

Executive Committee Meeting Report (submitted 1-10-12)
Saturday, January 7, 2012, 8:00 A.M., North Court Jury Room

Members present: Kippy Nelson, Dennis Anderson, Jason Desplinter, Ann DeSmith, Roger Gradert, Rick Livesay, Bill Preston and Tim Wells. Members absent: Karen Urick. Others present: Jim Eccher and Colleen Gillaspie.

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

Member DeSplinter made a motion to approve the agenda as revised and with an addition to Item VI. New Business C. Open Meetings Act Amendment, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Member Gradert made a motion to approve the December 10, 2011 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed, Member Anderson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

Mr. Carles Brown was in attendance to give an overview of the Rock River Trail Initiative and request a letter of support for the organization from the County Board. Member Wells moved to recommend the County Board authorize a letter of support to be written for the Rock River Trail Initiative, Member DeSplinter seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. (see attached information)

The following Standing Committees presented information and/or an overview of reports to be submitted at the January 10, 2012 County Board meeting: Public Safety, Plan/Dev, Health & Social Services, Administration, Transportation and Communication. (see Committee reports) Finance Committee will meet Monday, January 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Member Anderson stated he wanted the staffing plans for the Sheriff's Department as well as the EMA Department. Member DeSmith has asked the Public Safety Committee to request the staffing schedule for the Sheriff's Department. She has in the past requested this information from the Sheriff and has not received it to-date. It was noted that other Committee members would like to receive this information as well.

Under old business, the Committee reviewed draft revised County Board Standing Committees and written responses from Department Heads. Following discussion, it was stated that review of the draft revisions would be placed as a discussion item on each Standing Committee agenda in February. This item as well as the review of the management chart will be discussed further at the February Committee meeting. Chairman Nelson asked the Executive Committee to come prepared with any revisions.

Under new business, the Committee authorized the County Administrator to correct factual statement, not opinion based, errors made at the County Board meeting.

In regards to the disbursement of information received by the Administration Office, it was stated that the County Administrator should disperse the information with follow-up instructions to the appropriate Department Head, Committee Chair, the Chairman of the Board and the entire Executive Committee. The Committee Chair will then decide how to disperse the information to Committee members.

Amendments to the Open Meetings Act were distributed and discussed. The amendments now require each elected or appointed member of a public body subject to the Act to complete the electronic training curriculum developed and administered by the Public Access Counselor located at <http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/>. Once the training is successfully completed, the member needs to file a copy of the certificate of completion with Colleen or Naomi in the Administration Office. The training must be completed no later than June 30, 2012. (see attached statute) If you do not have access to or have a computer please contact the Administration Office.

Member Wells gave County Board Chairman comments.

The next regular Executive Committee meeting was set for Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 8:00 A.M., in the North Court Jury Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse.

With no further business, Member DeSplinter moved to adjourn, Member Wells seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator