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Rachel Reliford, District 12  
Vice-Chairperson-James T. Fennell, District 13  
Brian Elsasser, District 14  
Steven Rieker, District 15  
Matthew Windish, District 16  
Jennifer Groves Allison, District 17  
Paul Rosenbohm, District 18

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**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 8, 2020  
6:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER  
MOMENT OF SILENCE  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ROLL CALL BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

Attendance was taken with the Roll Call-Pro voting system, and the following members of the Board were present: Members Blair, Bryant, Daley (via teleconference), Dillon, Duncan, Elsasser (via teleconference), Fennell, Groves Allison, Pastucha, Rand, Reliford (via teleconference), Reneau, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, and Williams, with Member Windish absent.

**I. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Member Watkins moved to suspend the rules to allow for remote participation, to hold the meeting without the public's presence, and to suspend the section for citizens to speak in person; Member Blair seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of September 10, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes

Member Rosenbohm moved for approval of the minutes, Member Salzer seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

**III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A proclamation recognizing the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EP!C

**IV. CITIZENS' REMARKS**

County Clerk Rachael Parker read the submitted public comments. See attached for the public comments.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)**

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of



August 2020 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of July 2020.

- C2. The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at [www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency](http://www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency).
- C3. A resolution (items 1-13, 15-33, 39-43, 45-161 conveyances; 34-38, 44 surrenders) from your Ways and Means Committee recommending that the County Board Chairman be authorized and directed to execute deed of said property to the highest bidder, and be authorized to cancel the appropriate Certificates of Purchase. This resolution shall be effective ninety days from September 10, 2020 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void. (*Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C*)
- C4. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval to appropriate funds donated to PCAPS and granted by the Community Foundation of Central Illinois in the amount of \$16,000.00 into the PCAPS non-capital equipment fund to be utilized for improvements to feline housing.
- C5. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an SFY 2021 Adult Redeploy Grant Agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in the amount of \$252,248.00.
- C6. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an FFY 2021 DUI Court Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$307,724.43.
- C7. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Peoria for the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), with the County's portion of the funds, \$26,726.00, to be utilized for Use of Force training and the purchase of a walk-through metal detector.
- C8. A resolution from your County Health Committee recommending approval of a Hedington Oaks Collection Policy.
- C9. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois for bridge replacement on Brimfield Jubilee Road.
- C10. Chairman Appointments.

Member Rosenbohm moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Salzer seconded. Member Rieker asked to pull Item C3. The Consent Agenda, except Item C3, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

**C3. A resolution recommending that the Board Chairman be authorized and directed to execute deed and be authorized to cancel the appropriate Certificates of Purchase.**

Member Rieker moved to approve Item C3 and Member Rosenbohm seconded. Member Rieker noted that after the auction in August, the city of Peoria asked to pull 48 parcels for a 30-day



review before approval. Member Rieker moved to strike the resolution list and replace it with the list dated October 8, 2020, and Member Rosenbohm seconded.

Member Rieker explained that a review would fit within the 90-day timeframe for approval after the sale and that the City Manager requested it. Member Rieker, Chairman Rand, and Treasurer Nicole Bjerke discussed the tax sale and the Trustee auction process, noting that the procedure was followed, and described that the Way and Means committee will further examine the process at its next meeting. Chairman Rand expressed concern about pulling the properties from a single bidder and highlighted that the committee review will shed light on the process. The motion to replace the resolution list amend by replacement passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

Member Elsasser remarked that the County owes it to the bidder to decide within 30 days and conveyed that he can support the item within that time. The resolution as amended passed by unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

## **VI. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

1. A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Peoria County, the City of Farmington, and Village of Hanna City for the formation of the Hanna City Trail Negotiation Commission.

Member Williams moved to approve the resolution and Member Rosenbohm seconded. Mr. Sorrel detailed that after the Board approved the original agreement, Fulton County decided that it would not participate due to its financial constraints. He explained that the amended agreement splits Fulton's share across the remaining three entities equally and that the possibility of a grant halving the local match still exists. He reported that the appropriation is for a maximum responsibility of \$195,000.

Member Williams mentioned she has never seen more excitement for an item and acknowledged the number of comments and petition signatures in support. Member Rosenbohm described that the price-per-acre is lower than the farm ground in the area and that the land has a good rock base. Member Groves Allison requested an explanation of funding. Mr. Sorrel detailed the cost share from Federal, State, and local funding, with a potential of 90% of the total cost being covered by State and Federal dollars.

Member Blair asked about the prior approved amount, and Mr. Sorrel identified that change is roughly \$20,000 to \$25,000 more. Member Dillon recognized all of the partners for coming together in support of the project. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

### **2. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Member Fennell moved to suspend the rules to allow the subsequent item to be considered by the full Board without coming through Committee and Member Reneau seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

3. A Proclamation extending the Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19 in Peoria County, Illinois.



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Member Blair moved to approve the resolution and Member Fennell seconded. Mr. Sorrel informed that the proclamation's date is incorrect and that an amendment would be appropriate to correct it. Member Blair moved to amend the resolution to correct the proclamation date to October 8, 2020, and Member Pastucha seconded. The motion to amend passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes. The resolution as amended passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Sorrel congratulated Assistant Chief Financial Officer Julie Ciesla on her upcoming marriage and wished his mother a happy birthday.

Member Groves Allison wished a happy 15th anniversary to her husband.

Member Rieker encouraged all to vote and identified the opportunities to vote by mail, in-person early, or in-person on Election Day.

Member Blair conveyed that she voted by mail, commented that the process was very easy, and mentioned the text message notification service. Chairman Rand brought up that the text message was unanticipated but reassuring.

Member Pastucha expressed her excitement for the Hanna City Trail and that she looks forward to it.

Chairman Rand thanked Sheriff Asbell and the Department for helping and showing professionalism in working with a group exercising their right to protest. He remarked that the Chief Judge has been in contact regarding the 2021 Courts' budget and that they are working toward common goals and interest.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman announced the meeting was adjourned.



The following public comment was submitted. Redaction has been made for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## **Submitted Citizens' Remarks – October 8, 2020 County Board Meeting**

### **Full Listing – at 6 pm 10/8/2020**

#### **Summary:**

- 313 Individuals have submitted citizens' remarks with the same below language. The listing of names is also provided below.
- 18 individuals provided additional comments in the email. Their additional comments have been compiled and are attached.
- 16 individuals submitted their own remarks. Those emails are attached.

#### **Email Language Submitted by 313 individuals:**

Subject: Vote Yes to Support the Hanna City Trail

I am in full support of the creation of the Hannah City Trail. I would like to recognize and thank the Farmington City Council's efforts in recent months to vote in favor of funding a portion of it. However, your support now is more important than ever to make sure our region can capture the economic and recreational benefits of this asset for generations to come.

As a Central Illinois resident I am looking forward to utilizing the trail and supporting the process of future development. I would encourage the Peoria County Board to vote yes on moving forward with Farmington and Hannah City to proceed working toward realizing the Hannah City Trail. Thank you for your service and consideration of this project.

*Name*

Central Illinois Trail Advocate

#### **Submitter List:**

1	Brianna Fullenkamp	12	Bruce Tipton	23	Steve and Jill Casper
2	Rick Lingenfelter	13	Andrew Moser	24	Richard B. Bosley
3	Josh Perko	14	Robert H. Proctor	25	Ryan Malinowski
4	Ben Harding	15	Andy Bach	26	Mary
5	Thomas Giese	16	Sheldon Schafer	27	Brian Rolli
6	Michael Krause	17	Kim Varnes	28	"rthomas80us"
7	Caleb E Johnson	18	Mark Monge (x2)	29	Richard A McMullen
8	Nicole Mauser-Storer	19	Phil Lopez	30	Charles F. Sieck
9	Tony Grebner	20	Holly S.	31	Becky Montgomery
10	Tara Mayner	21	Jeff Vogel	32	Jeffrey Kosiorek
11	"love_my_pooches"	22	Jack Malahy	33	Kent Schonert

34	Sondra Huff (x2)	77	James (BJ) Kyle	119	George Mattson
35	Mike Fleming	78	Karen Ann Rose	120	Zack Zimmerman
36	Lois Wahrenburg (x2)	79	Terry Cooper	121	Carolyn Morse
37	Erin Magee	80	Greg Clark	122	Josh Sakash
38	Judy Kem	81	Sandra Burrier (x2)	123	Michael Andresen
39	Peggy Wilhoyt	82	George Burrier (X2)	124	Deanna Hoopingarner
40	Jim Wittmer	83	Ann Schreifels	125	Martin Hoopingarner
41	Stephanie Ramquist	84	Greg Hickey	126	Wendy Marquis
42	Bruce Starbuck	85	Kyle Lueken	127	Kristen Cowan
43	Brian and Jamie Wojtysiak	86	Ronald A Gulley	128	Ted McSimov
44	Tom Van Kley	87	Nick Reed	129	Keith Borland (x2)
45	Kevin J McCaddon	88	Joshua M. Perez	130	Cari Borland
46	Bob McGarrah	89	Holly Ward	131	Raphael Rodolfi
47	Herb Kasube	90	Steven Flinn	132	Jari Centers
48	Teresa Garcia	91	Cody Sheldon	133	Rich Giebelhausen
49	Amber Anderson	92	Anthony Perry	134	Kyle Duryea
50	Loree Carter	93	Tiffany Meschnark- Middlemas	135	Beth Bussan
51	Tyler Hiatt			136	Kayla Wright
52	Kate	94	Thomas W Haner	137	John Scudder
53	Barb Drake	95	Renee Spenny	138	Marjorie Hogeboom
54	David Hoover	96	Rodney E Sprecher	139	David R Martin
55	David Pittman	97	King Bostwick	140	Richard B. Bosley
56	Alex Fullenkamp	98	Doug Zarvell	141	Kathy Rennick
57	Karen Raab	99	Matt Rupert	142	Cora Lynn Green
58	Rachel Mitchell	100	Burl E Varner	143	Bayleigh Allen
59	Jackie and Dacia Fouts	101	Helen Talbot Hodge	144	Josh Fullenkamp (x2)
60	John Seckler	102	Ben Streeter	145	Jeremy Bernahl
61	Elizabeth A Irving	103	Don Castelli	146	Stefan Evans
62	William D Irving	104	Amber Pounds	147	Douglas McCarty
63	Carson Potts	105	Joyce Harant	148	Marcy Roberts
64	Michael Kuhn	106	Nancy L Spooner	149	Ben Nelson
65	Joe Engberg	107	Isaac Raabe	150	Emily Bennett
66	Barbara N Pierce	108	Gloria Smith-Duryea	151	Christie Ricketts
67	Cheryl Flinn (x2)	109	Therese Brink	152	Beverly Proud
68	Justin Freeman	110	Jill Conner	153	Marc Proud
69	Laura Harting-Lemon	111	Mike Wasson	154	Ian Goslin
70	Crystal A Kyle	112	Valerie Doubet	155	Cathy Curtis
71	Robert Neal	113	Sally J Brown	156	Dan Lang
72	David Gould	114	"fullfarm"	157	Ted Golden
73	Jill Casper	115	Jessica Fusselman	158	Eric Fletcher
74	Ann Weitkamp	116	Chris Johnson	159	James Boston
75	Keith Folken	117	C Pendl	160	John Molchin
76	Sarah Krieger	118	Phil Martin	161	Matt Raher

162	Amy Ashley-Raher	205	Melissa Evans	247	James Boston
163	Brian Getz	206	Andy Carter	248	Jeff Beranek
164	Mike Rucker	207	Kim Varnes	249	Carole S Ackerman
165	Jean Sprecher	208	Anthony Strickland	250	Judy Kem
166	Sarah Sakash	209	Tiara Mullen	251	Leonard W Matheny
167	CO Varnes	210	Jeffrey Freeman	252	Kim L Kelley
168	Jacob Lyon	211	Kathly Phillips	253	Holly Cunningham
169	Don Rulis	212	Janet White	254	Beth Duttlinger
170	Ralph Behrens	213	Jo Lakota	255	Peggy Powers
171	Andrea Tognetti	214	Craig Kohlmeyer	256	Rodney E. Sprecher
172	Blake Parker	215	Matthew Level	257	Kate Potter
173	Chad Estes	216	Jason Bibbs	258	Crystal Kyle
174	John McConnell	217	Charles Bennett	259	Chris Johnson
175	Pam Rodriguez	218	Laura Amodio	260	Tim Wright
176	Jerry L Lutker	219	Deborah Allen	261	Dave Gould
177	Vicki J Schroeder	220	Evan Stumpges	262	Kaitie Adams
178	Mary Alice Addis	221	Zachary Nolan	263	Jeffrey J Freeman
179	Gretchen L Martin	222	Charles W Levesque	264	Laura Harting-Lemon
180	Beverly Barnett	223	Adam Woodson	265	Paroma Banerjee
181	April Estes	224	Mandy Carballido	266	Christine Needham
182	Joel and Emily Austin	225	Sally Hanley	267	Lori Rinkenberger
183	Lorna Sponsler	226	Brent Wassi	268	Charles O. Varnes
184	Jerrad Kaiser	227	Andy Sullivan	269	Kerri Johnson
185	Kristin Faulkner	228	Kylie Betts	270	Jayke Krusa
186	Amy Wilson	229	Joshua M. Perez	271	Amy McGovern
187	Jill Dentino	230	Ranjit Singh	272	Jan Saunders
188	Dean Magee	231	Beth Heuerman	273	Nick Viera
189	Diane Adkins	232	Mary Ardapple Dierker	274	Maris Mednis
190	Evan Zdunek	233	Nicole Roberts	275	Alexander Martin
191	Barry Adkins	234	Andrea Halabi	276	Sondra Huff
192	Melissa Herron	235	Gail Evans	277	William Allen
193	Corey Storer	236	Greg Hickey	278	Kristen Reynolds
194	David Keithley	237	Phil Kemper	279	Jean Sprecher
195	Amy McGovern	238	Jeff Patrick	280	Ralph Behrens
196	Jocelyn McDowell	239	Jim Runyon and Mary Peifer	281	Sarah Potts
197	Sherrill Saathoff			282	Bob Koch
198	Eileen Benne	240	Molly Bishop	283	Bruce Starbuck
199	Randy	241	Dan Hartzler	284	Marcy Ehlen Bretsch
200	Paul Sprecher	242	Ryan Thomas	285	Skip Meister
201	Jim Wright	243	Sarah Kiesewetter	286	Steve C Swanson
202	Martin L and Mary D Willi	244	Jenny Chasteen	287	Jen
203	Ed Marshall	245	Diane Russell	288	Kowalkent
204	Trey Mowder	246	Jole and Emily Austin	289	Sandra and George Burrier



290	David Hoover	298	Keith Borland	306	Joe Engberg
291	Jill Moser	299	Michelle Willi	307	Michael Lang
292	Josh Favus	300	Sharon Doubet	308	Brad Nauman
293	Judy Connor	301	Elizabeth A Irving	309	Kate MacIntyre
294	Alex Fullenkamp	302	Terry Rasmussen	310	Nick Reed
295	Diane Adkins	303	Monica Tripp	311	Nick Winter
296	Barry Adkins	304	Charles W Levesques	312	Jennifer Clauson
297	Cari Borland	305	Brooke K	313	Carol Eastwood

**Additional Comments:**

Bruce Brown	This Hanna City link is an important part of the 'Connectivity' of the whole, and growing by demand, Trail System in Central Illinois.
Barbara Gurtler	I believe Peoria County is supportive of this new trail, and I thank you for that. Bike trails are great recreation and economically advantageous.
Steve Richards	My wife, my children, grandchildren and I currently use all the trails in Central Illinois. We would love to see the addition.
Jim Alwill	Trails like the Rock Island Trail are a great asset to the community The Hanna City Trail need to be developed and added to the list of Peoria County Assets. Thanks!
Susan Canty	Now more than ever, we need outdoor spaces for leisure, exercise and to distantly visit with our friends. I'm sure you are well aware of the uptick in use of the Rock Island trail since the start of Covid-19. My kids and I rode our bikes on this trail many times this summer and stopped on the way at various businesses for food and drink. Please expand the options for Central Illinois residents and vote for this important project.
Bob & Diane Jorgensen	You can count on seeing us the first spring the trail is ready. We will be looking for birds or riding our bikes. Keep pushing to complete the trail and I'll look forward to a spring day to enjoy it when it is done.
Phil and Sandee Cunningham	We ask the Peoria County Board to please vote "yes" on moving forward with Peoria County and Hanna City to proceed working toward realizing the Hanna City Trail.
Rebecca Carey	I live in Peoria; I have lived in Hanna City. I am delighted to see a trail connecting both communities. We have some beautiful country between these two towns!
Dave Gromer	Beyond my personal interest, I'd point out the economic impact. The Rock Island Trail has spawned entire subdivisions adjacent to it, like Trails Edge Subdivision. Think of the impact on the property tax base!

Tony Anderson	The Rock Island Trail is a jewel and a magnet for development. It is one of the most used parks in the area. Could the Central Illinois Trail be the same?
Sandra Crow	As a senior citizen on a fixed income, leisure activities like this are affordable available and crucial to keep us healthy.
Megan Calderwood	We live nearby and look forward to biking the trail with our family hopefully in the near future!
Lenora Fisher	Please make this happen for our region. It will be used and loved by people long into the future. If there's any question about it's worth - visit the Rock Island Trail and the Bloomington Trail on the weekend and the bars/restaurants around them. It's a thing.
Stephanie Colgan	This would be a great asset to our area!! I currently travel to Peoria to use the trails there and make many stops along the way to the coffee shops and other quaint areas along the trail. It would be a boost in revenue for our surrounding area:)
Karen Briggs	I also feel there could be some private donations to help this project and I would support that effort. Thank you.
Martha J. Willi	Some of the best family times I can remember was riding with my school age and teenage children along the Rock Island Trail. I hope to be able to ride with my grandchildren on the Hanna City Trail in the near future! The addition of another outdoor venue for exercise and pleasure can only enhance the quality of life in central Illinois.
Paroma Banerjee	Now more than ever I'm enjoying the many outdoor spaces Central Illinois has to offer, but longer trails would really add to the appeal of the area.
Dennis Endicott	I am on the Board of Trustees at a local Subdivision near Hanna City: Cobblestone Estates. After communicating to the local residents in my homeowner's association, I cannot emphasize more how excited they are toward the prospect of having the Hanna City Trail developed. Most of them were completely unaware when I told them about this possibility. I received only positive feedback. Not a single person was negative toward the prospect. - Secretary, Cobblestone Estates' Homeowners Association

## Matthew Smith

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**From:** Evelyn Jolliff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ABSALUTELY NOT!!! THIS THING WILL COME UP TO OUR BACK DOOR,WE JUST BOUGHT OUR HOME!!!!!! WE DO NOT WANT THIS IN OUR YARD!!!!!!

## Matthew Smith

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**From:** Don and Barb Castelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 3, 2020 6:23 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote Yes to Support the Hanna City Trail!

I am in full support of the creation of the Hanna City Trail. I would like to recognize and thank the Peoria County Board's efforts in recent months to vote in favor of funding a portion of it. However, your support now is more important than ever to make sure our region can capture the economic and recreational benefits of this asset for generations to come.

As a Central Illinois resident I am looking forward to utilizing the trail and supporting the process of future development. I would encourage the Peoria County Board to vote yes on moving forward with Farmington and Hanna City to proceed working toward realizing the Hanna City Trail. Thank you for your service and consideration of this project.

**Excuse me, I just sent another email in support of the Trail, but I forgot to include my comment.** 'A long long time ago' when I was a single teacher in P.P.S..... back in the late 70's & early 80's, when I was a much younger person, I first became involved with the 'Friends of the Rock Island Trail as a member of the local 'Sierra Club'. The trail at that time was from Alta north. I began volunteering helping clearing brush, making signs & repairing bridges for the trail during the week and weekends. I knew of the emerging idea of 'rails to trails', but at that time there was significant opposition to the trail including fear of 'criminal elements' doing damage to the personal property of landowners along the trail, trespassing by the users of the trail, & other negative concerns [fear mongering]. There was also a great concern of the burden of later \$ costs to taxpayers or lack of use after taxpayer money was being spent. There was talk of the local government not being able to afford this upfront cost because of the economic times; the same concerns expressed now. WELL.....look at it now! It not only has become an asset to be sold by the regional economic development council, local realtors & others, but it has expanded through Peoria & the Heights. Look at the business development next to the trail in Peoria, Peoria Heights & into E. Peoria & Morton. In Alta and north, homes have been built right next to the trail FIRST, then later expanded outward with sidewalks

extending to connect to the trail; it is seen as an enhancement to home ownership there. Those homes are so expensive, that as a retired teacher I could not afford to buy one now. Just think of the property taxes coming from that new development extending all the way to the western edge of Peoria county! Just what does that tell all of you that see it as too much of a financial burden now. Please support the trail.

**Don Castelli, Peoria county resident**

Central Illinois Trail Advocate

## Matthew Smith

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 5:32 AM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Help local businesses - Vote Yes to Support the Hanna City Trail!

I am in full support of the creation of the Hanna City Trail. As a Washington, Illinois resident, I have travelled across the country to ride rails to trails. Not only will this trail benefit the citizens of Central Illinois, it will benefit the businesses. One great example is the Katy Trail in Missouri. It is 280 miles long, people will take a week to ride it stopping in all the small towns along the way. If the towns want to further increase revenue, they can coordinate to have organized rides and festivals to draw in crowds.

Charli Gregory - Central Illinois Trail Advocate

## Matthew Smith

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**From:** Angela Ruchotzke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote Yes to Support the Hanna City Trail!

I am in full support of the creation of the Hanna City Trail. My family and I will provide assistance in any way we can to help this come to fruition.

I would like to recognize and thank the Peoria County Board's efforts in recent months to vote in favor of funding a portion of it. However, your support now is more important than ever to make sure our region can capture the economic and recreational benefits of this asset for generations to come.

We currently use the Rock Island Trail quite a bit, and would absolutely love to have the Hanna City Trail to use for bike rides and walks. We can see the added benefits to local businesses for the revenue the Trail could bring to the area also.

As residents in Trivoli, my family is very much looking forward to utilizing the trail and supporting the process of future development. I would encourage the Peoria Country Board to vote yes on moving forward with City of Farmington and Village of Hanna City to proceed working toward realizing the Hanna City Trail. Thank you for your service and consideration of this project.

Angela Ruchotzke  
[REDACTED]

Central Illinois Trail Advocate

## Matthew Smith

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**From:** SJ Rae [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Support the Hanna City Trail

Dear Board Members,

First, I would like to recognize and thank your efforts in recent months to vote in favor of funding a portion of the Hanna City Trail. I also am writing to urge you to vote yes on moving forward with Farmington and Hanna City to realize this wonderful project. Your support can make sure we gain the economic and recreational benefits available in our region for generations to come. As a Peoria resident, I can't wait to use the trail and support the process of future development.

Thank you so much for your service, and for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Rae  
Middle School Science Teacher and Central Illinois Trail Advocate



**Matthew Smith**

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**From:** JANET S RILEY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support the Hanna City Trail

Peoria County Board:

I'm hoping you will continue to recognize the importance of the Hanna City Trail and continue to fund this important project. I realize money is tight, but having this recreational opportunity in our area adds to everyone's quality of life.

Janet Riley  
West Peoria, IL  
Central Illinois Trail Advocate

## Matthew Smith

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**From:** Reema Abi-Akar <rabiakar@tricountyrpc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 8:00 AM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public comment for Oct. 8 Peoria County Board Meeting

Hello,

It is a bit early, but I would like to submit a public comment for next Thursday's Peoria County Board meeting. See below:

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission fully supports the purchase of the regional corridor known as the Hanna City Trail. We recognize and applaud the Peoria County Board's efforts in recent months to vote in favor of funding a portion of it. This last step is crucial to tying up the loose ends when it comes to local funding. With such a large-scale regional effort, the small pieces of the puzzle can make all the difference. This Hanna City Trail process has shown that the whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts. This project has the potential to become a regional transportation, recreation, and economic anchor in the region like the Rock Island Trail has done. We appreciate your continued support on this topic, and we look forward to walking and biking through the forests and serene landscapes through which this trail leads.

**Reema Abi-Akar**

**Tri-County Regional Planning Commission**

Thank you!

Reema

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**Tri-County Regional Planning Commission**

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Peoria, IL 61602

**NOTE: I will be working from home this week, so if you call, please use my cell number:** 

## Matthew Smith

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hanna City Trail Vote

I have been a Peoria county resident my whole life and live near the proposed Hanna City Trail. As a life-long Peoria county resident I have always dreamed of having the trail since the rails were decommissioned. I know you have supported the trail in the past and I am asking you to please continue your support at your October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. I know the rails have been out of use for quite some time and the process could seem daunting but I would like to leave you with this quote:

Sometimes leadership is planting trees under whose shade you'll never sit. It may not happen fully till after I'm gone. But I know that the steps we're taking are the right steps.

**Jennifer Granholm**

Thank you

Mark Rupert  
Central Illinois Trail Advocate

## Mike Deluhery

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**From:** julie robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote Yes to Support the Hanna City Trail!

Greetings!

Earlier this year, I created a free community resource ([localopal.org](http://localopal.org)) to help our community members and visitors easily and quickly find outdoor places to explore, learn and play. I believe that those in decision making bodies might be interested in understanding who is using this little known, non-advertised and completely non-profit resource.

Each month, there are between 1200 and 1300 people visiting Local OPAL and searching for outdoor publicly accessible places in Fulton, Mason, Peoria, Marshall, Tazewell and Woodford counties. I was delightfully stunned by how many of those visits come from outside our community. Indeed, 15% come from states other than Illinois and 45% of visits from Illinois are from outside of our Peoria-Bloomington metro area. I am happy to provide this data should you be interested. ***In short, we are a destination and people are looking to visit our area, specifically for places to play outdoors.***

I completely support the creation of the Hanna City Trail! It would be even one more resource to attract and retain visitors and community members. The interest is there and if we build it, they will come... from all over!

Thank you so much for your work and service in support of our communities!

Julie Robinson

## Mike Deluhery

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**From:** Bruce Starbuck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:10 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hanna City Trail

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I am writing in support of the Hanna City Trail. Though I know I am not one of your constituents, I do spend time and money in the Peoria area. The infrastructure this trail would provide for cyclists would bring even more people to the Peoria area and bring them more often. If it matters, I, I for one would willingly make a financial contribution in support of this trail. I hope you can also see the value in supporting this program.

Thank you

Bruce Starbuck  
Cuba, IL.

## Mike Deluhery

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**From:** Kris Percy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote Yes for Hanna City Trail!

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Dear Councilmembers -

Thank you for your efforts regarding funding for the Hanna City Trail. I believe strongly that supporting this rails-to-trails conversion will be a profitable investment for our county long-term. There is good evidence that a dedicated bike path such as this pays off in terms of economic development and housing values for our community. There are many layers of benefit from this type of infrastructure, including well-being from exercise, free family outings, time in nature, safety, reducing pollution/traffic congestion, and overall quality of life. The trail would definitely be a boon to businesses in the communities. I am a property owner along the proposed trail in Peoria County (115 N Cramer Rd, Elmwood) and I strongly support its development.

Thank you.

Kristine Percy MD  
[REDACTED]

## Mike Deluhery

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**From:** Jim Helms [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hanna City Trail - YES!

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please support the Hanna City Trail. It would add to the quality of life in this area. Great for family recreation in the outdoors.

James Helms  
Peoria, IL

## Mike Deluhery

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**From:** Seth Hodel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Yes please to the Hannah City Trail

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As an avid bike rider, and kids who are just starting to learn, I full heartedly hope you will vote yes to move forward with the hannah city trail. Thanks so much for everything you've already done for our city, and please make this another great thing!

As a Central Illinois resident I am looking forward to utilizing the trail and supporting the process of future development. I would encourage the Peoria County Board to vote yes on moving forward in collaboration with Farmington and Hanna City to proceed working toward realizing the Hanna City Trail. Thank you for your service and consideration of this project.

Seth Hodel



**SETH HODEL**  
ANIMATOR . DESIGNER





## Mike Deluhery

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**From:** Tory Dahlhoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote Yes to Support the Hanna City Trail!

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Hello,

Please send my public comment to the Peoria County Board stressing my support of continuing to work with Hanna City and Farmington toward a deal to move the Hanna City Trail project forward despite the lack of participation from Fulton County.

As a Peoria County resident I am looking forward to utilizing the trail and supporting the process of future development. I would encourage the Peoria County Board to vote yes on moving forward in collaboration with Farmington and Hanna City to proceed working toward realizing the Hanna City Trail. Thank you for your service and consideration of this project.

- Tory Dahlhoff  
[REDACTED]

**Mike Deluhery**

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**From:** Joyce Blumenshine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** CountyClerk Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for County Board meeting tonight RE: Resolution

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club would appreciate having our comment below entered/read as a public comment at the Peoria County Board meeting tonight.

Thank you very much.  
Joyce Blumenshine  
Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club

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Thank you to the Peoria County Board for its earlier vote to support this essential last and best opportunity to for the long-term economic, recreational, and environmental benefits of the Hanna City Trail. The popularity of the Rock Island Trail and the proven quality of life and economic developments from this trail show the potential for the Hanna City Trail. Heart of Illinois Group Sierra asks that you approve the current agreement before you tonight. This trail will be a local, county and regional benefit for generations to come.

DATE: October 8, 2020

TO: Peoria County Board

RE: Citizen Remarks

FROM: Elizabeth Cashman

Dear Members,

I write regarding the closing of Heddington Oaks. Assuming it will be voted to be sold, it will finalize the end of an era - the end of a prominent fixture in our community.

While I fully acknowledge my mother's age, her preexisting conditions, and the present existence of the novel coronavirus at the time of her death, at Heddington Oaks she would have been surrounded by people who knew her and cared for her. Her death would have been comfortable and managed with kindness. That is why I continue to write to you.

Thank you again (and again) for your time,



Elizabeth Cashman

