

Minutes- Executive Committee Report  
Monday, August 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m.  
Small Courtroom 103J, Cambridge, IL

Members present: Kippy Breeden, Shawn Kendall, Jim Thompson, Mark Burton, Jan May, Jill Darin, Jeff Orton, Lynn Sutton  
Members absent: Other Present: Erin Knackstedt, Marshall Jones, Kathy Nelson, Duane Stevens, Kaylee Haberg, Gary Bradley, and Mat Schneppe

Chair Kendall called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 P.M

Member Sutton moved to accept the agenda, Member Darin seconded, all were favor and the motion carried.

Member Orton moved to approve the July 18, 2022 minutes amended to change the motion for FOP II contract to Member Burton, Member May seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Under new business,

The committee discussed the Kewanee boiler property. Health Department staff members Kaylee and Duane reviewed the history on the property since 1992, when the health department became aware of the uncapped well on the property. The property is located within city jurisdiction but the city can not financially handle the scope of cost of capping the well. In recent years, the property was explored as moving forward in the EPA superfund site process but the private property owner declined to move forward and instead mined the property for scrap before abandoning it. Private ownership makes addressing the problem difficult because the property owners are absent and unable to maintain contact. The private property owners have regularly let the property fall into the tax sale cycle due to unpaid taxes. The well on the property is uncapped and is at the same depth as the Kewanee public water supply. The property could be eligible for Brownfield and EPA grant funding with a public sponsor. Kewanee stated that they would like to explore partnering with the county to cap the well. The property can also be tagged in the tax sale as an EPA violation.

The committee went on to discuss changing the rules of the county board to consolidate committees. There were many opinions given and the committee would like some examples of COW for the next meeting.

Member Darin moved to approve the RLF Plan Changes, Member Sutton seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no old business

The following Standing Committees presented information and/or an overview of reports to be submitted at the July 18, 2022 County Board meeting: Public Safety, Transportation, Administration, Health & Social Services, Finance, and Plan/Development (see Committee reports).

There was no Public Safety meeting.

Member Sutton gave an update from the Planning and Development Committee and there no action items.

Member May gave an update from the Health and Social Services Committee and there are two action items.

Member Darin gave an update from the Administration Committee and one action item.

Member Orton gave a Transportation Committee report and there are no action items.

Member Burton updated the committee on the Finance Committee on the three action items.

The committee reviewed the July claims.

Administrator Knackstedt reviewed her monthly activities and the draft county board agenda.

Member Darin moved to enter closed session Member Orton seconded, and the committee entered closed session.

After coming back from closed session, Member Burton moved to approve re-enter open session, Member Thompson seconded, there was a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Under Executive Board comments, Member Burton acknowledged Marshall and Kathy for being so engaged. Member Burton also thank Chair Breeden for stepping in to help Finance.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting is set for Monday, September 19, 2022 in the South Court Jury Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse.

With no further business, Member Darin moved to adjourn, Member Sutton seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator