

**MINUTES
METRO PEORIA AD-HOC COMMITTEE
December 10, 2014
2:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT	Michael Phelan Andrew Rand (<i>teleconference</i>) Ryan Spain (<i>teleconference</i>)	Timothy Riggerbach W. Eric Turner
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mary Ardapple	
OTHERS PRESENT	Amy Benecke McLaren, County Highway Engineer Brad Harding, County Board Member Carol Trumpe, County Board Member Cheryl Budzinski, League of Women Voters Jennifer Fulton, County Administration John Hamann, EMA	Joyce Harant, Peoria Families Against Toxic Waste Karen Raithel, Recycling & Resource Conservation Kate Van Beek, Assistant County Administrator Lori Curtis Luther, County Administrator Patrick Urich, City Manager

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phelan at 2:30 PM.

A motion to allow the participation of Mr. Rand and Mr. Spain via teleconference was made by Mr. Turner; seconded by Mr. Riggerbach. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014, meeting was made by Mr. Turner; seconded by Mr. Riggerbach. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Department Coordination

- 2015 Legislative Program

Ms. Curtis Luther stated that County and City staff has been working jointly to prepare the proposal summary for presentation. She and Mr. Urich summarized the legislative agenda, which includes requests for direct sponsorship, position support and specific capital projects. Both City and County requests, as well as joint requests by both entities, are itemized throughout each of the categories.

Mr. Turner noted previous discussion regarding landlords who failed to repair their rental properties to bring them up to code, and the possibility of placing a lien against

the personal property of the landlord. He recommended that this issue be added to the legislative agenda.

Mr. Spain asked if the City request regarding local pension reform will be kept fairly broad or speak to specific items. Mr. Urich stated that the intent is to frame the issue in a larger setting for legislators for discussion of general concepts of pension reform.

In response to a question posed by Mr. Phelan, Ms. Curtis Luther stated that both she and Mr. Urich will coordinate with their respective lobbyists regarding issues and priorities before the Legislative Breakfast.

A motion to adopt the 2015 Legislative Program was made by Mr. Turner; seconded by Mr. Riggenschach. The motion carried unanimously.

- *Intergovernmental Agreement for Maintenance and Improvement to the County Highway Network within the City of Peoria*

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Riggenschach; seconded by Mr. Turner.

Ms. Curtis Luther stated, although the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement does not identify funding sources, it is an improvement over the current Agreement as it provides flexibility and an opportunity to examine improvements to the County Highway Network on a case by case basis.

Mr. Riggenschach commended the County Highway Engineer and the City Public Works Director for their joint efforts on the Agreement. He mentioned the Peoria Park District turning Donovan Golf Course into an open park, and noted that additional access will be necessary along Sheridan Road. He requested that, although there is no funding stream identified as yet, that the Park District be engaged in early, cooperative conversation.

Mr. Urich emphasized that the Agreement does not set a standard cross section, nor does it define negotiations. The Agreement does declare that the intent is for the County to eventually transfer jurisdiction of the road network within the City of Peoria to the City.

The motion to approve carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Health & Sustainability Initiatives

- *Seeds 2 Success 2015 - Update*

Ms. Raithel the agenda for the conference will provide opportunities for speakers, plenary sessions and films. Staff is also looking into sponsorships to underwrite several of the activities.

- Resource Management Plan - Update on Public Comment Period

Ms. Raithel stated that the Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow to discuss next steps for roll out of the Plan. She anticipates that the Public Comment session will take place in January, and will coordinate with the County Clerk's office as recipient. She said that David Stead, consultant with Resource Recycling Systems, will be present for three Public Meetings to be held on January 20th and 21st.

- Green Office Challenge - Update

Ms. Raithel advised that the Courthouse is participating as a member of the Green Office Challenge for the Peoria area. She stated that Staff and representatives from U of I Extension and the Illinois Sustainability Technical Center have been interviewed by the Journal Star regarding the Challenge.

Department Coordination

- Emergency Management

Mr. Hamann stated that the latest joint effort with the City has been the purchase of a new tornado siren activation system. The system has been installed for approximately one month, and has gone through two cycles of testing.

Mr. Hamann advised that the City hosted an emergency operations training session last Spring, to which County employees were invited. The County will host a similar training session in 2015, with an invitation to City employees.

- Economic Development - Enterprise Zone Application Status

Ms. Curtis Luther advised it may be necessary for the County to re-approve the Ordinances that were approved at the November County Board meeting in order to make it explicitly clear that the items adopted by the Board were the final revisions. She stated that Policies & Procedures do not currently recognize electronic versions of documents as equal to hard copies, and although hard copies of the revised Ordinances were available at the County Board meeting, it is unclear as to whether all Board members were in receipt of a hard copy as opposed to viewing an electronic version of the document.

- Communications - Buy Local Campaign

Ms. Fulton advised that Staff worked to engage the public to participate in buying local by awarding gift card packages to individuals who posted pictures of themselves shopping in Peoria County on social media. She stated that 46 local businesses participated in the contest, which enabled \$1,200.00 worth of prizes given to 12 different winners. Reusable shopping bags were also given to the winners. She advised that approximately 100 individuals participated by posting images on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Miscellaneous

- **Election Commission**

Ms. Curtis Luther advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement will be moving forward at the County Board meeting tomorrow night. The Agreement reflects the timing of transition and other technical details.

Work Plan Update

Ms. Curtis Luther advised that the joint City/County session with area legislators will be held in January. She stated that both the City and County Information Technology CIO's will brief committee on the status of shared activities between those departments and the benefits to both agencies.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Phelan at 3:05 PM.