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AGENDA BRIEFING COMMUNICATION **REVISED**

Committee:	County Health	Prepared By:	Scott A. Sorrel
Meeting Date:	January 23, 2024	Title:	County Administrator
County Board Meeting:	February 8, 2024	Department:	County Administration
County Board District:	District #5, Blair	Date Prepared:	January 17, 2024
Agenda Category:	RESOLUTION		
Item Title:	Health & Human Services Project – Building Naming		

**ISSUE:**

A Resolution from your County Health Committee Recommending the Approval of the Building Naming for the Health & Human Services Project

**BACKGROUND:**

The Committee has requested the County Board take formal action in naming the building that will house the Peoria City/County Health Department, County Coroner, Regional Office of Education, and Sustainability and Resource Conservation Department. Prior to the current construction project, the only facilities to be given a formal name by the County Board were the County’s nursing homes. First, Bel-Wood Nursing Home was named as such upon its opening the 1960s. It’s name is derived from the location being between the Village of Bellevue and the Village of Norwood. When the County constructed Bel-Wood’s replacement, a consultant was retained to not just name but to create a complete brand (name, color scheme, logo, etc.) for the new facility. Heddington Oaks was chosen. This name is derived from the location being on Heading Avenue, and the property and surrounding area having a large number of oak trees. Third and near the end of his life, the County Board named what was previously referred to as the “west campus” as the “George P. Shadid Law Enforcement Center.” The designation covers the County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center, but both of these buildings maintain their names.

These are the only facilities that have been giving an official name, and the purpose was for marketing purposes. The County’s other facilities are simply named by their function: Courthouse, Jail, Juvenile Detention Center, Highway Department, Animal Protection Services, etc. Additionally, there is no existing policy that defines how the County is to name a new facility when it is under construction.

Given the services delivered from this facility are mandated services (as previously presented to the Committee) and there is no need to create a name simply for marketing purposes, it is recommended the building be named the Peoria County “Health & Human Services” building. Over time, it would be expected this will be shortened to HHS. To avoid confusion, there is no mention on the building signage of the Health Department’s legal name of “Peoria City/County Health Department.”

As shown on the architect’s rendering, attached, signage on the building will say “Health & Human Services.” There will be signage above the entrance to the Coroner’s Office that says, “County Coroner.”

The designation of “Peoria County” is not included in the building name as the building signage plan is to have the County’s seal, as shown in the attached rendering. The seal will be backlit and thus visible at night. The lettering on the building is also designed to be illuminated.

### **REVISIONS:**

After the Committee passed the resolution and given the debate on the resolution during the Committee meeting, Chairman Reneau asked each Board Member to submit one (1) naming suggestion. The Health Department, County Coroner, Regional Office of Education, and Sustainability offices were also given the opportunity to submit one (1) naming suggestion each. Submissions were due January 31st. Members Reneau, Hoerr, and Rieker, plus the Health Department submitted suggestions.

A workgroup of Members Reneau, Coates, and Williams, plus PHA Hendrickson and County Administrator Sorrel met to review the submittals and prepare the recommendation back to the Committee. The suggestions are as follows:

- Health Department: Peoria County Health & Human Services
- Member Reneau: Collaborative Health & Learning Centre
- Member Hoerr: Health and Education Center
- Member Rieker: Peoria County Public Service Centre

At the end of this revised agenda brief, is the architect’s rendering of the building façade facing Sheridan Road. Additionally, Member Rieker provided a summary of how he arrived at his submission. It is attached as well.

**Recommendation.** The workgroup recommends the building name as passed by the Committee. The name as passed by the Committee is the “Peoria County Health & Human Services” building. The workgroup landed on this for the following reasons:

- The name succinctly describes the primary functions of the new building’s occupants. All four (4) departments work in and deliver services in the realm of health and human services, especially the Health Department who is the primary occupant.
- In 2020, the project was branded as the Health & Human Services Campus project. While there is just a single building instead of a campus now, the Health & Human Services piece has consistently been used in every media interview; on the ArcStory hub that was created for the project; and every press release and social media post related to the project. There is value, monetary and non-monetary in having built the brand over the last four years.

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### **IMPACT ANALYSIS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:** As recommended, this item has no fiscal impact to the County’s budget or the project budget. There are broader fiscal and operational impacts of changing the legal name of the Peoria City/County Health Department in such a way that the “City” would be removed. Every grant the Health Department is named as the awardee and every contract would have to be changed to. Further, a legal name change includes a process of amending or having new FEIN and DUNS numbers issued to the Health Department, which will create confusion and potentially jeopardize formula grants the Health Department is awarded each year.

No budget amendment is necessary.

**OPERATIONAL IMPACT:** Operational impacts are discussed above in the Fiscal Impact section.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Reviewing the priorities in the County Board’s Strategic Planning, this project conforms to the **Community Development and Infrastructure** priority: The project is a priority in the existing facilities master plan and has been in the capital improvement plan for several years. The funding for this project is a diverse set of sources and does not increase taxes to Peoria County taxpayers.

EQUITY IMPACT: This item does not impact the County’s DEI goals.

ALTERNATIVES: Alternatives include the County going through either an internal or contracted process to create an alternative name, which is not recommended.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY OTHER BODIES:

- N/A

PRIOR COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

- April 19, 2023, Set total project budget and guaranteed maximum price.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution
- Graphic / Artists Rendering



## From Member Rieker:

Recommended name for new facility on Sheridan Road.

### **Peoria County Public Service Centre**

Who: Who is responsible for the facility: Peoria County

- Owners are the People of Peoria County
- Maintenance by the Peoria County Government
- Serves the Residents of Peoria County

What: What is offered at the facility: County Hosted Public Services

- Delivery of public services is the primary purpose for the facility.
- Services can be provided by governmental bodies or aligned community partners.
- The facility is designed to house multiple public services at the same time.
- Using the generic title “Public Service” will allow for changes to the housed service organizations during the life of the facility without requiring facility name changes.
- Similar to the title “Peoria County Courthouse” as a building title that houses many services.

Where:

- Britannica defines centre: “a building or set of buildings used by the people of a city, town, area, etc., for a particular purpose”.
- The French/British spelling of centre is a tribute to the history of the French and British residents who lived in the area during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The primary name for the Sheridan Road facility should be referred to as the: Peoria County Public Service Centre in all communications and signage. The Peoria County Logo on the front of the building would be an additional recognition of Peoria County.

Secondary names can be posted at the appropriate entrances to recognize the major services housed in the facility.

Secondary names posted at the main Sheridan Road entrance could be Peoria County Health Department and Regional Office of Education.

The secondary name at the side entrance could be Peoria County Coroner.

Directories should be posted at each of the respective entries listing all services available via that entry. Directories should be designed for easy revisions to accommodate changes in available services during the life of the facility.

Success at the Sheridan Road entrance should be reflected in less demand for the coroner’s entry. A healthy and well-educated community is a strong vibrant community.

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD )  
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COUNTY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS )

Your County Health Committee recommends passage of the following Resolution:

RE: Approval of the Building Naming for the Health & Human Services Project

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 the Peoria County Board, with input from the Board of Health, embarked on a process to determine the future physical plant needs of the Peoria City/County Health Department that has resulted in no less than seven (7) prior policy decisions of the County Board, and;

**WHEREAS**, those policy decisions included determining the project delivery method, awarding contracts to an architect of record and construction manager at risk, a decision to replace instead of renovating, a prioritization of services, a selection of location, a project labor agreement, the creation and appointment of a County Board project representative, and multiple annual appropriations to fund the project to date, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Peoria County Board at a special meeting on April 19, 2023 approved by super majority vote various bid packages; set River City Construction LLC's guaranteed maximum price; and set the total project budget with various budget amendments for the Health and Human Services project, and;

**WHEREAS**, the April 19, 2023 action by the Peoria County Board did not include an official name to the building.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the official name of the building under construction that will house the Peoria City/County Health Department, Peoria County Coroner, Peoria County Regional Office of Education, and Peoria County Sustainability and Resource Conservation Department shall be known as, including accompanying signage, the "Peoria County Health & Human Services" building.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
COUNTY HEALTH COMMITTEE