

**Approved 5/23/23**  
**MINUTES**  
**County Health Committee**  
**March 28, 2023**  
**@ 1:00 p.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Rob Reneau</b> – Chairperson; <b>Camille Coates</b> – Vice Chairperson; <b>Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Betty Duncan, Brian Elsasser, Nathan Hoerr, Danny Phelan, Steven Rieker, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams</b>
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	<b>Linda Daley</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>Terry Ruhland</b> – County Board Member; <b>Heather McCord</b> – Chief Financial Officer; <b>Gretchen Pearsall</b> – County Administration; <b>Monica Hendrickson</b> – Health Department; <b>Jason Marks</b> – EMA; <b>George McKenna</b> – Regional Office of Education; <b>Rebecca Cottrell</b> – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; <b>Jamie Harwood</b> – Coroner; <b>Rachael Parker, Brooke Sommerville</b> – County Clerk
<b>VISITORS:</b>	

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Reneau called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023 was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Mr. Phelan. The motion carried (11-0).

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

- Board of Health
- Monthly Update

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

- The Board of Health recognized the 2022 Food Safety Excellence Award winners on February 27, 2023.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has been approved by the Board of Health.
- The Peoria City/County Health Department 2022 Annual Report was distributed to committee members.

A brief discussion was held on the reduction of food cart vendors due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the endeavors by both the City and County of Peoria to encourage food cart applications. Ms. Hendrickson commented that one of the largest hindrances to food establishments is the lack of staff to extend to both their brick-and-mortar establishments and external events.

- Health and Human Services Campus Update

Mr. Sorrel summarized the key dates related to the bid process and deadlines related to the construction of the Health and Human Services Campus.

Mr. Ruhland, in his capacity as appointed County Board Representative for the Health and Human Services Campus Project, spoke on the value engineering process, and answered questions from the committee. He stressed that the value engineering decisions made have not reduced the effectiveness or quality of the facility.

Mr. Sorrel recapped the current funding appropriated either in prior years brought forward, or the current year, for the project as being \$250,000.00 from the Solid Waste Management Fund, \$14 million in ARPA funds, and \$1 million from the Health Department. He also commented that the Health Department has been building reserves over several years specifically for this project and those reserves could potentially total \$4.5 million. Additionally, he stated that although not yet appropriated, an additional \$250,000.00 from the Solid Waste Management Fund would be available if needed. He remarked that available funding totals approximately \$19 million, and with final pre-construction cost estimated at \$21.8 million, leaves an approximate \$3 million gap. He commented that it is anticipated that the shortfall will decrease, as later rounds of value engineering are not included in the final cost.

- Care & Treatment Board
- *Monthly Update*

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

- EMA
- *Monthly Update*

Mr. Marks provided an update on the activities of the EMA. Highlights include:

- Several severe weather preparedness activities were held in March
- Annual Weather Spotting training was held on March 20, 2023
- A First Responder River Exercise meeting was held March 13, 2023
- A Significant Weather Incident: Debris Management Tabletop Exercise was held March 7, 2023
- Participated in a U of I Extension Hazard Mitigation Focus Group

#### Regional Office of Education

- *Monthly Update*

Mr. McKenna provided an update on the activities of the Regional Office of Education. Highlights include:

- The ROE hosted an Open House for the Peoria Regional Learning Center located at the Franciscan Recreation Complex.
- The ROE anticipates being the beneficiary of a Homeland Security Grant, either as a central hub for Illinois or as the overall grantee.
- The GMB Arts in Education Spring Celebration begins April 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Sustainability & Resource Conservation

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

- Kuusakoski Recycling is providing Saturday hours throughout the summer months for electronics collection and the reduced fee for television collection will continue through August.
- Limestone Township electronics collection will be held September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Three educational sessions held by Limestone Township regarding the upcoming referendum on waste and recycling collection in unincorporated areas drew 159 attendees.
- The Regional Food Council is hosting an informational session on Farm to School funding on April 14, 2023.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Miscellaneous**

None.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Reneau at 2:00 p.m.

*Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman*