

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 3-10-14)
Saturday, March 8, 2014, 8:00 A.M., North Court Jury Room

Members present: John Sovanski, Roger Gradert, Dennis Anderson, Ann DeSmith, Don DeDobbelaere (arrived at 8:06 a.m.) and Tim Wells (arrived at 8:06 a.m.). Members absent: Jo Anne Hillman, Rick Livesay and Karen Urick. Others present: Ted Sturtevant, Charlene Sovanski, Teresa Cherry, Phil Banaszek, Mark Lohman, Cathy Bizzari and Colleen Gillaspie.

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

A quorum was not available to approve the agenda or the minutes.

There was no Public Comment.

Member DeDobbelaere and Member Wells arrived.

The following Standing Committees presented information and/or an overview of reports to be submitted at the March 13, 2014 County Board meeting: Communications, Health & Social Services, Administration, Transportation Plan/Dev and Public Safety (see Committee reports). The Finance Committee will be meeting Tuesday, March 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Under old business, Member Wells discussed the draft WIA #13 CEO agreement which was distributed to the Committee. Mr. Phil Banaszek, Ms. Cathy Bizarri, Mr. Mark Lohman and Ms. Teresa Cherry expressed questions and opinions regarding the CEO agreement creation process and the current CEO agreement, which was explained, does not expire until 2021. It was stated, per DCEO, if a new agreement is not reached by April 1, 2014, a 3rd party will be brought in to negotiate an agreement. Member DeSmith moved to send the current draft CEO agreement to DCEO with a request that they review the draft and to request a two-month extension of the deadline to June 1, 2014, Member Anderson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Teresa Cherry, Phil Banaszek, Mark Lohman and Cathy Bizzari left at 8:48 a.m.

The draft revisions to the Rules of the County Board were discussed. Member Roger Gradert moved to include in the draft revisions of the County Board rules a line of succession for the County Board Chairman position which entails the County Board Chairman first, the Vice Chairman of the County Board second and the Administration Committee Chairman third, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. The draft revisions will be submitted next month following review by the State's Attorney.

The Committee discussed establishing a County Board Memorial fund. Ms. Gillaspie created draft parameters for such a fund including uses, requested annual donation range, how the fund should be established, a listing of authorized signors, who would

authorize purchases and what to do with unspent annual balances (on file). Member Anderson moved to recommend the County Board Memorial Fund be created according to the recommended parameters including the addition of language requiring an annual review of the Fund and establishing a specific annual donation, Member Roger Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. Ms. Gillaspie will create an outline of the fund for the April Executive Committee meeting.

Under new business, Member Wells informed the County Board that the May County Board meeting is currently planned to be held at the Colona grade school.

Charlene Sovanski left at 9:07 a.m.

Member DeSmith moved to go into closed session to review closed session meeting minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(120) at 9:07 a.m., Member Anderson seconded; 6 yes – D. Anderson, D. DeDobbelaere, A. DeSmith, Roger Gradert, T. Sturtevant, T. Wells and J. Sovanski and; 0 no; 3 absent – J. Hillman, R. Livesay and K. Urick.

Member Anderson moved to return to open session at 9:09 a.m., Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member DeSmith moved to release the closed session meeting minutes from June 8, 2013, September 7, 2013 and October 5, 2013, Member Roger Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

There were no Executive Board Comments made.

County Board Chairman comments were made.

Member Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as revised, Member Roger Gradert seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member DeSmith made a motion to approve the February 8, 2014 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member Anderson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting was set for Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the North Court Jury Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse.

With no further business, Member Roger Gradert moved to adjourn, Member DeDobbelaere seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator