

Administration Committee Meeting Report (submitted 4-16-12)

Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Henry County Courthouse, North Court Jury Room 102J.

Members present: Roger Gradert, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant, Kippy Nelson and Tom Steele. Members absent: None. Ex-Officio members present: None. Others present: Steve Wells, Bill Phillips, Deb Doss and Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator.

Chairman Gradert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Gradert moved to approve the agenda moving Item VI. C. Alternative Labor Attorney Options to Item IV. and moving all other items down, Member Sturtevant seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Sovanski moved that the March 7, 2012, March 26, 2012 and April 5, 2012 Administration Committee meeting minutes be approved as printed, Member Sturtevant seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

There was no public comment.

A brief recap of the interviews held on March 26, 2012 with labor attorneys was given. Deb Doss gave an overview of conversations she held while checking references for the labor attorney candidates. Ms. Doss indicated her labor attorney preference would be Art Eggers. The Committee continued discussing the attorney options. Member Nelson moved to recommend the County Board approve Mr. Richard Stewart with the law firm Hesse Martone of Springfield, IL as the new labor attorney for Henry County at a cost of \$200.00 per hour, Member Sturtevant seconded, motion carried 4 yes and 1 no. Following discussion, the Committee agreed a retainer fee was not requested and is not necessary.

Ms. Doss left at 6:35 p.m.

Steve Wells reported: 1) Maintenance Department is continuing routine cleaning/maintenance duties; 2) The jail camera project is approximately 99% complete; and 3) A section of the dock at the jail entrance will need to be rebuilt.

Member Steele moved to recommend to the Finance Committee the March building/insurance claims in the amount of \$22,855.45, Member Sovanski seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Under old business, Courthouse repairs were discussed. Bill Phillips reported the tuckpointing project is approximately 50% complete and is anticipated to be completed by the first week in May.

The roof repair bids were opened on April 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with two bids being received. After review, Mr. Phillips has recommended acceptance of the low bid provided by Sterling Commercial Roofing. Member Sovanski moved to recommend the County Board award the roof repair project to Sterling Commercial Roofing of Sterling, IL in the amount of

\$265,000.00, Member Steele seconded. Discussion was held. Chairman Gradert moved to amend the motion to include awarding the alternate bid #1 to Sterling Commercial Roofing in the amount of \$4,100.00, based on necessity as determined by Phillips and Associates and the Henry County Maintenance Manager, Member Nelson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. With no further discussion on the main motion, all were in favor and motion carried. (see attached bid sheet) Member Nelson moved to authorize W.F. Scott Decorating, Inc. to paint the hip covers for \$1,000.00, Member Steele seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Ms. Gillaspie provided an overview on the status of the DCEO grant application.

Review of premium cost-sharing for the worker's compensation premium shall be held over until the May Committee meeting.

Discussion on the recommendation to create a labor negotiating team versus the current use of the Administration Committee continued. The UCCI attorney gave a seemingly vague and differing on the issue that the State's Attorney and therefore guidance from the Attorney General's Office was requested. The UCCI attorney received such correspondence and restated their opinion which didn't seem to completely answer the pertinent questions. Therefore, the State's Attorney was asked to request a formal opinion from the Attorney General's Office which he indicated could take months. The results will be reported back as soon as they are available.

The Committee was informed that the Village of Cambridge accepted the purchase counter proposal submitted. A formal agreement has been drafted and has been initially reviewed by the State's Attorney and Ms. Gillaspie. The Committee set a special meeting for Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 5:45 p.m. in North Court Jury Room 102J to make a final recommendation on the draft purchase agreement.

Under new business, the Committee reviewed and discussed the February Reinsurance, Loss Control and Administration Expense Reports and the March Health Care Plan Fund Claims and Health Care Plan Fund Balance Reports. (on file) Member Steele moved to recommend the County Board approve the agreement between Methodist First Choice, Inc. and Henry County, Member Sovanski seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see enclosed)

There were no labor issues to discuss.

The next regular Administration Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room #303C, third floor, Courthouse.

With no further business to discuss Member Sturtevant moved to adjourn, Member Steele seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator