

APPROVED 3/26/19

**MINUTES
Infrastructure Committee
February 14, 2019
@ 5:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Phillip Salzer - Chairman; Gregory Adamson, James Dillon, Rob Reneau, Matt Windish
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Kate Pastucha; Barry Robinson
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Larry Evans - State's Attorney's Office; Andrew Rand – County Board Chairman; Randy Brunner – Interim Chief Financial Officer; Julie Ciesla - Finance; Doug Gaa – Sheriff's Office; Jessica Thomas – Auditor

Call to Order

Chairman Salzer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Resolutions

- Fire Alarm System (FAS) Study Project – Phase II

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Adamson and seconded by Mr. Reneau. Mr. Sorrel advised that one of the capital projects approved in the 2019 budget was the first phase of the fire alarm system replacement at the Peoria County Jail. He advised that consulting engineering is necessary in order to bid the replacement work. Mr. Salzer advised that Midwest Engineers has agreed to complete the Fire Alarm Study at a cost not to exceed \$117,000.00. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

- Authorization to Aggregate Peoria County's Natural Gas Supply

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Windish and seconded by Mr. Dillon. Mr. Sorrel advised that a joint RFP with the City of Peoria, the Peoria Civic Center Authority, the Peoria Library District, and several other governmental units was issued in 2006 to aggregate the electricity for facilities owned and operated by those local entities. He stated that subsequent to the joint RFP, multiple contracts have been awarded to suppliers, which has saved Peoria County more than \$100,000.00 on the cost of electricity since 2006.

Mr. Sorrel advised that natural gas is now able to be aggregated in the same fashion for county owned buildings, and consultant Good Energy has assembled a local government aggregation of approximately 3,000,000 therms of natural gas. He commented that Peoria County uses 500,000 therms of that 3,000,000. He explained that March 10, 2019 is the regulatory deadline to notify Ameren of a switch to a 3rd party natural gas supplier, with the switch to an aggregated supplier occurring on May 1, 2019. He stated that Good Energy has estimated an annual savings of \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 on the cost of natural gas.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the resolution before the committee authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a contract with a supplier that is yet to be determined, as Good Energy will conduct a procurement process on behalf of all participating local governments. He advised that on the date of the bid, the County will receive pricing and an evaluation of financial benefits. He also noted that each participating government will enter into individual contracts. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Salzer at 5:48 p.m.