



MINUTES

Adams County Board
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30
Adams County Board Room
507 Vermont Street, Quincy, IL. 62301
2nd Floor

Meeting Convened at 5:32PM

Members Present: R. Kent Snider, Barbara Fletcher, Robert Reich, Bret Austin, Dave Bellis

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance: Ryan Niekamp, David McCleary, Travis Cooley, Amy Carothers, Todd Eyler

A motion to approve the minutes from February 5, 2024 as written by Barbara Fletcher and seconded by Robert Reich. The minutes were approved unanimously as printed.

Mr. Austin spoke about Housing Committee Nominees. There were a total of seven nominations. Mr. Austin stated that the Board could nominate and approve all seven, or five – whichever was wanted. Mr. Austin stated that everyone who has been vetted and nominated all have knowledge regarding the topic. Additionally, Mr. Austin provided the scoring matrix for the housing applications. Also included in documents handed out was a draft housing application administered through GREDF. Mr. Bellis asked if it's a conflict of interest for Mr. Mark Hayes being on the committee. Mr. Austin stated that if he's on the committee he understands that he cannot offer any loans for any projects. Mr. Reich complimented the nominees stating that they come from good backgrounds and also included county people. Mr. Austin asked if anyone had any questions regarding the nominations. Mr. Bellis asked when the list was provided to Mr. Austin. Mr. Austin stated that he has had it a few days and Mr. Bellis suggested they should have had it sooner to review. Mr. Austin provided that the vote really sits with the full county board and Mr. Austin will send the list to everyone in the morning. Mr. Reich asked the clerk to add the topic to the Legislative Agenda for its March meetings and Mr. Snider asked if Finance was going to review it as well. Mr. Austin replied yes, they were in their March docket.

Mr. Snider asked County Clerk Ryan Niekamp to explain the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Mr. Niekamp stated that he was approached by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding the grant. The grant is monies that is being allocated through the IL EPA on behalf of the Federal EPA and is aimed at providing energy efficiency data and surveys. Mr. Niekamp stated that he asked the IL EPA if this money could be used to study the courthouse and it was confirmed that it could. Mr. Niekamp stated that once we apply, are awarded, and have the study completed the County could then be apart of larger monies from the federal government to possibly assist with funding a new HVAC system for the Courthouse. Mr. Niekamp believed that if all goes through, it would be a two-three year commitment. Mr. Bellis thanks Mr. Niekamp for finding the grant and being willing to complete and submit the paperwork for the County. Mr. Bellis made a motion to ask to County Clerk to apply and administer the grant and seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Snider thanked Mr. Niekamp for finding the money and administering it as well.

Mr. Austin brought up the letter of engagement from The Stewart Law Firm. The law firm has increased their fees from \$250.00 per hour to \$275.00 per hour and the county engages with the firm for employee related matters. Mr. Snider stated that he signed the letter of engagement today. Mr. Niekamp stated that the engagement letter would be sent out in the morning.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned by Mr. Bellis, seconded by Mr. Austin. The committee adjourned at 5:47pm on March 4, 2024.

Approved