaw (Blackhawk Hills Regional Council) all attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Approval of Minutes

The February 2021 Executive Committee minutes were approved without modification.

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.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the size of the County Board membership the committee voted.

Motion by Dave Bowers: To recommend to the full County Board a reduction in Board Membership from 24 (twenty-four) Board Members to 16 (sixteen).

Second by Jim Schielein. Motion failed 5 to 2. Bob Olson, John Nicholson, Mike Koppien, Chris Norberg and Jim Wentling voting against. Dave Bowers and Jim Schielein voting in favor.

Motion by Chris Norberg: To recommend to the full County Board a reduction in Board Membership from 24 (twenty-four) Board Members to 20 (twenty).

Second by Jim Schielein. Motion passed 4 to 3. Bob Olson, Dave Bowers, Jim Schielein, and Chris Norberg voting in favor. John Nicholson, Mike Koppien, and Jim Wentling voting against.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the solar ordinance item on the agenda.

Motion by Jim Schielein: To table the Ordinance for the Amended Solar Ordinance for 30 days.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Chris Norberg: To send the Ordinance for the Amended Solar Ordinance to full County Board.

Second by John Nicholson. Motion passed 6 to 1. Mike Koppien, Dave Bowers, Chris Norberg, Jim Wentling, Bob Olson, and John Nicholson voted in favor. Jim Schielein voted against.

Announcements:

a.

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. Not included in the per diems that were passed around was a claim for Doug Farster for UCCI. The committee agreed to include it with the others to be submitted in March.

Motion by Chris Norberg: To approve claims.

Second by Mike Koppien. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Petitions Coming To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- a. Petition: 21-P-1561, Petitioner: Haywell, LLC/Tim Hayden, PPN# 19-22-05-300-005, Sublette Township. Petitioner is requesting a special use zoning for the purpose to build a elf-storage facility.

Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- a. Petition: 21-P-1560, Petitioner: Jerad M. Zellhofer, PPN# part of 02-15-26-200-002, Amboy Township. Petitioner is requesting a map amendment for the purpose of conducting a business for construction of agricultural buildings, production of steel roofing, lawn care and landscaping services, and general carpentry.

Motion by Chris Norberg: To send both Zoning petitions to the full County Board.

Second by Mike Koppien. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Coming to the Planning Commission: None

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Old Business:

- a. Ordinance: Establishing a Sped Zone on Wildcat Road (held over from February)
- b. Covid Policy for employees
- c. Zoning fee changes

New Business

- a. Sexual harassment training – Board Members / Per Diem
- b. Resolution: Employee Handbook – updates and revisions by Sikich
- c. Resolution: Regarding the County Board Membership Size
- d. Ordinance: Amending the Regulating Development of Solar Energy Systems Ordinance
- e. Resolution: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates Fiscal Year 2021
- f. LOTS – Greyhound Single Audit
- g. LOTS – Mass Transit District Advisory Committee Update
- h. LOTS – Resolution: Authorizing Execution and amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement
- i. LOTS – Public Transportation Applicant Ordinance
- j. LOTS – Acceptance of the Special Warrantly
- k. Animal Control Kennel Project
- l. Qualified Immunity
- m. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 12-15-001, An Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Lee County Enterprise Zone – Amendment 13 to Addendum “A” Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Description for Recording – Amendment 13 to Addendum “B”

Appointments:

- a. Resolution: Reappointments of Jack Baylor and Richard Griffin to the Board of Trustees of the Ashton Fire Protection District for three-year terms beginning on May 3, 2021 through May 2, 2024.

Raffle Report:

- a. Paw Paw Lions Club

Motion by Chris: To approve the raffle report.

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

Executive Session:

- a.

Motion by John Nicholson: To approve the new proposed agenda.

Second by Dave Bowers. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Koppien:

Second by Dave Bowers. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 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, April 8, 2021