

**Approved 3/27/23**  
**MINUTES**  
**Ways and Means Committee**  
**January 3, 2023**  
**@ 3:30 P.M.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Betty Duncan</b> – Chairperson; <b>Matt Windish</b> -Vice Chairperson; <b>Daniel Kelch, Terry Ruhland, Sharon Williams</b>
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	<b>Scott Sorrel</b> – County Administrator; <b>Shauna Musselman</b> – Assistant County Administrator; <b>Jennie Cordis Boswell</b> - State's Attorney's Office; <b>Gretchen Pearsall</b> – County Administration; <b>Rachael Parker</b> – County Clerk; <b>Elizabeth Gannon</b> – Election Commission; <b>Dave Ryan</b> – Supervisor of Assessments; <b>Nicole Bjerke, Staci Raker</b> – Treasurer; <b>Mike Brooks</b> - VAC
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 3:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2022 was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Ruhland. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**Informational Items/Reports/Other Minutes/Updates**

**County Clerk**

➤ **Collections and Transactions Report**

Ms. Parker directed committee members to the submitted report and stood for any questions. There were no questions or comments from the committee.

**Peoria County Election Commission**

Ms. Gannon advised electoral board hearings were held earlier today regarding challenges to both candidates for District 150. She stated that as a result of the hearing Keisha Alexander's name has been removed from the ballot, the objection of Martha Ross was sustained and she will remain on the ballot.

Ms. Gannon advised that vote by mail applications begin January 4, 2023 for the April 4, 2023 General Election.

**Supervisor of Assessments/Board of Review**

• **Tax Cycle**

Mr. Ryan provided a brief overview of the service, duties, and tax cycle process of the office of Supervisor of Assessments.

Mr. Ryan advised that the Board of Review hearings for complaints filed in 2022 are anticipated to conclude by the end of January.

**Treasurer**

Ms. Bjerke introduced the new Chief Deputy for the Treasurer's Office, Staci Raker.

Ms. Bjerke advised that the final interest distribution took place in December.

### Veteran's Assistance Commission

Mr. Brooks advised that \$55.7 million in VA compensation and \$8.3 million in lump sum monies has been brought in year-to-date for veterans. He stated that over 2,000 disability claims were filed in 2022, and 2,613 veterans were assisted in the office in the past year, in addition to veterans assisted electronically.

### Committee Action

- Review of Executive Session Minutes

A motion to accept the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office was made by Mr. Kelch and seconded by Mr. Ruhland.

Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that it is the State's Attorney's Office recommendation that all previously held executive session minutes continue to be held closed as the need for confidentiality still exists, and to destroy executive session audio recordings more than two years old, except those that relate to pending litigation.

The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### Resolution

- Monthly Delinquent Taxes

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Windish. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Duncan at 3:47 p.m.

*Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman*