

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 11-9-16)

Monday, November 7, 2016, 7:00 P.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, Ted Sturtevant and Kelli Parsons. Members absent: Loren Rathjen. Ex-Officio Member present: None. Others present: Bill Preston and Colleen Gillaspie.

Chairman Breeden called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.

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

Member DeSmith made a motion to approve the October 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 November 14, 2016 County Board meeting: Plan/Dev, Communications, Administration, Health & Social Services, Transportation, Public Safety and Finance (see Committee reports).

Under the Communications report, Member Sutton moved to go into closed session at 7:38 p.m. per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of Henry County, Member Gradert seconded; 9 yes – M. Jones, J. May, T. Sturtevant, R. Livesay, R. Gradert, L. Sutton, K. Parsons, A. DeSmith and K. Breeden; 0 no; 1 absent – L. Rathjen.

Member Jones moved to return to open session at 7:55 p.m., Member May seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Under old business, the Committee discussed the Public Safety Sales Tax referendum.

Colleen Gillaspie informed the Committee the Rural Revolving Loan Fund 5-Year Plan could be approved as is as the pending EDA guideline changes may take up to two years for potential review and implementation according to the RRLF Administrator. Member Gradert moved to recommend the County Board adopt the Rural Revolving Loan Fund 5-Year Plan, Member Jones seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

Under new business, Member Sutton moved to recommend the County Board approve the proclamation designating December 2016 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving

Prevention Month, Member Jones seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

Member DeSmith moved to recommend the County Board approve the FY17 Holiday Schedule, Member Sutton seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

Member Sutton reviewed the enterprise zone ordinance including intergovernmental agreement. Member Jones moved to recommend the County Board adopt the ordinance establishing an enterprise zone in Kewanee, Galva, Geneseo, Atkinson, Annawan, Cambridge, Orion, Woodhull and Henry County, Member May seconded. Discussion was held.

Member Gradert moved to amend the motion to strike the language referring to the abatement of taxes for five years and insert language allowing a graduated tax abatement starting at 100% abatement the first year and graduating in abatement reductions by 20% per year until the abatement is eliminated and striking all reference to free permitting, Member DeSmith seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Returning to the amended main motion, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

The Committee reviewed the draft travel, meal and lodging expense ordinance required by the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. It was suggested that language be included stating alcohol purchases are disallowed for reimbursement. Member Jones moved to recommend the County Board adopt the ordinance establishing the reimbursement of all travel, meal and lodging expenses of officers and employees of Henry County, with the addition of alcohol language described above, Member Sturtevant seconded, all were in favor and motion carried (attached).

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

Executive Board comments were made.

County Board Chairman comments were made. The Committee discussed appropriate recognition for Representative Moffitt's upcoming retirement. A letter of appreciation from Member Gradert on behalf of the County Board will be sent.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting is set for Saturday, December 10, 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 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator