

**Approved 7/10/2013**

**MINUTES  
METRO PEORIA AD-HOC COMMITTEE  
May 8, 2013  
2:30 P.M.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mary Ardapple, Chairperson; Timothy Riggerbach, Michael Phelan, Andrew Rand, W. Eric Turner
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Ryan Spain
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Scott Sorrel, Kate Van Beek - Assistant Co. Administrators; Steve Giebelhausen - SAO; Carol Trumpe - County Board Member; Pat Risen - Circuit Clerk; Chris Setti - City of Peoria; Shauna Musselman - County Administration; Dennis Kief - Regional Development Coordinator; Beth Derry - Regional Office of Education; Eric Dubrowski - Chief Financial Officer; Tom Seckler - IT Dept.; Jim Smith - Finance; Karen Raithel, Becca Cottrell - Recycling & Resource Conservation; Steve Sonnemaker - County Clerk; Cheryl Budzinski - League of Women Voters; Doug Crew - PASS Forward; Chris Kaergard - PJS

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ardapple at 2:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of April 10, 2013 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Rand and second by Mr. Turner.

**Discussion**

- Wellness Update

Ms. Ardapple requested that the topic of wellness continue to be a regular agenda item, as both the County and City will be discussing wellness from policy directives as it relates to employee health care. She stated that this Committee could lead by promoting friendly competition between the units of government. She has also spoken with Greg Chance at the Health Department regarding additional ideas for competitions.

- Cooperative Purchasing update

Ms. Derry advised that there has been a great positive response from area school superintendents regarding the potential of cooperative purchasing. She stated that she and Mr. Smith met with Dave Kinney, the comptroller of District 150, and Anthony Mendoza, the director of transportation. She advised that although District 150 is extremely interested in the possibilities, they are locked into a contract through June. She noted that further dialogue will be continued after that time.

Ms. Derry stated that Mr. Smith spoke with county superintendents in April, again with a positive response. She indicated that there was some concern regarding delivery of supplies. She advised that the purchasing process would be via a reverse auction procedure, and briefly summarized the process. Mr. Smith advised that he is in close communication with Lake County, which is currently in the process of implementing cooperative purchasing and a whole paper reverse auction bid. He advised that although Peoria County would most likely begin the process with a small commodity such as paper, the County could eventually expand to commodities such as rock salt, chemicals, fuel, etc.

Mr. Smith noted, in response to committee concerns regarding logistics, delivery requirements could be written into the bid specs. Warehousing of supplies has also been considered.

- Economic Development update

Mr. Sorrel advised that the County Board held a policy discussion several weeks ago to discuss economic development. He stated that topics discussed included the current status and progress of Focus Forward, the incentive policy which was presented to this committee last month, the HUD Sustainability grant and the reorganization of the Economic Development Council (EDC) for Central Illinois. He noted that Staff took from the meeting that there is no objection by the full Board to the incentive parameters and approach discussed by this committee.

Mr. Kief advised that the EDC Reorganization Committee has been meeting regularly for the past several months. He stated that the EDC Board has approved projected bylaws for the new EDC Board, which would be seated in July 2013. He stated that, in the interim, the EDC Reorganization Committee would be filling in with duties. He stated that the recommendation includes an ED staff that would consist of six individuals, and an EDC Board of 18 members. He advised that the Board would consist of 8 public sector representatives and 10 private sector representatives. He stated that the Committee is also in the process of forming an economic development regional board.

Mr. Turner advised that Mayor Ardis is fully supportive of the recommendations brought forth. Mr. Rand asked if the County Board would have the opportunity to review the EDC bylaws. Mr. Kief advised that, as the new Board will not be seated until July, there should be sufficient time for Peoria County to review the bylaws. Mr. Rand stated that all invested entities should be allowed the opportunity to examine the bylaws.

Mr. Setti advised that the City of Peoria will likely hold its discussion on economic development in June.

### **Committee Action**

- Election of New Committee Chairperson

Ms. Ardapple asked for the committee's consideration and discussion of a future meeting schedule and possible committee expansion. Mr. Turner suggested incorporating a representative from District 150. Mr. Phelan noted although he is not opposed to expansion, that the committee not lose focus on City/County cooperation. Ms. Ardapple agreed that the core mission of the Committee is to create efficiencies between the two local units of government; however, there are benefits to expanding cooperative action.

Ms. Ardapple opened the floor for nominations for Committee Chairperson and Committee Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Rand nominated Mr. Riggerbach to serve as chairperson. There were no further nominations. Mr. Rand motioned to elect Mr. Riggerbach as Chairperson of the Metro Peoria Ad-Hoc Committee and was seconded by Mr. Turner. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phelan nominated Mr. Rand to serve as vice-chairperson. There were no further nominations. Mr. Phelan motioned to elect Mr. Rand as Vice-Chairperson of the Metro Peoria Ad-Hoc Committee and was seconded by Mr. Turner. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Miscellaneous**

Ms. Raithel advised that 14 municipal governments participated in tire collection, with approximately 2,000 tires collected. She stated that IEPA has advised that there are funds available for another tire collection later in the year. Mr. Riggerbach asked about the viability of shredding the tires for use in area playgrounds. Ms. Raithel advised that although that option has been considered, it would be cost prohibitive at this time. She agreed to investigate the cost more thoroughly and provide a report to the committee later in the year. Ms. Ardapple requested that Ms. Raithel contact local recyclers regarding the possibility of instituting this type of program within their business plan.

Mr. Seckler advised that testing continues on the eTicketing system. He stated that the system is working well, with improvements noted in regards to the duplicate ticket issue.

Ms. Ardapple advised that she will be participating in a NaCo webinar on "building vibrant communities through regional food networks" tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. She stated that committee members are welcome to join the webinar in her office, or register to participate through the NaCo website.

Mr. Riggerbach advised that discussion at a recent City Council Meeting included the duplication of township services with the City of Peoria. He noted in that meeting that the discussion would be an appropriate one for this committee. Mr. Setti suggested inviting the Peoria Township Supervisor to speak to the committee.

Ms. Ardapple advised that she and Mr. Spain spoke with the Moss-Bradley Association, and Mr. Spain also spoke with a service club. She noted that there are two additional speaking engagements scheduled later this month. Mr. Rand has observed that citizen participants in these discussions still seem unclear as to the goals and mission of the committee, and he noted that the belief that the committee would be working toward a much stronger consolidation of assets and resources was also expressed to him. He suggested placing a citizen on the committee for their perspective on the process.

Ms. Trumpe questioned the status of unifying the voting operations of the City and County of Peoria. Ms. Ardapple advised that the topic will be added to the June agenda for discussion.

Mr. Crew commended County staff for their quick response to the City of Chillicothe, and other communities in need, after the recent flooding.

Ms. Budzinski addressed the Committee regarding the agreement with Springdale Cemetery. She stated that there has been very little forward progress in the ten years the agreement has been in effect. She suggested that this committee could assist the Springdale Board via renewed discussion.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Ardapple at 3:28 p.m.