

## Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on February 3, 2004 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Gordon, Members Ahart, Segobiano, Cavallini, Rackauskas and Baggett

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator,  
Ms. Christine Northcutt, Recording Secretary,  
County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials  
Present:

Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning

Others Present:

Ms. Christine Brauer, Regional Planning  
Commission

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

Chairman Gordon stated that the first order of business is the approval of the December 9, 2004 and the January 18, 2005 minutes. Hearing no corrections, Chairman Gordon placed the Land Use and Development Committee minutes of the December 9, 2004 and January 18, 2005 meeting on file as presented.

Chairman Gordon presented the bills from December 31, 2004 and January 31, 2005, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Land Use and Development Committee by the County Auditor. The total for December 31, 2004 is \$64.71, with the prepaid total being the same. The total for January 31, 2005 is \$35,710.46, with the prepaid total being the same.

Motion by Cavallini/Ahart to recommend approval of the December 31, 2004 and January 31, 2005 bills as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon stated that there is one item for action on today's agenda. It is a request by the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council for a Class "C" Raffle. Chairman Gordon asked Mr. Dick if he had any comments to add regarding the application. Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning Department, responded that he did not have anything to add. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions from the Committee. Mr. Segobiano asked what was being raffled. Mr. Dick responded that the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council is raffling off a hay bailer. The raffle tickets are being sold for \$100.00 apiece. Mr. Segobiano asked if this is a qualifying 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. There was no one available to answer that particular question. Ms. Christine Northcutt, Recording Secretary, offered to pull the raffle application. Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, responded that the Committee would appreciate having copies of the application.

Mr. Segobiano stated that he had spoken with Mr. Ruud regarding some questions that he had regarding another raffle application from St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Mr. Segobiano asked Mr. Zeunik if he knew if Mr. Ruud had responded any answers to his questions.

Mr. Zeunik replied that both St. Jude's attorney and the Illinois Attorney General's Office have informed Mr. Ruud and McLean County that a not-for-profit organization does not need to acquire a raffle license in McLean County to sell tickets in McLean County if a raffle license has been acquired in another county and the award of the prizes takes place in another County. Mr. Segobiano questioned the value of the County's raffle license ordinance. If an entity can obtain a license in another County and still sell tickets in McLean County, how does McLean County enforce the County's Ordinance. Mr. Zeunik replied that the County ordinance governs the conduct of the actual raffle and award of the prizes.

\*Ms. Northcutt distributed copies of the raffle application to the Committee.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Rackauskas stated that she does not want to hold up this particular organization's application. However, Ms. Rackauskas noted the Land Use Committee needs some additional education on raffles before making future decisions on granting permits.

Motion by Rackauskas/Ahart to Grant a Class C Raffle License to the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon stated that the next item in for the Committee's information. It is the annual Solid Waste Report from Ms. Michelle Covi, Director, Ecology Action Center (EAC). Chairman Gordon invited Ms. Covi to present her report.

Ms. Covi informed the Committee that her report summarizes what the EAC has done for the year in the way of recycling and solid waste education. Ms. Covi stated that there will be a Hazardous Waste Collection again this spring. The EAC is busy trying to get the date and the details finalized. Mr. Segobiano stated that the Hazardous Waste Collection event is a wonderful event. Ms. Covi stated that this spring's event will be the third consecutive year that they have held this event, before that it was five years ago. Additionally, Ms. Covi stated that the EAC holds a once monthly Electronics Recycling Drive. Ms. Covi stated that they wrote a grant in conjunction with the Town of Normal to have a permanent electronics recycling facility, which would be located on Warner St. in Normal. It is proposed to have that facility open 5 days a week rather than receiving everything on one day during the month.

Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions from the Committee. Ms. Rackauskas asked how many staff are employed at the EAC. Ms. Covi responded that there are five staff members and she is currently the only full-time employee. Ms. Covi stated that all of the after school programs are done with interns from Illinois Wesleyan University and/or Illinois State University. The after

school programs usually last around an hour. Ms. Covi stated that the Earth Minutes of the Schools Program is for fourth graders and is done by an Environmental Educator and usually lasts approximately 50 minutes long. The Earth Schools Program demonstrates how paper is made, how to put together a waste-free lunch, etc.

Ms. Covi stated that most of the other programs are given by request. For instance, the Boys and Girls Club bring their summer camp attendees through the EAC facilities as a part of their summer camp program.

Mr. Segobiano stated that the EAC may want to make the County aware that their efforts have extended the life of the current landfill. Mr. Segobiano also added that he would like to see the EAC add a "Holiday Recycle Program". There is always an excess of wrapping paper and boxes in the garbage directly following the holidays. Ms. Covi stated that she will approach the Bloomington and Normal Public Works Directors about that idea.

Chairman Gordon thanked Ms. Covi for her presentation this evening. Chairman Gordon stated that the next item is the progress report on the Prairieland Subdivision. There has been no progress in the past month. Chairman Gordon asked Mr. Dick if he knew of any new developments on this topic. Mr. Dick stated that there are no new developments. Ms. Ahart stated that this Preliminary Plan expires in April, 2005. Mr. Cavallini asked what criteria will a decision be based upon on whether to renew that Preliminary Plan. Chairman Gordon stated that much of that will depend on whether the Building and Zoning Department believes circumstances are suitable for issuance of the Final Plat. Ms. Rackauskas asked that a copy of the minutes in which conditions were set up for Mr. Nesbit be included in the packet with the April Land Use Agenda.

Chairman Gordon stated that the next item is the American Planning Association Audio Conference "Zoning Clinic", on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 from 3:00p.m to 4:00p.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center. Mr. Dick invited all of the Land Use Committee Members to attend.

Chairman Gordon asked if there are any other items to come before the Committee. Mr. Dick stated that he wanted to make the Committee aware of the Annual Meeting of the Resource, Conservation and Development (RC & D) will be held on March 17, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in Decatur. Mr. Dick stated that several people usually meet in the Lincoln Parking Lot on East Street and there will be at least one car traveling to the meeting that evening and more if necessary. Mr. Dick stated that all members are encouraged to attend.

Chairman Gordon informed the Committee that all of the Land Use and Development Committee Members have been provided with a notice with regard

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to the further consideration of the Hundman rezoning request. That meeting is Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

Chairman Gordon reminded the Committee that the hearing on the proposed landfill is scheduled to commence on Thursday, March 10, 2005 on Room 400 at 9:00 a.m. If necessary the Committee can reconvene on Friday, March 11, 2005

at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gordon stated that the Pollution Control Site Hearing Committee consists of the Land Use and Development Committee plus County Board Chairman Sweeney as the presiding official. Chairman Gordon reminded the Committee that they are not allowed to discuss any of the details of the proposal until the hearing begins.

Chairman Gordon asked if there were any other items to come before the Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Gordon adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt  
Recording Secretary  
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