

**Approved 4/27/21**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**March 23, 2021**

*Immediately following Finance Audit and Legislative Affairs Committee*

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Andrew Rand</b> – Chairman; <b>James Fennell</b> – Vice Chairman; <b>Jennifer Groves Allison</b> ( <i>via teleconference</i> ), <b>Eden Blair</b> , <b>Brandy Bryant</b> ( <i>via teleconference</i> ), <b>Linda Daley</b> , <b>James Dillon</b> , <b>Betty Duncan</b> ( <i>via teleconference</i> ), <b>Kate Pastucha</b> , <b>Rachel Reliford</b> ( <i>via teleconference</i> ), <b>Rob Reneau</b> , <b>Steven Rieker</b> , <b>Paul Rosenbohm</b> , <b>Phillip Salzer</b> , <b>Sharon Williams</b>
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	<b>Scott Sorrel</b> - County Administrator; <b>Jennie Cordis Boswell</b> , <b>Dana Hughes</b> - State's Attorney's Office; <b>Randy Brunner</b> – Chief Financial Officer; <b>Kim Hudson</b> – Finance; <b>Jessica Thomas</b> – County Auditor ( <i>via phone</i> ); <b>Brian Asbell</b> , <b>Doug Gaa</b> – Sheriff's Office; <b>Nicole Bjerke</b> , <b>Ryan Sanders</b> – County Treasurer
<b>VISITORS:</b>	<b>John Kelly</b> – Peoria City Councilman

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rand called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m.

A motion to allow the participation of Ms. Groves Allison, Ms. Bryant, Ms. Duncan, and Ms. Reliford via teleconference was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Mr. Fennell. The motion carried unanimously (12-0).

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the executive session minutes of January 26, 2021 and regular session minutes of February 23, 2021 was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously (15-0; Ms. Groves Allison, Ms. Duncan, and Ms. Reliford voted aye via teleconference).

**Informational Items/Reports/Other Minutes/Updates**

Chairman Rand invited Peoria City Councilman John Kelly to give a presentation on a program before the City Council for tax forgiveness, or abatement, for new construction. Mr. Kelly explained that the program would provide tax abatements for new construction on single-family, owner-occupied homes. He commented that that the new home would not be subject to real estate taxes for 10 years; however, the building lot remains taxable. He stated that older neighborhoods are losing population and value, and this program would bring in new homeowners and new investment. He noted that there are many vacant lots in the city of Peoria, both city-owned and county-owned and the program would encourage infill of those vacant lots.

Mr. Kelly remarked that the tax abatement area is proposed to focus on the Far Southside portion of the City of Peoria west of Western Avenue, and the North Valley from Wayne Street through Averyville. He stated that with the success of this type of program, the Valley neighborhoods would become more attractive and land values would rise, with the revenues from the increased land value benefiting all taxing bodies. He advised that the intent is for the City and County to utilize their share of the new land revenue to fund a portion of the state income tax for the owner-occupiers of the new homes.

Mr. Kelly further explained that for the initial 6 years, the owner-occupier would receive 100% of their taxes abated on their new home, an 80% abatement in year 7, 60% in year 8, 40% in year 9, 20% in year 10. He stated that the home would be fully taxable beginning in year 11.

Mr. Kelly advised that he has been striving for the past several years for a legislative amendment to the existing statute to allow tax abatement on home rehabilitation.

Committee members and staff raised several issues they believe warrant further discussion and review, including gentrification concerns, infrastructure matters, zoning and variance questions, and process within the Treasurer's Office.

➤ Springdale Cemetery Minutes

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

➤ CDAP/GAP/Macro/Other Loan Report

Mr. Sorrel advised that all CDAP loans have been paid in full. He stated that just under \$760,000.00 is available in the CDAP/GAP Loan Fund.

Mr. Sorrel advised that two loans from the Keystone Fund, Quest and Hoerr Racing, are both current. He noted that due to COVID, an agreement has been made to extend and restructure the amortization schedule with Trefzger's, adding that Trefzger's is within the guidelines of the restructured schedule. He stated that \$7.95 million is available in the Keystone Fund to be utilized for a variety of economic development purposes.

➤ County Auditor

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

➤ Heddington Oaks Financials

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

➤ Peoria County Enterprise Zone Report

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

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

**County Operations**

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

- Animal Control Contract with Village of Norwood
- Extension of Emergency Paid Sick Leave

**Infrastructure**

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

- Greengold Road Resurfacing Bid Letting
- Multi-Township Bids for Sealcoating and Tilling
- Cooperative Research Agreement with Bradley University

**Ways and Means**

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

- Monthly Delinquent Taxes
- Intergovernmental Agreement with West Peoria for Assessment Services

### **Land Use**

The following was recommended to the County Board for approval.

#### **Zoning Case**

- Case #10-21-U, Petition of David L. and Amy L. Goeken

### **Public Safety and Justice**

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

- Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Office of the Comptroller and Peoria County Circuit Clerk

### **County Health**

CANCELED

Ms. Williams advised that the County Health Committee will begin meeting every two weeks at the Health Department for the next several months.

### **Finance Audit and Legislative Affairs**

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

- FY2021 Encumbrance Rollover Appropriation

### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Sorrel advised that a Special Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled for the committee to consider proposed revisions to the County Administrator's Employment Agreement.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Dillon. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously (15-0).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Regular session resumed upon a motion by Dr. Blair and second by Mr. Salzer.

### **Adjournment**

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

*Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman*