

**Approved 8/26/20**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
July 29, 2020**

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Andrew Rand</b> – Chairman; <b>James Fennell</b> – Vice Chairman; <b>Jennifer Groves Allison, James Dillon, Kate Pastucha</b> ( <i>via teleconference</i> ), <b>Rachel Reliford, Rob Reneau, Steven Rieker, Paul Rosenbohm</b> ( <i>via teleconference</i> ), <b>Phillip Salzer, 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>Jennie Cordis Boswell</b> - State's Attorney's Office; <b>Julie Ciesla</b> – Finance; <b>Kathi Urban</b> – Planning & Zoning; <b>Amy McLaren</b> – County Highway; <b>Nicole Bjerke</b> - Treasurer
<b>VISITORS:</b>	<b>Fred Winterroth</b> – Mayor of Hanna City; <b>Brian Johnson, Tim Leach, Josh Auxier</b> – Greater Peoria Sanitary District; <b>Chris Ohl</b> – Stormy Creek LLC; <b>Brian Meginnes, Chris Coulter</b> - PDC Services; <b>John Morris, Steve Jackson, Anne Marie Miller</b> – Peoria Riverfront Museum

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rand called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

A motion to allow the participation of Ms. Pastucha and Mr. Rosenbohm via teleconference was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Fennell. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020 was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Reneau. The motion carried unanimously (11-0).

Mr. Rand took a few moments to recognize the life and legacy of Representative John Lewis.

**Resolutions**

- Agreements to effectuate a Streambank Stabilization Project on a portion of Dry Run Creek in West Peoria

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dillon and seconded by Mr. Fennell.

Mr. Sorrel stated that the resolution authorizes the County Board Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Peoria County and the Greater Peoria Sanitary District, a Reimbursement Agreement between Peoria County and PDC, and a Reimbursement Agreement between Peoria County and Stormy Creek, LLC.

Mr. Sorrel stated that the key components of each agreement name Peoria County as the lead agency and initial project financier, designate Peoria County as the applicant for an Illinois EPA Section 319 grant reimbursing Peoria County for 60% of the final cost post-construction, obligate Peoria County to hold and control all construction contracts, require successful award of the grant prior to commencing work, establish proportional shares of the required local match between all parties, and obligate all parties to reimburse Peoria County for their proportional share. He remarked that all parties continue to refine the agreements.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (11-0) with Ms. Pastucha and Mr. Rosenbohm voting aye via teleconference.

➤ Intergovernmental Agreement for the acquisition of the Hanna City Trail

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Ms. Groves Allison.

Mr. Sorrel advised that project is a joint effort between Peoria County, Fulton County, the Village of Hanna City, and the City of Farmington. He stated that the four parties have been working collaboratively to first railbank with the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STP) a 24.7 mile stretch of Union Pacific railroad right-of-way running primarily parallel to Route 116. He remarked that the railroad has not been actively used as a railroad in over 30 years.

Mr. Sorrel advised that, for a number of years, the IL Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has been filing a railbanking notice with STP on behalf of the four governments and other advocates every six months. He stated that STP and IDNR have advised that additional filings were not going to be allowed, and some action must be taken. He remarked that the four governments then worked together to draft the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing a Trail Negotiation Commission.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the Village of Hanna City has applied for a federal grant which would cover 80% of the right-of-way acquisition costs, adding that the remaining 20% is a required local match. He stated that the Agreement outlines the division of the 20%. He noted that IDNR is pursuing a second grant opportunity which would reduce the local match from 20% to 10%.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement authorizes the County Board Chairman to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County Board, creates a Commission to negotiate and finalize acquisition of the right-of-way, appoints Member Williams as the Peoria County representative to the Commission, appropriates a pledge of up to \$175,000.00 from the County-State Capital Improvement (Keystone) Fund as Peoria County's commitment to the project, and urges other local governments to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement and appropriating their proportional share of the required local match.

Mr. Winterroth, Mayor of Hanna City, gave a presentation highlighting the regional connectivity of the Hanna City Trail, the Rock Island Trail and a trail in Fulton County in the process of being purchased, as well as the multiple and varied economic benefits to the community. He anticipates all governmental parties to have signed the Intergovernmental Agreement by September, and any grant award should be known by October. He also reiterated that an additional application for a state grant will be made which would offset the 20% match required of the federal grant.

Mr. Sorrel emphasized that the source of funding for Peoria County's share of the local match is the County-State Capital Improvement (Keystone) Fund, a fund which can only be used for economic development purposes and cannot be utilized for any other program or service.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (11-0) with Ms. Pastucha and Mr. Rosenbohm voting aye via teleconference.

**Informational Items/Regports/Other Minutes/Updates**

➤ Peoria Riverfront Museum Update

Mr. Morris advised that individual and family museum membership currently totals 4,300 members. He stated that a Visionary Society was also created for individuals, businesses and foundations who could assist by contributing at a higher level. He commented that when he began his tenure, 99 Visionary Society members were contributing a total of \$120,000.00, and by the end of this past fiscal year, a total of 320 Visionary Society members were contributing a total of \$610,000.00 in unrestricted operating support.

Mr. Morris stated that even though the museum was closed to the public for 4 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this past fiscal year ended with the second strongest fiscal year of cash performance in the eight-year history of the museum. He stated that the museum received

\$353,000.00 in PPE funding as a private not-for-profit business, which assisted in backfilling some of the losses due to closure and enabled the museum to end with only a 3% deficit on the fiscal year.

Mr. Morris stated that even with the shutdown, 80% of Peoria Public schoolchildren were able to tour the museum, and he announced plans to pursue a virtual “Every Student Initiative” program.

Mr. Morris advised that the museum re-opened to the public, following all social distancing and masking requirements, on July 1, 2020.

Mr. Morris mentioned several upcoming exhibitions, including “The Guitar: The Instrument that Rocked the World” which will open in the fall, “T-Rex: The Ultimate Predator” opening in the summer of 2021, and an exhibition of the quilt collection of Ken Burns. He also stated that the museum will install a permanent exhibition of artist Preston Jackson’s work “From Bronzeville to Harlem: An American Story” in the fall.

➤ Springdale Cemetery Minutes

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

➤ CDAP/GAP/Macro/Other Loan Report

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

➤ Heddington Oaks Financials

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

**Discussion**

➤ Intergovernmental Agreement and Charter establishing a countywide “Joint Committee on Racial Justice and Equity” and amendment of County Board Rules to recognize the joint committee

Mr. Rand advised that he was contacted several weeks ago by Mayor Ardis to join him and other community leaders on a conference call regarding recent events and issues to do with civil disobedience within the City of Peoria. He stated that initial call transformed into an informal ad-hoc coalition of approximately 30 Peoria area business, governmental, educational, medical, religious and other local leaders heading a conversation on the means of creating a local commission on social injustice and racial equity to illuminate the systemic racism existing in many institutions.

Mr. Rand advised that with input from the coalition, the County Administrator and City Manager are drafting a charter including goals of establishing a racially diverse committee, creating a strategic plan around racial justice and equity, and create work groups focusing on advancing pro-equity policies, procedures and systems. Mr. Sorrel advised the charter, as currently drafted, outlines four responsibilities of city and county governments: training, administrative support, clerical support provided by the county, and legal support provided by the city. He advised that the formation of the commission is a first step for this organization in becoming a leader on effecting positive change within the community, and stressed that the commission will be action and outcome oriented.

Mr. Rand suggested scheduling a County Board Committee of the Whole, including community leaders and representatives from the City of Peoria to further the conversation and to resolve specific details regarding committee/commission establishment and structure.

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

### **County Operations**

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

- Worker's Compensation Case #010015-005140-WC-01

### **Public Safety and Justice**

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

- Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board Camera Grant
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant
- Public Defender Cost of Living Adjustment

### **Infrastructure**

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

- IDOT County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Appropriation

### **Land Use**

The following were recommended to the County Board for approval.

#### **Zoning Cases**

- #024-20-U, Petition of Julie Varnold
- #028-20-V, Petition of Josh Watson as agent for USCOC of Central Illinois

### **County Health**

CANCELED

### **Ways and Means**

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

- Monthly Delinquent Taxes

### **Budget Committee**

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

- Ordinances authorizing the sale of 2020 refunding bonds and the sale of refunding debt certificates

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rand at 5:58 p.m.

*Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman*