



Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 11:37 a.m., by Chair Bob Olson.

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

Members absent: Chris Norberg

Board Members, Department Heads and County Employees present: Rick Humphrey and Chris Norberg (Board Members), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Kevin Lalley (EMA), Wendy Ryerson (Assessor), Dee Duffy (Zoning Administrator), Jonathan Henrikson (IT Intern) and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were present in person, Marilyn Shippert and Kasey Considine (Board Members), Greg Gates (LOTS), and John Simonton (Sheriff) attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Visitors present: Courtney Kennedy and Chris Henkel (present on behalf of Algonquin Power Co. d/b/a Liberty Power) were both present in person to answer any questions the committee might have.

Approval of Minutes

The April 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.

Announcements:

- a. Bob Sondgeroth, Regional Superintendent, ROE #47

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 Mike Koppien: To approve County claims, paid in vacation, holiday/sick pay, and per diem claims.

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

Petitions Coming To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- a. Petition 21-P-1564, Petitioner: John Thanos, PPN# 11-16-09-100-019 in Lee Center Township. Petitioner is requesting a special use for the purpose of utilizing his property as a private club
- b. Petition 21-P-1565, Petitioner: Lee County Zoning Office. Petitioner is requesting a text amendment to the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance
- c. Petition 21-P-1566, Petitioner: South Dixon Solar, LLC, PPN#'s (found on file), located in South Dixon Township. Petitioner is requesting a special use for a solar farm

Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- a. Petition 21-P-1561, Petitioner: Haywell, LLC/Tim Hayden, part of PPN# 19-22-05-300-005 in Sublette Township. Petitioner is requesting a Special Use for the purpose of constructing a Self-Storage Facility
- b. Petition 21-P-1562, Petitioner: Lincoln Avenue Church of God, PPN# 16-07-09-300-004 & 16-07-09-300-005 in Palmyra Township. Petitioner is requesting a Special Use to utilize the property as a place of worship

Coming to the Planning Commission: None

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Old Business:

- a. Ordinance: County Administrator Job Description (held over in April)
- b. Ordinance: Amending the Regulating Development of Solar Energy Systems (held over in April)

New Business

- a. Discussion – American Rescue Plan Act Grant Coordinator
- b. FOP Contract Approval
- c. GIS Recording Fee – Cost Study
- d. Ordinance: Revision of GIS Recording Fee (hold over until June)
- e. Assessment Office – New Employee
- f. Shady Oaks 2 – Request for the County to Accept a Letter of Credit in Lieu of an Escrow Account for the Decommissioning Plan
- g. Resolution: Opposition to Senate Bill 1602
- h. Resolution: Amending the Department of EMA to a Division of the Lee County Sheriff's Office
- i. Resolution: Salary of the County Engineer
- j. Wipfli – Fiscal Year 202 Audit Presentation
- k. Memorandum of Understanding with Highway Department, Health Department, and LOTS for Syndeo Bills
- l. Big Sky Wind Road Use Agreement

Appointments:

- a. Appointment of Tom Wilson to the County Board
- b. Appointment of Donald J. Dinges as Trustee of the Sublette Fire Protection District
- c. Appointment of Norris Tucker Jr. as Commissioner of the Lee County Housing Authority
- d. Appointment of Norma Jean Brechon as Commissioner of the Lee County Housing Authority

Raffle Report:

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Executive Session

Motion from Mike Koppien: To enter into Executive Session at 12.20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) personnel.

Second by John Nicholson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Roll call vote: Chair Bob Olson, Vice Chair John Nicholson, Jim Schielein, Danielle Allen, Mike Koppien, and Jim Wentling were all present in person.

Also present: Rick Humphrey, Chris Norberg, Charley Boonstra and Becky Brenner were present in person, Marilyn Shippert and Kasey Considine attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Meeting started at 12:22 p.m. after a short break.

Roll call vote back in open session: Chair Bob Olson, Vice Chair John Nicholson, Jim Schielein, Danielle Allen, Mike Koppien, and Jim Wentling were all present in person.

Also present: Rick Humphrey, Chris Norberg, Charley Boonstra and Becky Brenner were present in person, Marilyn Shippert and Kasey Considine attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Back in open session at 12:41 p.m.

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

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

Motion to adjourn by Danielle Allen:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:43 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, June 10, 2021