

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 5:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Kurt Prenzler (Chair), Don Moore, Phil Chapman, Mick Madison, Ray Wesley, Mike Walters, Michael Holliday Sr., Tom McRae, Lisa Ciampoli, Erica Harriss, Clint Jones

**ABSENT:** Gussie Glasper, Jamie Goggin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Debra Ming-Mendoza, John Lakin, Steve Nonn, Tom Gibbons, Rick Faccin, Chrissy Dutton, Michael Parkinson, Doug Hulme, Matt Brandmeyer, Annette Schoeberle, Patrick McRae, John Thompson, Cynthia Ellis, Bruce Cooper, Scott Cousins (Telegraph), several Madison County residents

Chairman Prenzler opened the meeting and roll was taken. Chairman Prenzler then asked that Item 5 be taken off the agenda (MESD Update) because Steve Adler was not able to attend the meeting.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Madison made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 7, 2018 and the special meeting minutes from February 26, 2018, March 19, 2018, and April 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wesley. Motion carried.

Resolution to Oppose Proposed Illinois Mileage-Based Vehicle Tax. Motion to approve by Mr. Walters, second from Mr. McRae.

Mr. McRae said he asked this to be brought to committee because it has been a topic of discussion in Springfield. State officials and candidates have discussed placing mileage trackers in all Illinois registered vehicles, or charging a per mile fee of 1.5 cents per mile. Residents who decline would be fined. Mr. McRae felt that this is a non-partisan issue and that many Illinois residents would consider the trackers an invasion of privacy. It would also disproportionately affect Illinois residents outside of the Chicago Metropolitan area who are more likely to own vehicles and travel longer distances. He suggested we all contact our state legislators and let them know how we feel about this issue. Mr. McRae said he thinks it is a terrible idea, an invasion of privacy, and just another way to add a tax to the state. Kendall County passed a similar resolution and DuPage County has this issue on the November ballot.

Mr. Madison concurred. Illinois has the highest tax rates in the country and the last thing we need to do is add another tax. It's already hard to get businesses to come here. He feels we need to "send a loud and clear message" to Springfield. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Moore agreed.

Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Walters debated whether the tax was actually a topic of discussion in Springfield. Mr. Parkinson requested proof in document form. Mr. Walters informed Mr. Parkinson that there is a proposal, but it is not in bill form...yet. Mr. Parkinson said he may or may not be in favor of this type of bill, but that fuel taxes are how the state funds our roads and highways. With people now switching to non-gasoline and fuel-efficient vehicles, the [tax] dollars are going down. A pilot program out of Oregon offers a reduction in fuel tax for those who volunteer to have trackers installed in their vehicles. However, he doesn't see why our county is getting involved in this issue – because there is no bill.

Mr. Walters countered that this is something the lawmakers in Springfield are looking at, and there is no discussion of a fuel tax reduction. This is strictly a way to increase revenue.

Mr. McRae said that he wanted to bring this forward, not as a partisan issue, but so the County Board could make constituents aware of the discussions in Springfield. Then they could find out where their candidates stand on the topic.

There was further discussion on the topic from other committee members and from others present.

The Chairman then called for a vote on the resolution.

**Ayes:** Moore, Chapman, Madison, Wesley, Walters, McRae, Ciampoli, Harriss, Jones

**Nays:** Holliday

Jail Renovation. Chairman Prenzler asked Mr. Madison to provide the committee with an update on the jail renovation. Mr. Madison stated that Rob Schmidt was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a letter for the committee. This letter will also go out to all county board members tomorrow. Mr. Madison read Mr. Schmidt's letter, dated October 10, 2018, to the committee:

*Madison County Board Members,*

*The Jail Renovation Project is progressing on schedule. The ADA parking lot upgrades at the entrance to the jail are complete and open to the public. The exterior infrastructure connections have been completed. The mechanical room addition is progressing on schedule and will be under roof by end of November, which will allow new mechanical equipment to be installed and become active for the new mechanical systems. The attic system rough-ins have been progressing quickly due to the rec yard staging area and open access to the attic area, not interfering with the majority of the daily jail operations. Many new HVAC units are set in the attic with ductwork progressing on schedule. Interior above ceiling system rough-ins for the mechanical systems are progressing through the common corridor of the jail.*

*The contractor has been coordinating sufficiently with Facilities and Sheriff's Department to minimize disruption as much as possible. The Sheriff's Department has been very accommodating, making things go as smoothly as possible with this difficult renovation. We are in the process of exploring and reviewing in detail the specifics of future phases with the general contractor, mechanical subcontractors, and Sheriff's Department to gain access to areas initially planned in later phases of work in an effort to expedite the project, while looking for cost savings in the process. By awarding the job including all the alternates, certain schedules can coincide. This is possible because of having one general contractor and the same subcontractors throughout the project. In addition, we are in discussions and exploring coordination of the future cellblock renovations to minimize downtime as much as possible.*

*Unforeseen issues have been discovered since the beginning of this project and we have worked through those issues to minimize additional cost for the Madison County and recover any savings available. Undoubtedly, we will have more issues arise with this difficult renovation, but by continuing to work together with the general contractor, subcontractors, the design team, we work through whatever may come.*

*Rob Schmidt, Director of Facilities  
Madison County Government*

Mr. Madison also stated that the Facilities Management Department has weekly meetings, on Fridays, with the contractor.

In other business, Ms. Ciampoli announced that the Finance Committee has been going over the budget. There will be a meeting in the near future to go over it again. She plans to send out an email on October 19<sup>th</sup> announcing that meeting. Others who would like to attend are welcome. She said that anyone with questions or concerns about the budget is welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

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