



Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 9, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 11:04 a.m., by Chair Bob Olson.

Member Roll Call: Chair Bob Olson, Vice Chair John Nicholson, Jim Schielein, Chris Norberg, Arlan McClain, and Mike Koppien were present in person.

Members absent: None

Board Members, Department Heads and County Employees present: Marilyn Shippert and Keane Hudson (Board Members), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Jennifer Boyd (Assessor), Dee Duffy (Zoning Administrator), Jonathan Henrikson (IT) and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were present in person. Greg Gates (LOTS) attended the meeting via Zoom video conferencing.

Visitors: Courtney Kennedy, Amber Miller and Keith Bolin representing National Grid Renewables and Junction Solar, formerly Geronimo Energy (11:00-11:12).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by John Nicholson: To approve the August 2021 Executive Committee minutes.

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

Courtney Kennedy explained that on May 21, 2019, the County Board approved petition# 19-P-1545, a 100-megawatt solar farm project proposed to be constructed on 750 acres in Alto and Reynolds townships, by Junction Solar. Junction Solar is requesting an extension on their special use permit due to COVID-19 delays in the project and felt that they fit the provisions in the approved petition as "substantially underway". The company was requesting a two (2) year extension through May 21, 2024.

Motion by John Nicholson: To approve a two (2) year extension of the Special Use Permit for Junction Solar, petition# 19-P-1545.

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

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.

The committee discussed the Resolution regarding the Board Rules and Procedures Revisions, and the vote was not to add the item to the agenda in September but instead have a Special Executive Committee meeting to discuss the revisions in more detail.

Motion by Chris Norberg: To put the Resolution: Board Rules and Procedure Revisions on the agenda for full County Board vote.

Second by Jim Schielein. Roll call vote: Bob Olson – No, John Nicholson – No, Mike Koppien – No, Jim Schielein – Yes, Chris Norberg – Yes, Doug Farster – Yes. Motion failed 3 Yes and 3 No.

Dee Duffy explained that eight (8) of the ten (10) petitions coming from the ZBA were being recommended for approval for map amendments to Ag-1 Agricultural District. However, 5 (five) of these parcels were located at the intersection of route 251 and 30, which is an appealing location for development. Because of the potential for development, she was withdrawing the request for the map amendments for these 5 (five) parcels. Dee went on to explain that Petitions 21-P-1573 and 1574 were denied the Ag-1 Agricultural District map amendment request. The ZBA was requesting that the owner of these two parcels report every three months to

the Zoning Administrator on the progress made to the adult entertainment establishment, giving the owner a chance to continue the use.

Motion by John Nicholson: To approve only Petitions 21-P-1567, 21-P-1575, and 21-P-1576 for the County Board agenda.

Second by Chris Norberg. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

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

Announcements:

- a. Robert Thompson – 25 Year Plaque Presentation
- b. Angela Lillpop – 25 Year Plaque Presentation
- c. Julie Morgan – 25 Year Plaque Presentation

Petitions Coming to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None

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- a. Petition 21-P-1567, Petitioner: Lee County Zoning Office. PPN# 19-22-25-400-004 in Sublette Township. Petitioner is requesting a map amendment from I-2 General Industrial District to Ag-1 Agricultural District.
- b. Petition 21-P-1575, Petitioner: Lee County Zoning Office. PPN# 11-16-20-200-005 in Lee Center Township. Petitioner is requesting a map amendment from Special Use to Ag-1 Agricultural District.
- c. Petition 21-P-1576, Petitioner: Lee County Zoning Office. PPN# 12-14-12-300-006 in Marion Township. Petitioner is requesting a map amendment from Special Use to Ag-1 Agricultural District.

Coming to the Planning Commission: None

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Old Business:

- a. Ordinance: Regarding Non-Highway Vehicles in the County of Lee, Illinois (held over in August)

New Business

- a. Four (17) Joseph E. Meyer Resolutions
- b. ARPA Election equipment bid of \$197,750
- c. ARPA LEC Driveway Expansion \$17,200
- d. Tuck-pointing change order with Berglund
- e. Resolution: Regarding Extension of Special Use Permit, Junction Solar, LLC.
- f. Resolution: Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems

Appointments:

- a. Resolution: Labor Relations Committee Appointments
- b. Resolution: American Rescue Plan Act Appointments
- c. Resolution: Renewable Energy Committee Appointments

Raffle Report:

- a. Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Center

Approval of New Proposed Agenda

Motion by Jim Schielein: To approve the new proposed agenda.

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Doug Farster:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 a.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, October 15, 2021