

Approved 8/23/22

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 26, 2022

Immediately following County Health Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	James Fennell – Vice Chairman; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Linda Daley, James Dillon, Betty Duncan, Kate Pastucha, Rachel Reliford, Rob Reneau, Steven Rieker, Paul Rosenbohm (<i>via teleconference</i>), Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Andrew Rand; Kate Pastucha
STAFF PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Gretchen Pearsall, Angela Loftus – County Administration; Heather McCord – Chief Financial Officer; Rachael Parker – County Clerk; Nicole Bjerke – Treasurer
VISITORS:	

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Fennell called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.

A motion to allow the participation of Mr. Rosenbohm via teleconference was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Ms. Daley. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022 was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Ms. Reliford. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Sorrel information in the committee packet includes the balance sheet for the period ending May 31, 2022, and the current status of Accounts Receivable. Staff is scheduled to meet this week with the vendor retained to resolve several accounts receivable accounts.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the County is scheduled to close on the sale of the real estate agreement on August 5, 2022, and closing on the bonds will take place on August 11, 2022 at a real interest rate of 3.63%. He added that this rate represents a net savings to taxpayers of \$31.5 million.

- Peoria County Enterprise Zone Report

Mr. Sorrel directed committee members to the submitted report which shows activity through June 2022.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the local governances that are part of both the Urban and Rural Enterprise Zones are working to finalize any requests to the annual map amendment. He explained that county municipalities have the opportunity to request to either remove or add property from the Enterprise Zone.

- Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity update

Mr. Sorrel advised that, as per committee request, a draft Ordinance for a Racial Equity Impact Assessment Tool has been included in the committee packet. He stated that the Ordinance is the first recommendation to come from the Joint City/County Commission on Racial Justice and Equity. He noted that although the Ordinance is currently in draft form, the document has been adopted by the Joint Commission and has been forwarded to both the County and City. He highlighted a key area of the Ordinance stating that if adopted, a tool will be implemented which assures that actions of the County Board, through policy decisions and votes taken on resolutions and ordinances, will meet certain criteria or have been evaluated with certain criteria in mind, and which are detailed within the Ordinance.

Mr. Sorrel advised that either the Chief Diversity Equity Inclusion Officer or the line staff reporting to that position would be responsible for maintaining the tool.

- Tax Abatement Program

Topic deferred to the August meeting of the committee.

- Peoria County Flag Design Contest

Ms. Pearsall advised that Peoria County does not currently have an official county flag, and stated that she was approached by several County Board Members regarding launching a contest to design an official flag for Peoria County. She commented that the county will solicit direct input from the community, with guidelines to aid residents in their design entries. She summarized the historical background of county flags, design elements/options/suggestions, contest structure, and contest timeline (August 8th through September 7th). She stated that after the submission deadline, a panel of both community members and internal county staff will review and cull submissions, with the public ultimately voting for a finalist.

Resolution

- Auditor Referendum

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Rieker and seconded by Dr. Blair. Mr. Fennell advised that the proposed Referendum Question as to whether to eliminate the internal Office of the County Auditor would be placed on the ballot for the General Election to be held November 8, 2022.

The motion to approve carried (11-2); Ms. Bryant and Mr. Reneau voted nay.

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

County Operations

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

- Additional Appropriation into PCAPS Fund for purchase of industrial dryer

Infrastructure

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

- Heddington Oaks Erosion Repair Bid Letting
- Engineering Services Agreement for Heddington Oaks Erosion Repair

Ways and Means

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

- Monthly Delinquent Taxes
- Election Commission Budget Amendment

Land Use

The following was recommended to the County Board for approval.

Zoning Cases

- #ZBA-2022-0029, Petition of Jason W. Talley

County Health

No resolutions were recommended to the County Board for approval. Ms. Williams commented that township officials continue to meet to discuss expansion of Peoria County's waste and recycling services.

Public Safety and Justice

CANCELED

Finance Audit and Legislative Affairs

CANCELED

Miscellaneous

Mr. Sorrel provided an update on the 2023 budget schedule. He noted that departmental budget meetings begin this week, and the recommended budget is anticipated to be adopted at the October 13, 2022 County Board Meeting.

Dr. Blair noted that Election Commissioner Tom Bride is leaving the county, and wished him well on his next steps.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Fennell at 3:38 p.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman