

Approved 1/24/23
MINUTES
County Health Committee
January 4, 2023
@ 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rob Reneau – Chairperson; Camille Coates – Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Betty Duncan, Brian Elsasser (<i>via teleconference</i>), Nathan Hoerr, Danny Phelan, Steven Rieker, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
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MEMBERS ABSENT:	Linda Daley
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STAFF PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Gretchen Pearsall, Nick Ruybalid – County Administration; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Heather McCord – Chief Financial Officer; Beth Crider – Regional Office of Education; Rebecca Cottrell – Sustainability & Resource Conservation
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VISITORS:	Todd Baker – Care & Treatment Board
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Call to Order

Chairperson Reneau called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

A motion to allow the participation of Mr. Elsasser via teleconference was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Ms. Bryant. The motion carried (12-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022 was made by Ms. Groves Allison and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried (12-0; Mr. Elsasser absent for vote).

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- Care & Treatment Board
- Monthly Update

Mr. Baker advised that he met recently with County Board Chairman Dillon and County Administrator Sorrel regarding appointments to the Care & Treatment Board. He provided a brief summary of the services provided by the Board.

- EMA
- Monthly Update

Ms. Hendrickson provided an update on the activities of the EMA. Highlights include:

- End of year equipment maintenance and battery replacements were performed on emergency warning sirens.
- EMA Director Jason Marks has been coordinating with “TEEX”, the Texas A & M Engineering Extension Services to bring specific training for senior officials to Peoria in April.

Regional Office of Education

- Monthly Update

Ms. Crider provided an update on the activities of the Regional Office of Education. Highlights include:

- Distributed the 2021-2022 Region Report to committee members and summarized the report.

➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Ms. Cottrell provided an update on activities. Highlights include:

- The Limestone Township Board has unanimously approved placing a referendum on combined waste and recycling services on the spring 2023 ballot.
- Collection of holiday lights will continue through this coming Monday.
- Staff continues work on the Resource Management Plan, and anticipate bringing a draft of the plan forward at either the January or February meeting of the committee.
- The Regional Food Council, in coordination with the Community Foundation, will host a conference addressing hunger in the area on February 21st.

➤ Landfill Committee

- The Landfill budget will be brought forward to the committee in January or February.

➤ TRIAD

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

➤ Board of Health

➤ Monthly Update

Ms. Hendrickson provided an update on the activities of the Health Department and Board of Health. Highlights include:

- Due to the necessary relocation of staff during the renovation of the Health Department, the Board of Health will begin meeting at the North Branch of the Peoria Public Library until the completion of the new facility.
- Nominations for a Public Health Champion Award for both an individual and an entity will be posted later this month.
- The 2021 Mortality Report was presented to the Board of Health and has been posted online. She noted that the top five leading causes of death in Peoria County were reported as heart disease, cancer, COVID-19, respiratory disease, and accidents/injury (including overdoses and homicides).

➤ Health & Human Services Campus update

Mr. Sorrel presented an overview of the general workflow and project phases, prior policy decisions made by the County Board, remaining policy decisions, design decisions made by the Management Team and Design Team, and project financials. He noted that the original cost estimate, including hard costs, soft costs, and contingencies, totaled \$28.1 million. After value engineering activities, including but not limited to, consolidating two structures into a single structure, reducing the number and size of rooms and offices, and eliminating green roofs, the “all-in” project cost was reduced to \$21.779 million. He added that River City Construction anticipates a further 3-7% savings in the hard construction costs through competitive bidding, and he commented that it is a goal to reduce the total project cost to under \$20 million.

Mr. Sorrel addressed questions related to the procedure for Change Orders, the means of separation between the Coroner’s Office and the Health Department, and use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Committee Action

➤ Review of Executive Session Minutes

Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that it is the recommendation of the State’s Attorney’s Office 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.

A motion to accept the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office was made by Ms. Bryant and seconded by Ms. Groves Allison. The motion carried (12-0).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Reneau at 2:18 p.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman