

Minutes of the Property Committee Meeting

The Property Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, August 3, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bostic, Members Dean, Harding and Ahart

Members Absent: Members Selzer and Moss

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: None

Others Present: None

Chairman Bostic called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Chairman Bostic presented the Minutes of the July 6, 2006 Property Committee meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections, Chairman Bostic accepted and placed the minutes on file as submitted.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, presented a request for approval of a Lease Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (the "AOIC") and the County for Office Space for the 11th Circuit Court Arbitration and Mediation Center. He stated that, five years ago, the 11th Circuit Court received State funding to establish an Arbitration Office to handle certain civil cases. At that time, the County agreed to provide space in the Health Department Building for the Arbitration Office, as there was no space available in the Law and Justice Center. Mr. Zeunik reported that the County negotiated a five-year lease for 2,977 square feet of space. The AOIC agreed to pay all of the costs to remodel and furnish the space.

Mr. Zeunik indicated that the Arbitration Office of the 11th Circuit Court is a service which the Court offers in certain civil cases where, rather than taking up the court's time, the attorneys can meet with a neutral arbitrator and try to resolve the matter prior to going to court.

Mr. Zeunik reported that the proposed Lease Agreement replaces the original agreement negotiated five years ago. The term of this agreement is for five years from January 21, 2007 through January 20, 2012.

Mr. Dean asked if the Arbitration Office will move to the Law and Justice Center when the renovation is completed. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Arbitration Office will not move to the Law and Justice Center. He indicated that the Chief Judge and the Circuit Judges are reserving the available space at the Law and Justice Center for an additional courtroom. Mr. Zeunik reported that, because of the increased population in McLean County, it is very likely that another judge will be assigned to the County in the near future. He stated that there is a formula in the law that sets the number of judges based on population.

Chairman Bostic suggested that it is a good idea to have the Arbitration Office in a separate area than the Law and Justice Center.

Motion by Harding/Ahart to recommend Approval of a Lease Agreement between the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the County for office space for the 11th Circuit Court Arbitration and Mediation Center.
Motion carried.

Mr. Zeunik reported that the Land Use and Development Committee is considering moving their October 5th meeting to Thursday, September 28th at 4:45 p.m. He asked if the Property Committee Members would like to move their meeting date as well.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Property Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Zeunik reported that there is a pre-construction meeting scheduled on Friday, August 26th with Felmley Dickerson on the Law and Justice Center renovation project and a pre-construction meeting with Bishop Brothers on Tuesday, August 8th on the third floor Government Center project. He noted that, at next month's meeting, a schedule of the renovation projects should be available.

Ms. Ahart asked what is the status on the proposed new sign in Normal. Mr. Zeunik replied that Mr. Moody has received quotes on the project, which he will present at the September meeting.

Mr. Dean advised that he will not be available for the October Property Committee meeting, which is scheduled on September 28th.

Chairman Bostic presented the July 31, 2006 Property Committee bills, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Property Committee by the County Auditor. The Property Committee Prepaid Total is \$364,577.08 with a Fund Total that is the same.

Motion by Dean/Ahart to recommend approval of the bills as of July 31, 2006, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Bostic asked if there was any other business or communication for the Property Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Bostic adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary