

**Approved 7/27/21**  
**MINUTES**  
**County Health Committee**  
**May 25, 2021**  
**@ 11:30 a.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Sharon Williams - Chairperson, Betty Duncan - Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Linda Daley, Kate Pastucha, Rachel Reliford (via teleconference), Rob Reneau (via teleconference), Steve Rieker, Phillip Salzer
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<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>
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<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Rebecca Cottrell – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Jason Marks – EMA; Elizabeth Crider – Regional Office of Education; Jamie Harwood – Coroner; Dr. Francesca Armmer – Board of Health; Chris Coulter - PDC
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**Call to Order**

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- Board of Health
- *Monthly Update*

Ms. Hendrickson directed committee members to the submitted Board of Health minutes of April 19, 2021. She commented that presentations on the ISPAN (Illinois State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program grant, the Emergency Management and Preparedness Program, and Epidemiology and Clinical Services were given at the April meeting of the Board of Health.

- Care & Treatment Board
- *Monthly Update*

Ms. Hendrickson advised that presentations were given by prospective grantees at last month's meeting, and the Board will meet June 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the issuance of grant awards.

- EMA
- *Monthly Update*

Mr. Marks provided an update on the activities of the EMA:

- The EMA has been decreasing COVID-19 activities.
- Emergency Management Performance Grant FY20 Quarter 5 Report has been submitted, and an FY22 grant application has also been submitted.
- Meetings with the weather spotter team have been initiated.
- Participating in planning meetings with the Area Maritime Security Council for an exercise to be held on the Illinois River this summer.
- Participating in daily virtual meetings with FEMA regarding intermediate EOC functions
- Emergency Operations Plan has been approved and awaiting IEMA accreditation approval for the next cycle

➤ Regional Office of Education

➤ Monthly Update

Ms. Crider provided an update on the activities of the Regional Office of Education:

- Twelve students graduated from The Peoria Regional Learning Center last week. Graduates from 2020 were invited to participate in the ceremony.
- A retreat/reboot for area superintendents and administration will be held in June
- Hosting a college and career readiness reboot with partners at ICC and the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Planning and moving forward with “Handle with Care” smart alerts. Peoria Public Schools has been involved in a successful pilot program, and several schools within Peoria County have been chosen to participate.
- Highlighted two former Peoria High School students, Victor Solomon, a contestant on “The Voice” and Kendrick Green, a third-round draft pick for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

➤ Sustainability Update

Ms. Cottrell provided highlights on the activities of Sustainability & Resource Conservation:

- An electronics collections event held in April at Kuusakoski Recycling received 270,000 lbs. of electronics. An additional electronics collection event will be held at Kuusakoski in November.
- Three food scrap collection/composting starter packs have been given away and can be used at available food scarp composting kiosks. Peoria Heights has approved funding via the Rural Recycling Grant for a kiosk as well.
- Electric usage for all facilities for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 was down 3% over 2020, and natural gas was down 10% over 2020.

### **Joint Resolution**

- FY2021 Appropriation in Peoria City/County Health Department budget to reflect FEMA Public Assistance Funding (joint with Finance Audit and Legislative Affairs Committee)

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Ms. Daley. Ms. Hendrickson advised that FEMA Public Assistance funding is available specifically for COVID-19 vaccination costs. She advised that the \$500,000.00 request is 100% reimbursable; however, approval is necessary to both accept and issue the funds.

The motion carried unanimously (10-0). Ms. Reliford and Mr. Reneau voted aye via teleconference; Ms. Bryant absent for vote).

### **Resolution**

- Third Amendment to the Landfill Agreement

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Ms. Pastucha. Ms. Cottrell advised that the proposed amendment to the Landfill Agreement replaces the recycling drop off site located on Altorfer Drive with a drop off site located on Old Galena Road. She stated that the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee approved the third amendment to the agreement on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The motion carried unanimously (10-0). Ms. Reliford and Mr. Reneau voted aye via teleconference; Ms. Bryant absent for vote).

### **Discussion**

- Landfill Wetlands Update by PDC

Mr. Coulter provided an update on wetland remediation and enhancement, as well as lake and dam rehabilitation. He explained the current entrance road acts as a dam for an existing strip mine lake and in the event of the lake overflowing the road would cause a major downstream impact on neighboring properties and Route 8. He stated that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has identified the situation as a hazard, and an agreement was made

between the City, County, and Waste Management, the operator of the landfill, to address the matter.

(Ms. Bryant enters meeting.)

Mr. Coulter remarked that when the first phase of Landfill #3 was developed, it was determined that an existing wetland would be destroyed, which necessitated replacing the destroyed wetland. He stated that an arrangement with the Peoria Park District to enhance a wetland at the Vicary Bottoms site was developed in 2011. He added that a wet spring in 2019 prompted the Peoria Park District to request an alternative site for the wetlands mitigation.

Mr. Coulter stated that he tasked the PDC technical services group to attempt to not only seek resolution of the dam issues in the initial construction phase, but to also incorporate the wetland mitigation project into the dam project. The group devised a solution whereby one-half of the lake will remain, with the remaining one-half becoming wetland by utilizing the displaced dirt from the construction for the creation of wetland marsh.

Mr. Coulter also noted that construction of principal and emergency spillways, added that the emergency spillway would be constructed on property not owned by the city of county, and which will necessitate an easement agreement from the property owner.

Mr. Coulter advised that applications for the integrated project are currently being reviewed by IDNR and the Army Corp of Engineers. He stated that upon that approval, as well as approval of the easement, and resolution of outstanding matters with Waste Management, bid specs for the construction of landfill #3 will be developed. He added that construction is anticipated to begin by April 2022 and the opening of landfill #3 is expected by mid-2024.

➤ Health & Human Services Campus

○ Recap of Gift Avenue Complex Tour

Mr. Harwood thanked the committee members for participating in a tour of the Coroner's Office. He reiterated that the condition and size of the facility is not conducive of the workload of the office. He remarked that the facility is designed for approximately 100 cases annually and the current workload exceeds that number by 200-300 cases every year. He noted safety issues in several areas, including the dock, a lack of emergency wash stations, insufficient storage in the morgue room, and a general lack of storage area on campus. He also noted the office is unable to perform autopsies on COVID-19 victims due to inadequate ventilation/negative pressure room, and is unable to perform in-house post-mortem x-rays.

Dr. Blair noted her concern with the lack of overall security of files and tissue samples, and the lack of both a sprinkler system and backup generators. Ms. Daley noted that both the 2016 Matrix Study and the 2019 Facilities Study indicated that the Coroner's Office space was sufficient, and recommended renovation of existing space. She asked for the reasoning behind the need for a completely new complex as opposed to renovation. Mr. Harwood reiterated the increase in volume of deaths in recent years, a continually aging population, and a dramatic increase in the victims of violent crimes. He also emphasized the considerable lack of adequate and appropriate storage. Ms. Pastucha commented that safety issues are of utmost importance, as those issues put both county employees and outside entities utilizing the office at risk and puts the county itself at risk for liability.

○ ARPA Guidance

Mr. Sorrel advised that interim final guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury categorizes six eligible uses for the allocated funding:

1. In Support of Public Health Response
2. Replacement of Public Sector Revenue Loss
3. Water and Sewer Infrastructure
4. Addressing the Negative Economic Impacts of COVID-19

5. Premium Pay for Essential Workers
6. Broadband Infrastructure

Mr. Sorrel advised that based upon the interim final guidance, five of the six categories could potentially be used to fund all or portions of a construction project should the county decide to move forward with that option.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the Finance Audit and Legislative Affairs Committee will initiate a broader policy discussion as to how the county will choose to allocate the ARPA funding. He stated that Peoria County's allocation totals \$34,803,420.00 distributed in two equal tranches. He remarked that the first tranche was received last week by the Treasurer's Office, and the second tranche will be available no sooner than one year from receipt of the initial installment.

(Mr. Reneau enters meeting.)

○ Project Delivery Model

Mr. Sorrel summarized the three types of project delivery methods, those being: 1) Design/Bid/Build; 2) Design/Build; and 3) Construction Management-at-Risk. He also summarized the two overlay concepts which can be applied to the three models: 1) Integrated Project Delivery; and 2) Agency Construction Manager, and outlined the pros and cons to the county for each methodology. He remarked that the Design/Bid/Build model is traditionally the most common methodology utilized. He noted that Construction Management-at-Risk as well as Integrated Project Delivery overlay were the models used for the construction of Heddington Oaks.

Ms. Daley remarked that the Construction Management-at-Risk model worked well for the library construction project for which she was in charge, and also commented that an owner's representative was utilized on the project as well. Mr. Rieker remarked that he been involved various different projects which have utilized the three different delivery models, and has had the most positive experience with the Construction Management-at-Risk model.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the county has experience in utilizing an owners representative on multiple projects, including the construction of both the Juvenile Detention Center and the Peoria Riverfront Museum, using the Design/Bid/Build model.

○ Mandated Services Packet

Mr. Sorrel advise that the information on mandated services is included in the committee packet and stood for any questions. There were no questions or comments from committee.

**Miscellaneous**

Ms. Williams advised that following the adjournment of the Redistricting Committee this afternoon, the committee will meet at Heddington Oaks for a tour of the facility. Mr. Sorrel advised that a committee action item on a project delivery model will be brought forward to the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the committee.

In response to a question by Ms. Pastucha regarding a shared campus and process mapping, Mr. Sorrel advised that there is value in a review of where there is consistency of service delivery and/or improved means of service delivery that can be evaluated through process mapping.

Mr. Sorrel advised that further clarification will be forthcoming on funding models and a projected timeline on the various committee decision points.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 1:10 p.m.

