

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 2-13-12)
Saturday, February 11, 2012, 8:00 A.M., North Court Jury Room

Members present: Kippy Nelson, Dennis Anderson, Tim Wells, Ann DeSmith, Roger Gradert, Rick Livesay, Bill Preston Jason Desplinter (at 8:08 a.m.) and Karen Urick (at 8:32 a.m.). Members absent: None. Others present: Colleen Gillaspie.

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

Member Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, Member Preston seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Wells made a motion to approve the January 7, 2012 Executive Committee meeting minutes as revised (on file), Member Livesay seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Ms. Cathy Foes, Henry County Tourism Bureau Director, presented activities and accomplishments of the Tourism Bureau. (on file) The tourism website is located at www.visithenrycounty.com for further information. A relocation guide is being created in collaboration with Leo Dion, Peace Corp Fellow for the Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP).

Member Desplinter arrived.

Member DeSmith moved to recommend the County Board approve the resolution continuing a cooperative tourism agreement between Henry County and the Henry County Tourism Bureau, Member Anderson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (attached)

Member DeSmith made a motion to recommend the County Board approve the intergovernmental agreement to share hotel tax between the City of Clona and Henry County, Member Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (attached) It was stated that dialogue regarding the sharing of hotel tax between the Tourism Bureau and the City of Geneseo would continue in February.

Member Urick arrived.

The following Standing Committees presented information and/or an overview of reports to be submitted at the February 14, 2012 County Board meeting: Public Safety, Plan/Dev, Health & Social Services, Administration, Transportation and Communication. (see Committee reports) Finance Committee will meet Monday, February 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Member Anderson left at 9:00 a.m.

Under old business, the Committee reviewed draft revised County Board Standing Committees and discussed opinions from Standing Committees. Following

discussion, it was requested other counties be contacted to determine how their Committee structures work. Discussion of this item as well as the review of the management chart will continue at the March Committee meeting. This will allow the Transportation, Public Safety and Finance Committees to discuss the draft revisions with their Committees as needed.

The policy established in January for the disbursement of information received by the Administration Office was reviewed. It was stated that the County Administrator should now disperse the information with follow-up instructions to the appropriate Department Head, Committee Chair and the Chairman of the Board only. The Committee Chair will continue to decide how to disperse the information to Committee members.

Under new business, the enterprise zone expansion for Phase II of the wind farm needed revised. Member Gradert moved to recommend the County Board approve the intergovernmental cooperation agreement amendment between Henry County and the City of Kewanee for the expansion of the Kewanee Enterprise Zone to Bishop Hill Energy LLC II, Member DeSplinter seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (attached)

Member Urick moved to recommend the County Board approve the amendment to the ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone in the County of Henry, Member DeSmith seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (attached)

Member Wells had no County Board Chairman comments.

Member DeSplinter discussed HB1294 and its affect on gun manufacturing in Henry County and the State of Illinois. Member Gradert moved to recommend the County Board send a letter of opposition for HB1294, Member Urick seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (draft letter attached) This letter was requested to be sent to all state legislators and representatives, United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI), Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP), Henry County Tourism Bureau, local Chambers of Commerce, local communities, IL Chamber of Commerce and surrounding counties.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting was set for Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 8:00 A.M., in the North Court Jury Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse.

With no further business, Member Livesay moved to adjourn, Member DeSplinter seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator