

APPROVED 4/25/23

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 28, 2023

@ 2:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	James Dillon – Chairperson; Sharon Williams – Vice-Chairperson; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Camille Coates, Betty Duncan, Danny Phelan, Rob Reneau, Steven Rieker, Paul Rosenbohm, Phillip Salzer
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Linda Daley, Daniel Kelch, Matt Windish
STAFF 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, Andre Allen – County Administration; Rachael Parker – County Clerk; Andrew Braun – Planning & Zoning; Amy McLaren – Highway Department
VISITORS:	Mary Peterson, Tim Bertschy – Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity; Evan Wooding – Steamfitters Local 353

Call to Order

Chairperson Dillon called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023 was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried (12-0).

Informational Items/Reports/Other Minutes/Updates

- Springdale Cemetery

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

- County Auditor

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

- Heddington Oaks Financials

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

Mr. Dillon motioned to receive and file the informational reports with the exception of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity update.

- Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity Update

Ms. Peterson and Mr. Bertschy, co-chairs of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity, provided an update on the activities and progress of the Commission. Ms. Peterson stated that the mission of the Commission brought the challenge of determining whether there is racial disparity within Peoria County which impacts justice and equity. She advised that this topic was addressed by first collecting and examining data and creating a baseline from which to initiate discussion on material disparities within races in the community. She remarked that after a thorough review of data, it was determined that there are major disparities among races.

Mr. Bertschy outlined the work plan devised by the Commission to begin their examination of racial equity in Peoria County. He stated that the plan is a data driven process, supplemented by the life experiences of those in this community impacted by racial disparity, and additionally supplemented with the experiences of other communities.

Ms. Peterson advised that the Steering Committee and the eight subcommittees of the Commission were charged with examining key indicators of racial disparity, and summarized the data brought forward by each subcommittee. Mr. Bertschy stated that the conclusion taken from the work of each subcommittee is that material racial disparity is found within every category.

Ms. Peterson outlined the next steps to be taken in 2023 to address the issue of material racial disparity within the community, and she and Mr. Bertschy answered questions from committee members.

Discussion

- **Carbon Sequestration**

Mr. Braun gave a presentation on proposed CO2 pipelines in relation to Peoria County. He advised that at the request of Chairman Dillon, the State's Attorney's Office and the Planning & Zoning Department reviewed information being presented on the pipeline and reached out to Wolf Carbon Solutions, the developer of the proposed pipeline. He stressed that Peoria County will not take a position on the carbon pipelines, but simply present information.

Mr. Braun explained the process of carbon sequestration, noting that there are approximately 10 sites/pipelines operating within the United States, although none are currently located in Illinois. He stated that the pipeline proposed by Wolf Carbon Solutions will begin in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, eventually running through Peoria with a trunk line to the BioUrja facility, and ending in Decatur, Illinois, where the carbon will be sequestered. He stated that Wolf Carbon Solutions anticipates filing the project with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) in April 2023, and has indicated that public meetings will be held after the filing. He advised that construction is anticipated in late 2024/early 2025 and the project is anticipated to be in-service by early 2026.

Mr. Braun summarized concerns raised by the "Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines", based upon a February 2023 Webinar, and responses to several of those concerns from Wolf Carbon Solutions.

Ms. Cordis Boswell noted that the authority for the pipeline comes directly from the state per a state statute giving the ICC the ability to authorize a CO2 pipeline. She outlined potential actions which could be taken by Peoria County, which includes reviewing current Peoria County permitting requirements, adopting additional permitting requirements, and petitioning to act as an intervener in the ICC process if Wolf Carbon Solutions applies to the ICC.

The following Standing Committee meetings were summarized by their respective Chairperson as follows:

Infrastructure

The following resolutions were recommended to the County Board for approval.

- Joint Funding Agreement for Highway State Improvement Project on Hanna City-Glasford Road
- Jurisdictional Transfer of Glen Avenue to City of Peoria

Ways and Means

The following resolution was recommended to the County Board for approval.

- Monthly Delinquent Taxes

Land Use

The following were recommended to the County Board for approval.

Zoning Cases

- #ZBA-2023-008, Petition of Peoria County

Subdivision Waivers

- #WAV-2023-002, Petition of James Fowler
- #WAV-2023-003, Petition of James Fowler

County Operations

No resolutions were recommended to the County Board for approval.

County Health

No resolutions were recommended to the County Board for approval.

Public Safety and Justice

The following resolutions were recommended to the County Board for approval.

- Amendment to Chapter 5 of the Peoria County Code of Ordinances
- Best Friends Animal Society grant award
- Walmart Community Grants Teams grant award

Finance Audit and Legislative Affairs

CANCELED

Public Comment

Evan Wooding, UA Representative for Steamfitters Local 353, spoke in support of the proposed pipeline as a proactive tool in addressing climate change.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Dillon advised that a discussion on ARPA funding will be held at the April meeting of the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dillon at 4:05 p.m.

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