

**MINUTES
LAND USE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2021
4:00 P.M.
ROOM 402**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Dillon - Chairperson; Eden Blair – Vice Chairperson (via teleconference); Jennifer Groves Allison (via teleconference), William Watkins, Sharon Williams; Brian Elsasser (via teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Scott Sorrel – County Administration; Kathi Urban, Andrew Braun, Sarah Cox – Planning & Zoning

Call to Order:

Mr. Dillon called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Mr. Watkins made a motion to suspend the rules and was seconded by Ms. Williams. A vote was taken, and the motion carried, with Dr. Blair, Ms. Allison, and Mr. Elsasser voting aye via teleconference. (6-0)

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the Land Use Committee minutes from January 25, 2021, was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Watkins. A vote was taken, and the motion carried, with Dr. Blair, Ms. Allison, and Mr. Elsasser voting aye via teleconference. (6-0)

Reports/Other Minutes/Updates:

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Minutes: No questions or comments.

Unsafe Structures: No questions or comments.

Development Summary: No questions or comments.

Mr. Dillon moved to receive and file the reports.

Resolutions:

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Strong Communities Program Grant Award

Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Watkins.

Ms. Urban gave a summary of the resolution. The Illinois Housing Development Authority awarded Peoria County \$84,500.00 to assist with the demolition of Abandoned Residential Property pursuant to an application made September 2020. The grant award will allow for the demolition of 8 structures within unincorporated Peoria County that Planning & Zoning has determined to be unsafe. Additionally, the award includes 5% for indirect costs associated with administration of the grant. Approval of the resolution will authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents related to the grant award on behalf of the County. This is part of the ongoing work that Planning & Zoning has been doing throughout the County for demolitions and rehabilitations. Since 2016, we have used \$353,000 in demolition funding, from multiple sources, to demolish 30 structures, most in the floodplain. In 2011

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and 2013 the County received grant awards for rehabilitation of houses in Limestone Township for an amount of \$540,000 for 15 houses.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried, with Dr. Blair, Ms. Allison, and Mr. Elsasser voting aye via teleconference. (6-0)

Adjournment:

Mr. Dillon adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Recorded by: Sarah Cox, ZBA Administrative Assistant