

Executive Committee
Tentative Minutes
(Remote Attendance due to COVID-19 Crisis)
January 12, 2021

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Finfrock called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Present: Sparrow. Present via audio: Fritz, Griffin, Janes, Kenney, Reising and Smith. Others: Treasurer Linda Beck. Others via audio: Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director of Rochelle, Mike Eikhoff and Clare Walter of Grant Thornton and County Clerk & Recorder Laura J. Cook. Absent: Nordman (arrived later).
2. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2020: Motion by Sparrow to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Janes. Roll call: Yes – Fritz, Griffin, Janes, Kenney, Sparrow, Reising, Smith, Sparrow and Finfrock. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Project Jackpot: Finfrock asks to have this item moved up on the Agenda. Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director for Rochelle introduces Andy Shaw, Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone Administrator and Clare Walter of Grant-Thornton. Anderson states they are proposing to amend the current Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Schedule. Anderson asks Walter to speak about Project Jackpot and Andy will speak about the changes of the EZ Tax Abatement Schedule. Walter says Project Jackpot is considering investing in 1600 Ritchie Ct, which is the Nippon-Sharyo building. This project is potentially going to investing over \$130,000,000 in capital investments, creation of 150+ jobs with the salary average of \$52,000 plus benefits. The company has acquired the property at 1600 Ritchie Ct, they have been in business for over 100 years and they are definitely looking into this project in Rochelle. There was discussion about the skill set for the jobs that this industry will bring to Rochelle. Shaw is extremely excited about the potential this project has to offer for Rochelle. Shaw states they are creating 2 additional tiers –
 - Base Abatement – six years of abatement offered to all eligible projects;
 - Extended Abatement – four additional years, if eligible;
 - High Impact Abatement – ten additional years, if eligible.Anderson states they will be attending the meetings of the taxing districts involved for their approval. Sparrow makes the motion to move the request to amend the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone Incentives, 2nd by Kenney. Roll call: Yes – Fritz, Griffin, Janes, Kenney, Sparrow, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Nordman and Finfrock. Motion carried.
5. Reports of Committees
 - Personnel & Salary: None
 - Road and Bridge: information to be forwarded to County Clerk’s Office
 - Supervisor of Assessment, Planning & Zoning: None
 - S/Attorney, Court Services – Focus House and Judiciary & Circuit Clerk: 3 Appointment recommendations
 - County Facilities - County Security – IT: None

- HEW, Solid Waste & Veterans: 1 Appointment recommendation
- Long Range & Strategic Planning: Long Range Bills, Judicial Center Annex bills, Change Orders, project update and Solar Resolution
- Finance & Insurance: 1 Resolution
- Executive: Amendment to the Enterprise Zone Incentives
- Agriculture: None
- Workplace Safety: None
- Board Presentation Requests: Health Dept. Administrator Auman
- Other:

6. Old Business

- Update on Tower Status: Finfrock states a Quit Claim Deed has been prepared, but will need to talk to State's Attorney Rock.
- Public Defender's Office: Finfrock stated they are working on their location.
- Grant Specialist: Griffin states she is out of town and on COVID lockdown. Nordman asks for contact information since she was pursuing a particular grant.
- Committee Meetings: Finfrock asks the Committee to have the Chairs and Vice-Chairs review budgets of their committees.
- Purchasing Policy: State's Attorney Rock will draft the policy.
- Cures Act for Local Government: Nordman updates the committee on the next submittal from the county. Nordman says there is an extension until March 31, 2021 for COVID mitigation hours.
- Williams & McCarthy house: Griffin states they are looking into options and running numbers.

7. New Business: None

8. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Finfrock adjourned. Time: 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Laura J. Cook
 Ogle County Clerk and Recorder