

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 4-15-10)
Saturday, April 10, 2010, 8:00 A.M., North Court Jury Room

Members present: Tom Nicholson, John Sovanski, Pat Ripperger, Jim Kursock, Kippy Nelson, Jim Eccher, Ann DeSmith, Tom Steele and Jan May. Members absent: None. Others present: Bill Preston and Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator

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

Member Kursock moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Per Diem/Mileage Review Update under New Business Item D., Member Eccher seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Nicholson made a motion to approve the March 6, 2010 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member Nelson 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 April 20, 2010 County Board meeting: Transportation, Plan/Dev, Administration, Communication, and Health & Social Services. (see Committee reports) Finance Committee meets Monday, April 12, 2010 at 8:15 a.m. and Public Safety Committee meets Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Under old business, Member Nicholson moved to recommend temporarily suspending the Henry County Tax Abatement Incentive Policy pending a comprehensive review of its overall effectiveness, Member Eccher seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (policy enclosed)

Member Eccher left at 8:45 a.m.

Member Nelson moved to go into closed session to review closed session meeting minutes at 8:45 a.m., Member Nicholson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried, 8 yes – T. Nicholson, J. Sovanski, J. Kursock, T. Steele, K. Nelson, P. Ripperger, A. DeSmith and J. May; 0 no; 1 absent – J. Eccher.

Member Steele moved to return to open session at 8:53 a.m., Member Kursock seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Steele moved to release the minutes of July 11, 2009, September 5, 2009, October 10, 2009 and March 6, 2010, Member Nicholson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Under new business, Member Nicholson moved to recommend County Board approve the Rural Revolving Loan Fund Resolution, Member Ripperger seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (attached)

Cable franchise agreements were discussed. The Committee requested additional information and will continue discussion at the May meeting.

The employment of a TIF attorney was discussed and how it related to agreed upon services with Whitt Law. The Committee requested quotes for services be obtained and reported back at the May meeting.

Ms. Gillaspie completed the requested audit of the Per Diem/Mileage for County Board members from October 2009 to January 2010. After reviewing the submissions, there were no apparent discrepancies found. There were no per diem payments that were unaccounted for. Two overall questions pertaining to mileage procedures were raised as a result of this audit. One, there is no definition of where mileage should be taken from. (i.e. always beginning from home, from where you are when you leave for a meeting, leaving from work, etc.) Two, without using a typical mileage calculation program such as Mapquest, the mileage submitted could not be determined. If such programs are used, they only show the most direct route and possibly not the route chosen. Therefore, it is difficult to establish the actual mileage from a County Board member's home address as being "acceptable". The Executive Committee discussed these questions as well as the necessity to link the mileage reimbursement rate to the IRS standard mileage rate.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting was set for Saturday, May 8, 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 Nelson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator