

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 06-11-07)
Saturday, June 9, 2007, 8:00 A.M., North Court Jury Room

Members present: John Sovanski, Tom Steele, Jim Kursock, Tom Nicholson, Jesse Crouch, Kippy Nelson, Jim King, Jan May and Jim Eccher. Member absent: Ann DeSmith. Others present: Dick Erickson, County Administrator.
Press: Lisa Hammer.

Chairman Sovanski called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. The agenda was approved with the additions under item III. Old Business: B. U of I Educator Position; IV. New Business: A. Village Ordinance violation notice; B. Courthouse parking lot; and C. Kewanee/Annawan EZ application. Member Crouch made a motion to approve the May 5, 2007 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member Nicholson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

The following Standing Committees presented information and/or an overview of reports to be submitted at the June 12, 2007 County Board meeting: Public Safety, Planning/Development, Communications, Health & Social Services, Transportation, Finance and Administration. (see Committee reports)

Chairman Sovanski reported on the actions of the HCEDP. The Partnership minutes (enclosed in the County Board packets) state: 1) The HCEDP and QCDG could not reach an agreement for services resulting in a 50% reduction in dues; and 2) The HCEDP approved a motion to continue funding the QCDG dues at 100% and to request that the County fund the U of I Community and Economic Development Educator position. Member Nicholson explained that the County Board took action at the May meeting to: 1) Reduce QCDG funding 50%; and 2) Put into operation the U of I Community and Economic Development Educator position. As a result of the QCDG's decision not to negotiate any reduction in dues and the County Board actions, Chairman Nicholson sent notice to the QCDG terminating marketing services effective June 1, 2007. The Executive Committee agreed to continue with the application process for a U of I Educator. The Educator position will report to the Henry County Economic Development Partnership.

County Board Chairman, Tom Nicholson, distributed a proposal from Whitt Law LLC to provide legal services regarding future and current TIF's. The Committee discussed the hiring of an additional Assistant State's Attorney to handle civil matters on behalf of the County. Chairman Nicholson asked the membership to review the information for future consideration.

The Committee reviewed and discussed a notice from the Village of Cambridge to the Administration Committee requesting that the police cars and other vehicles at the Sheriff's Department that are not in compliance with the Village's abandoned vehicle ordinance be removed. (on file) Member Nicholson moved to

send the notice and a letter to Sheriff Cady asking that he comply with the ordinance and that he report to the Executive Committee at the July 7th meeting how he will comply, Member Eccher seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

The Committee reviewed and discussed an optional Courthouse Parking Lot Plan as proposed by the Village of Cambridge. (on file) The Executive Committee concurred with the Administration Committee's recommendation to reject the optional proposal from the Village and to continue with the County's original plan for a parking lot as provided for in the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County and Village dated May 14, 2002.

Dick Erickson reported that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has not take any action regarding the proposed extension of the Kewanee Enterprise Zone (EZ) to Annawan. Patriot Resources would appreciate any assistance that Board Members could offer in support of the EZ application.

The next Executive Committee meeting was set for Saturday, July 7, 2007, at 8:00 A.M., in the North Court Jury Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Erickson, County Administrator