

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 9-13-16)

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 8:00 A.M., Henry County Courthouse, North Court Jury Room 102J

Members present: Kippy Breeden, Roger Gradert, Rick Livesay, Jan May, Ann DeSmith, Lynn Sutton, Marshall Jones and Loren Rathjen (at 8:04 a.m.). Members absent: Dennis Anderson. Ex-Officio Member present: None. Others present: Colleen Gillaspie.

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

Member DeSmith moved to approve the agenda as printed, Member Sutton seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member May made a motion to approve the August 8, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member Sutton seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

There were no Public Comments.

The following Standing Committees presented information and/or an overview of reports to be submitted at the September 15, 2016 County Board meeting: Communications, Administration, Health & Social Services, Transportation and Public Safety (see Committee reports). The Plan/Dev Committee will be meeting immediately following the Executive Committee meeting and the Finance Committee will be meeting Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Under old business, the Committee discussed the ad hoc Public Safety Sales Tax referendum committee. Participants for the trivia night September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Kewanee American Legion are still being requested.

The Committee continued discussion on the motion held over at the County Board regarding the economic development program. Extensive discussion was held pertaining to the Henry County Tourism Bureau and the overall presentation of the proposal.

Member Gradert discussed a grant opportunity through Bi-State Regional Commission to review greenway and trails planning to date, update information and complete a comprehensive greenway and trails plan (on file). Member Sutton moved to authorize Bi-State Regional Commission to apply for the ILDOT State Rural Transportation Planning Funds to complete Henry County area greenways and trails planning and Fostering Cooperative Trails initiatives, Member Livesay seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Under new business, Colleen Gillaspie reviewed an agreement for technical services and assistance for help in creating the enterprise zone application as

requested by the City of Kewanee. This item will be held over for further information gathering.

Member Rathjen reviewed potential revisions to the Standing Committees as established by the Rules of the County Board. Ms. Gillaspie will create a draft of the revisions discussed for potential action at the October committee meeting.

Member Gradert moved to recommend the County Board approve the proclamation recognizing September 5, 2016 as Labor Day, Member Sutton seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

There were no closed session meeting minutes to review.

Ms. Gillaspie distributed an overview of activities within the Administration Office for the month of August.

There were no Executive Board comments.

County Board Chairman comments were made.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting is set for Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the North Court Jury Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator