

Approved 3/27/23

**MINUTES
Infrastructure Committee
February 27, 2023
@ 2:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Phillip Salzer – Chairperson; James Dillon, Betty Duncan, Daniel Kelch, Terry Ruhland, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Matt Windish
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Heather McCord – Chief Financial Officer; Gretchen Pearsall – County Administration; Amy McLaren, Jeff Gilles – County Highway Department; Mark Little – Chief Information Officer; Calvin Kerley – Facilities Director; Becca Cottrell – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Brian Johnson – Greater Peoria Sanitary District; Jason Hawksworth – Hawk-Attollo Solar Energy Partners

Call to Order

Chairperson Salzer called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2023 and January 23, 2023 was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried (6-0).

Informational

- **Greater Peoria Sanitary District Minutes**

Mr. Johnson directed committee members to the submitted minutes of January 17, 2023 and stood for any questions. There were no questions or comments from committee.

- **Facilities Master Plan**

Mr. Little provided an update on FY2022 and FY2023 budgeted projects, including:

- Construction of the new Public Defender space and demolition of the new IT space are underway and on schedule.
- Boiler burner upgrade is complete and running efficiently.
- Continue working with Midwest Engineering on various capital projects.

Resolutions

- **MFT Appropriation for Pulsifer Road Bridge Rehabilitation**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Ms. Williams. Mr. Gilles advised an error was discovered in the resolution originally approved by the County Board in December 2022. He noted that funding will be de-obligated from the County Bridge Fund and appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. The motion to approve carried (6-0).

- **Multi-Township Bids for Sealcoating and Tilling**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Ruhland and seconded by Ms. Williams. Ms. McLaren explained that the Highway Department solicits bids on behalf of townships for sealcoating operations for township opting into the program. She advised that the participating townships have accepted bids from Pavement Maintenance and Porter Brothers Asphalt & Sealing, and staff recommends approval of the bids. The motion carried (5-0; with Mr. Kelch abstaining).

- **Funding for Old Galena Road**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Kelch and seconded by Ms. Duncan. Mr. Gilles advised that the bid prices for the Old Galena Road reconstruction project came back much lower than estimated. He stated that staff had originally anticipated utilizing \$3 million in county funds for the project, with \$2.7 million of that \$3 million being REBUILD funding. He commented that with the lower project cost, Peoria County's share has been reduced to \$2.080 million, leaving REBUILD funds unspent. He stated that as IDOT is encouraging the use of REBUILD funding as soon as possible and staff recommends utilizing all remaining REBUILD funds on the Old Galena Road project.

Mr. Gilles advised that the recommended revised resolution utilizes all remaining REBUILD funds, utilizes a combination of REBUILD and MFT funds for construction engineering, and reduces the original appropriations by \$920,000.00. The motion to approve carried (6-0).

- **Appropriation for purchase of radios for Highway Department Fleet**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Kelch. Ms. McLaren advised that the radios utilized by the Highway Department fleet are aging and in need of replacement. She stated an upgrade to STARCOT radios would make the system compatible with other first responders. She advised that the cost to purchase 60 new STARCOT radios totals \$257,000.00. She stated that staff recommends the cost of the purchase to be appropriated from the General Fund, with the Matching Tax Fund paying back the General Fund over a five-year period. The motion carried (6-0).

- **Appropriation for installation of radios for Highway Department Fleet**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Ruhland and seconded by Mr. Kelch. Ms. McLaren advised that staff recommends retaining vendor Supreme Radio to install the 60 STARCOT radios for the Highway Department fleet at a cost of \$85,615.00, with funding appropriated from the Matching Fund. The motion carried (6-0).

- **Cooperative Research Grant with Bradley University**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Ruhland. Mr. Gilles advised that this annual agreement with Bradley University allows students of the University's Civil Engineering Department to maintain the pavement management system by analyzing the condition of one-half of the county's highways each year. He stated that the cost of the one-year agreement totals \$29,275.00, with funding coming from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. The motion to approve carried (6-0).

- **Master Development Agreement for Solar Photovoltaic Project**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Dillon. Ms. Cottrell advised that staff recommends approval of a Development Agreement with local solar developer Hawk-Attollo, and to include a Power Purchasing Agreement for the Highway Department and Juvenile Detention Center. She stated that the Power Purchasing Agreement allows for no capital outlay while realizing significant reductions in utility costs with onsite green energy. She also advised that the Agreement would allow Hawk-Attollo to apply for the Illinois Solar for All program on the county's behalf.

Ms. Cottrell and Mr. Hawksworth addressed questions from committee members, particularly questions regarding the costs and benefits of a Power Purchasing Agreement vs. County purchase.

Mr. Dillon requested that Mr. Hawksworth give a presentation on the Solar Photovoltaic Project at the full County Board Meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023.

The motion to approve carried (6-0).

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Salzer at 3:22 p.m.

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