

MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock, IL 60098

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

Chairman Schuster called the Management Services Committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Ersel Schuster; Tina Hill; Lyn Orphal; Yvonne Barnes; Pete Merkel; Kathleen Bergan Schmidt and Paula Yensen. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Adam Lehmann, Administration Intern; John Hadley, Facilities Management; Cindy Schaupp, States Attorney; Pam Palmer, Auditor; Tom Sullivan, IT; representatives from ALAW (Alliance for Land Agriculture and Water); interested public and the press.

Ersel Schuster, Chairman	
Yvonne Barnes	Tina Hill
Pete Merkel	Lyn Orphal
Kathleen Bergan Schmidt	Paula Yensen

MINUTE APPROVAL

Committee members reviewed the Management Services Committee minutes of January 26, 2010. Ms. Yensen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing 360 Facility Software Subscription Services: Committee members reviewed a Resolution Authorizing 360 Facility Software Subscription Services. Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. Hadley informed committee members that this is for the purchase of a new computerized maintenance system. The previous company is no longer available to service this software. This product is easier to use and has additional programs that may be used in other departments. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Hill, Merkel, Orphal, Schmidt, Yensen, Schuster)

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of proposed disclosure ordinance: Committee members were joined by representatives from ALAW (Alliance for Land, Agriculture and Water) Ms. Pat Kennedy, Ms. Emily Berendt and Mr. Rob Probohner, to discuss the proposed disclosure ordinance as presented by them to the County Board. Committee members were informed that this ordinance is not the idea of just one or two people and that this ordinance was created after hearing from others about their concerns of open government. They stated that this ordinance gives McHenry County the opportunity to be leaders for transparency in government. Ms Emily Berendt, the director of ALAW thanked committee members for postponing this discussion for them. Four members of this committee have already filed this disclosure statement. This ordinance came about because of concerns voiced about the 2030 plan. They stated they wanted to end the climate of distrust with full disclosure by our elected officials and general distrust in government officials. Committee members voiced concern regarding section 4 which states that you or any member of your family give any gift of \$100 or more, within the last County fiscal year, must list the name, address, date and value of the gift. The representatives stated this item was included because a major donor could be inclined to favor a charity that may do business with the County. Committee members stated that if there is a conflict the County Board members recues them from the vote. They informed the group that elected officials already must follow the gift ban act and ethics ordinance that covers these issues and questioned the motivation of the group. Other members stated that if a large donation is discovered, they are then contacted by every charity for requests. The representative stated that this is a work in progress and some of the language can be changed. Committee members stated that confidentiality of a donor is important and people are not trying to "hide" something. Committee members stated this document needs to be reviewed piece by piece as they feel it is poorly written and they stated that anyone that signs this disclosure would already be in conflict. Committee members stated if they want disclosure this organization must do the same thing and when researching their group there is not a lot of information available. Some committee members felt this group was in violation of election laws as they have endorsed political candidates but have not registered as a political committee. They stated if they want the elected officials to be transparent they should abide by the same rules. Committee members questioned how stated if they want the

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elected officials to be transparent they should abide by the same rules. Committee members questioned how their organization has been set up. Committee members were informed they have a 501C4. Committee members questioned if they are registered as a social welfare organization, are they given the authority to support a political candidate. Committee members stated that a legal opinion may be needed to find out if they are a 501C4 whether they have the authority to endorse and recommend a candidate. Committee members stated that the more they talk about this document the more questions they have. Committee members voiced concern that they may inadvertently answer a question wrong just by how the questions were asked. Concern was voiced that this document would apply to all appointees to any board or commission. This would involve all volunteers as well. It is difficult to fill some of these appointments and with this requirement could hinder this process. It was stated that it is only through discussion will we come up with a workable document. Committee members stated they would like a clearer definition of "indebtedness". Ms. Barnes asked ALAW to return to the committee in two weeks for further discussion. She asked again that questions for ALAW put in writing ahead of time for discussion. Ms. Palmer, the McHenry County Auditor, informed committee members that the Auditor's office reviews the required "yellow" Statement of Economic Interest that everyone is required to file. This document is available for review by the public

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:40a.m. on a motion by Mr. Merkel, seconded by Ms. Schmidt with all members present voting aye.

RECOMMENDED FOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION

Resolution authorizing 360 Facility Software Subscription Services

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