

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 3-9-10)
Saturday, March 6, 2010, 8:00 A.M., North Court Jury Room

Members present: Tom Nicholson, Pat Ripperger, Jim Kursock, Kippy Nelson, Jim Eccher, Ann DeSmith, Tom Steele and Jan May. Members absent: John Sovanski. Others present: Jesse Crouch, Bill Preston and Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator

Acting Chairman Nicholson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Member Eccher moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Pioneer Hi-Bred Appeal under New Business to Item C. and moving Review of closed session meeting minutes to Item D. Member Steele seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Steele made a motion to approve the February 6, 2010 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member May 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 March 9, 2010 County Board meeting: Transportation, Plan/Dev, Administration, Communication, Public Safety and Health & Social Services. (see Committee reports) Finance Committee meets Monday, March 8, 2010 at 8:15 a.m.

Member Nelson moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel, Member Ripperger seconded, all were in favor and motion carried, 8 yes – T. Nicholson, J. Eccher, J. Kursock, T. Steele, K. Nelson, P. Ripperger, A. DeSmith and J. May; 0 no; 1 absent – J. Sovanski.

Member Eccher moved to return to open session at 8:31 a.m., Member Kursock seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Under old business, Member Nelson moved to recommend County Board approve the revisions to the EEO Policy and Section 504 Grievance Procedure, Member Kursock seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see enclosed documents)

Member Ripperger moved to recommend County Board approve the revisions to the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator job descriptions, Member Kursock seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see enclosed job descriptions)

The Committee continued discussion on the request from Iberdrola to expand the Kewanee Enterprise Zone to encompass the Iberdrola wind farm. It was determined that no action was needed at this time. Ms. Gillaspie will determine through proposals if special legal counsel would be feasible and will report back to the Committee.

Under new business, Member DeSmith moved to recommend County Board approve the Resolution Continuing a Cooperative Tourism Agreement between Henry County and the Henry County Tourism Bureau, Member May seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see attached)

The Henry County Tax Abatement Policy was distributed. Acting Chairman Nicholson indicated he would like a cost/benefit analysis to be completed on this policy, but will have a formal proposal at the April meeting.

The Committee discussed the Pioneer Hi-Bred appeal. It was decided that Lindi Kernan, County Assessor, and the Board of Review members would be invited to the March County Board meeting where the issue could be discussed under closed session.

Review of the closed session meeting minutes was tabled until the April meeting.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting was set for Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 8:00 A.M., in the North Court Jury Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse.

With no further business, Member Kursock moved to adjourn, Member Eccher seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator