

**APPROVED 3/26/19**

**MINUTES  
Infrastructure Committee  
February 26, 2019  
@ 3:00 p.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Phillip Salzer</b> - Chairman; <b>Kate Pastucha</b> – Vice-Chairman; <b>Gregory Adamson, James Dillon, Rob Reneau, Barry Robinson, Matt Windish</b>
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Scott Sorrel</b> – County Administrator; <b>Shauna Musselman</b> – Assistant County Administrator; <b>Larry Evans</b> - State's Attorney's Office; <b>Randy Brunner</b> – Interim Chief Financial Officer; <b>Julie Ciesla</b> – Finance; <b>Dan O'Connell</b> - Facilities Director; <b>Brian Johnson</b> – Greater Peoria Sanitary District; <b>Jessica Thomas</b> - Auditor; <b>Amy McLaren</b> – County Highway; <b>Brian Asbell, Doug Gaa</b> – Sheriff's Office; <b>Andrew Dwyer</b> - Greater Peoria Mass Transit District; <b>Chad Betts</b> – MV Transportation; <b>Hannah Martin, Eric Miller</b> – Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; <b>Joyce Blumenshine</b> – Heart of IL Group Sierra Club; <b>Elaine Hopkins</b> – Peoriastory.com

**Call to Order**

Chairman Salzer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2019, after requested amendments, was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Mr. Robinson. The motion carried.

**Informational**

• **Greater Peoria Sanitary District**

Mr. Johnson advised that Rep. Cheri Bustos visited the treatment plant last week. He commented that legislation submitted by Rep. Bustos focusing on combined sewer overflow and local water infrastructure improvements was passed in both the House and Senate and has been signed into law.

• **Rural Peoria County Transportation System**

Mr. Dwyer introduced Chad Betts, the new General Manager of MV Transportation. Mr. Dwyer advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement for transfer of services has been finalized and signed.

• **Facilities Master Plan**

Mr. O'Connell updated the committee on the status of the following 2019 budgeted projects:

- Midwest Engineering has submitted revised site drawings and specifications in order to alleviate exterior water infiltration issues near the Jefferson Street entrance, noting that the infiltration issues are also affecting the Circuit Clerk's Office. The drawings will be going out for bid within the next several weeks.
- Staff is working with Kone Elevator Service to finalize contract language on the upgrade to the judge's elevator.
- A Purchase Order has been issued to Bishop Brothers for an upgrade to the judge's break area, shop drawings have been approved, and casework is in production.
- Working with Midwest Engineering to prepare bid documents for upgrades to air handlers at the Peoria County Jail

- The Fire Alarm System at the Peoria County Jail is in need of modernization in order to bring the system up to current code. Staff is reviewing revised drawings and specifications provided by Midwest Engineers.
- A preliminary report has been submitted by Midwest Engineers regarding masonry tuck pointing at the Peoria County Jail, with further review and inspection of the roof planned when weather permits.

Mr. Sorrel explained the function and origin of the Plan and commented that the majority of Plan recommendations are ultimately driven by funding availability. Mr. Reneau asked about the process for selecting engineering firms for the various projects, and Mr. Sorrel advised that professional services are not bid; the County has a “pool” of qualified vendors for architectural and engineering services. He advised that either RFPs are issued to the pool for projects or staff utilizes an existing and satisfactory relationship with a firm who provided similar work in the past. He added that a decision as to which option is utilized is made on a project by project basis.

Ms. Pastucha asked if information is available regarding the hiring of female and minority owned businesses related to contractors, engineers and/or architects. Mr. Sorrel advised that the requested data will be researched and brought forward at the March meeting of the committee. He noted that two recent major projects, Peoria Riverfront Museum and Heddington Oaks, exceeded both workforce participation and enterprise participation goals for minority participation.

### **Resolution**

- Construction Engineering Agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for the Dirksen Parkway Reconstruction Project

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Windish and seconded by Ms. Pastucha. Ms. McLaren advised that the project requires materials inspections meeting IDOT and Federal Highway Administration specifications. She commented that the Highway Department no longer has staff to perform the materials inspection, and recommends retaining Hutchison Engineering, a local company who has provided services in the past, to perform construction engineering inspection services. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion**

- USDOT Autonomous Vehicle Grant Overview

Mr. Miller, Executive Director of Tri County Regional Planning, addressed the committee regarding a U.S. Department of Transportation grant opportunity, for which the region is applying. He stated that TCRPC will apply for \$8 million of the \$60 million nationwide grant, while also attempting to raise as much local match as possible. He advised that the Planning Commission has designated \$75,000.00 towards the grant as a match for this year. He is requesting Peoria County support for the project in concept and potential support in terms of additional match dollars. He remarked that all units of government within the region are being requested to contribute. Ms. Martin explained that the overall goal of the grant is to collect data and research that will inform future rulemaking about how autonomous vehicles are deployed on roads across the nation. She stated that Peoria’s unique qualities such as geography and technical partnerships put it in good standing for qualification. She also commented that the opportunity would also be a driver of future economic development in the region.

Mr. Miller stressed that although no local match is required, he believes the application would be strengthened by supportive partnerships. Mr. Sorrel recommended that to make the grant application competitive, Peoria County commit \$100,000.00 per year for three years, with the source of the funding to be determined if/when the grant is awarded. He reiterated that the opportunity provides a significant economic development component, and a competitive, well-positioned grant application creates the opportunity for the region to be a nexus of destination for this technology.

Mr. Sorrel suggested bringing the discussion to the Executive Committee, and based upon that discussion, preparing a resolution of support for either poll vote or a special meeting of the committee. He noted that the grant deadline falls between the March and April County Board meetings.

### **Miscellaneous**

Ms. Blumenshine and Ms. Hopkins addressed the committee regarding their concerns over the proposed confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) to be located near Princeville. Ms. Blumenshine noted that some CAFOs run PVC lines through county roadside ditches to remove the raw sewage from the pits below the CAFO main building, and then apply the manure to machinery for field spraying. She remarked that she will be an advocate to ensure that this process does not occur. Ms. Hopkins stated her concern regarding increased truck activity and road impact related to the proposed facility, and the odor created by the hog farm.

Mr. Adamson noted that although the CAFO is not a zoning issue under a variance for agriculture, he asked if a potential zoning solution could be found via legislation. Mr. Sorrel advised that a resolution recommending a legislative solution is being brought forward to the Ways and Means Committee. He stated that the resolution seeks legislative relief to the negative impacts of the siting of a livestock management facility by requesting amendments to the Livestock Management Facilities Act as follows:

1. Increase the minimum distance of a facility from its current 1/2 mile to 1 1/2 miles from the corporate limits of any municipality that has an adopted Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance
2. Regardless of the size of the proposed facility, the Department of Agriculture should notify the County Board of the county in which a facility will be located
3. Regardless of size of the proposed facility, allow County Boards to conduct a public hearing for the purposes of soliciting critical input from the community
4. For facility applications in any county with a population greater than 150,000, create provisions in the Act that are substantially similar to the pollution control facility process found in the Environmental Protection Act
5. Regardless of size of the proposed facility, require the Department of Agriculture to solicit an evaluation of impacts to ground water supply and quality from the Illinois State Water Survey

Mr. Dillon suggested an additional amendment request to remove or limit the ability to increase the size of an operating facility.

Ms. Thomas commented on the Space Utilization Report, asking the purpose of the study. Mr. Sorrel advised that this committee received a final draft report in January, and individual, collaborative meetings will be scheduled with departments on priorities and options. He advised that the study was conducted to analyze whether departments utilize existing space adequately and efficiently, and to make recommendations as to reorganization, relocation and/or consolidation of several departments. Ms. Pastucha asked the process by which the implementation of recommendations will be decided. Mr. Sorrel advised that many decisions will be budgetary driven, with several other projects being a sequential decision-making process ultimately driven by approved capital appropriations.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Salzer at 4:25 p.m.