

## **Minutes of the Property Committee Meeting**

The Property Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 3:45 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

Other Members  
Present: None

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

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials  
Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Anderson, Financial Reporting Specialist, Auditor's Office

Chairman Bostic called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Chairman Bostic presented the Minutes of the Thursday, December 6, 2007 Property Committee meeting to the Committee for approval. Hearing no objections or corrections, Chairman Bostic accepted and placed the minutes on file as submitted.

Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation, presented a request for approval of an Agreement between Herman Brothers Pond Management and McLean County for Lake Mapping. He explained that this agreement is for the development of a satellite-imaged contour map of Evergreen Lake and the surrounding COMLARA Park area for private resale, as well as for use by the Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

Mr. Wasson reported that the map may be sold by Herman Brothers Pond Management at any location it sees fit. He stated that Herman Brothers Pond Management will provide maps to the McLean County Parks and Recreation Department at a reduced price for sale on Park property or at other McLean County locations, including the McLean County website.

Mr. Wasson advised that this Agreement was conceptually approved by both this Committee and the County Board in November. He noted that the Civil Assistant State's Attorney prepared this Agreement. After some work with Herman Brothers, an Agreement was reached that was acceptable to both parties.

Mr. Wasson requested that the Committee recommend approval of this Agreement to the County Board. He indicated he would be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Bostic pointed out that, under "Term and Termination," it indicates the term of the Agreement is for three years from May 17, 2005 to May 17, 2008. Mr. Wasson acknowledged that the date listed is a typographical error. The date should reflect a three year period beginning with the approval of the Agreement by the County Board on January 15, 2008 through January, 2011. Chairman Bostic advised that this correction should also be approved by Herman Brothers.

Ms. Harding asked who will buy the maps. Mr. Wasson replied that fishermen will buy the maps.

Mr. Moss asked what other things are done by Herman Brothers. Mr. Wasson responded that Herman Brothers provides pond management services for private land-owners, fishery management, aquatic vegetation work, and construction work on ponds and docks. Mr. Wasson indicated that Herman Brothers is a partner with Cabela's, a national retail chain. Cabela's will provide assistance in the development of the maps and the technology used to prepare the maps.

Mr. Moss asked where is Herman Brothers based. Mr. Wasson replied that they are based in Peoria. Mr. Moss asked if Mr. Wasson is familiar with their work. Mr. Wasson responded that this is the first large-scale mapping project they have undertaken. He is confident of the quality of their work based on the examples of their work, as well as other work prepared by other vendors working with the Cabela's properties.

Mr. Dean indicated that he has seen these types of maps at Bass-Pro and Cabela's and he feels they are of good quality.

Mr. Wasson stated that he believes the maps will be of assistance in emergency management work with respect to having better and more detailed underwater structure and terrain map to evaluate emergency response. He noted that they are working with EMA and the Sheriff's Department on a process to use the data.

Mr. Moss pointed out that the Agreement indicates that the maps will be available early in 2008. Mr. Wasson replied the data is already complete, noting that Herman Brothers is in the process of selling retail advertising. He noted that, under the Agreement, Herman Brothers needs the approval of the County to ensure that there are no inappropriate advertisements.

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Motion by Dean/Ahart to recommend approval of the Agreement between Herman Brothers Pond Management and McLean County for Lake Mapping as amended.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Bostic asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Wasson.

Chairman Bostic presented the December 31, 2007 Property Committee bills, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Property Committee by the County Auditor. The Property Committee bills include a Pending Total of \$14.48, a Prepaid Total of \$229,341.09 for a Fund Total of \$229,355.57.

Motion by Moss/Harding to recommend approval of the bills as of December 31, 2007, which have been reviewed and recommend 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 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary