

**Approved 6/26/19**  
**MINUTES**  
**Ways and Means Committee**  
**May 29, 2019**  
**@ 2:00 P.M.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Steven Rieker</b> – Vice Chairman; <b>Jennifer Groves Allison, James Fennell, Rachel Reliford, Phillip Salzer, William Watkins, Jr., Sharon Williams</b>
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	
<b>STAFF 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> –Chief Financial Officer; <b>Julie Ciesla, Kimberly Hudson, Paul Letcher, Shelby Walenty</b> – Finance; <b>Angela Loftus</b> – Asst. Director of Human Resources; <b>Gretchen Pearsall</b> – Director of Strategic Communications; <b>Jessica Thomas</b> – County Auditor; <b>Nicole Bjerke</b> – Treasurer; <b>Elizabeth Crider</b> – Regional Office of Education; <b>Mike Deluhery</b> – County Clerk; <b>Dave Ryan</b> – Supervisor of Assessments; <b>Karen Raithel</b> – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; <b>Leslie McKnight</b> – Health Department; <b>Mark Little</b> – Chief Information Officer; <b>Kathi Urban</b> – Planning & Zoning; <b>Doug Gaa</b> – Sheriff's Office
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Kiersten Sheets</b> – Ruyle Mechanical

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Rieker at 2:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2019 was made by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Salzer. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation by Illinois Finance Authority on PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy)**

Mr. Rieker advised that the presentation will be deferred as the presenter has a conflict and is unable to attend. He commented that the program allows commercial property owners to utilize government bonding to finance clean energy improvements, with repayment of qualified improvements via a voluntary property tax assessment. He asked Ms. Raithel to provide information on the program to all county board members. Mr. Sorrel advised that he has been receiving increasing inquiries regarding the program, indicating a demand for the program.

Ms. Raithel distributed an overview of the PACE program to committee members.

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

**County Auditor**

Ms. Thomas distributed an audit report for the month of May 2019. She advised that 973 checks totaling \$5,146,245.48 were audited in the past month. She advised that the report includes a breakdown of check issued by fund and commented that a breakdown by vendor will be included in the report submitted in June. She also advised that the report will include departmental audit discrepancies and resolutions to those issues.

**County Clerk**

Mr. Deluhery advised that Statement of Economic Interest filings are nearly complete, and he stated that approximately 2/3 of the filings were completed via the new online system.

Mr. Deluhery advised that County Board minutes dating back to 1825 have been uploaded and imaged into the document repository system, and staff have begun uploading genealogical indexes into the repository system.

Peoria County Election Commission

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

Finance

Mr. Brunner advised that FY 2018 financial statements have been sent to the external auditors on May 17, 2019. He advised that staff has begun work on the FY 2020 budget roll-out.

Regional Office of Education (ROE)

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

- Ms. Crider thanked those who supported and those who acted as sponsor to the schools who participated in the Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration.
- The Peoria Regional Learning Center held graduation for 12 students, and the Options Program at Peoria High and Manual High Schools graduated 40 students.
- Align Peoria is hosting the kick-off to the Slide Into Summer reading program on June 1, 2019 at Lakeview.
- Sessions for Greater Pathway programming will be held on June 7, 2019 and August 1, 2019 at Illinois Central College.

Supervisor of Assessments/Board of Review

- Tax Cycle

Mr. Ryan advised that quadrennial reassessments are continuing, and he anticipates all notices mailed by the end of August. He commented that there are areas that will take significant drops, particularly high-end areas due to the Caterpillar move.

- Board of Review

Mr. Ryan advised that a new Board of Review member has been appointed and will begin June 3, 2019.

Treasurer

Ms. Bjerke advised that the first installment of property tax is due June 4, 2019. She stated that the combined tax bills were an overall success, although the related cost savings will not be known until receipt of a final invoice. She commented that first distribution will be June 20, 2019.

Veteran's Assistance Commission

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

Legislative Update

Mr. Sorrel advised that no budget implementation bill has been introduced as yet. He stated that he met with Senator Koehler and representatives of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association to discuss legislation related to implementation of the Wayfair decision at the Supreme Court level. He also met with Representatives Gordon-Booth and Spain for a wide-ranging conversation on multiple issues.

Mr. Sorrel advised that legislators in both Chambers met collectively several weeks ago to draft a comprehensive working list of jointly supported projects for a Capital bill, in the event a Capital Bill moves forward. In relation to the Capital Bill, he commented that one of the funding mechanisms is the increase in the Motor Fuel Tax. He stated that staff has reviewed the language in the Bill and its impact operationally, and given current revenue levels and current formulas, Peoria County could potentially expect an additional \$300,000.00 per year in Motor Fuel Tax allocations. He remarked that language allowing the ability to create a county level local gas tax was *not* included in the Bill.

Mr. Sorrel advised that discussions have taken place with Senator Koehler regarding the Medicaid reimbursement rate for county owned nursing homes.

### **Resolutions**

- **Monthly Delinquent Taxes**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Fennell and seconded by Ms. Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Increase Minimum Pricing for Trustee Auction Sales**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Watkins. Ms. Bjerke advised that the Peoria County Trustee acts as a tax buyer for taxing districts within Peoria County, with the majority of properties purchased at the tax sale being owned in a trust for the taxing districts. She stated that a surplus sale is held annually to auction the properties. She advised that the minimum sale bid of \$600.00 has not been increased since 2006, and the Trustee has requested to increase the minimum sale bid to \$750.00. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairman Rieker at 2:30 p.m.