

**Approved 5/8/2013**

**MINUTES  
METRO PEORIA AD-HOC COMMITTEE  
April 10, 2013  
2:30 P.M.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mary Ardapple, Chairperson; Ryan Spain, W. Eric Turner
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Michael Phelan, Andrew Rand, Timothy Riggerbach
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Scott Sorrel, Kate Van Beek, Mark Rothert - Assistant Co. Administrators; Mindy Mannlein - SAO; Thomas O'Neill - County Board Chairman; Carol Trumpe - County Board Member; Patrick Urich - Peoria City Manager; Chris Setti - City of Peoria; Jay Scholl - Chamber of Commerce; John Hamann - Rural Economic Development Coordinator; Beth Derry - Regional Office of Education; John Flynn - Courts Administration; Jenny Fulton - Director of Strategic Communications; Tom Seckler - Peo. Co. IT Department; Doug Crew - PASS Forward

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ardapple at 2:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of March 13, 2013 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Turner and second by Mr. Spain.

**Discussion**

- Update on Joint City/County Economic Development Incentive Policy

Mr. Rothert presented an overview of the purposes of an incentive policy, available tools, and a sample policy. He emphasized that an incentive policy is crucial in order to be competitive with other regions as businesses approach either the City or County regarding expansion.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the policy would only be in effect for the City and County of Peoria; however, in time could expand to other municipalities. He stated if the policy is successful, expansion would be an option. Mr. Spain noted the importance of the commitment to a longevity clause by businesses.

Ms. Ardapple stressed the importance of the promotion of small businesses as well as larger ones. She also suggested a dialogue with existing businesses as well. Mr. Spain agreed that a discussion on business retention is essential.

- eTicketing

Mr. Seckler advised that several of the technical issues involved have been resolved; however, the Circuit Clerk's office still deals with duplicate tickets, with nearly 80% coming into the office with errors. Mr. Setti advised that officers will be trained to be more consistent with entering ticket information, and to become more knowledgeable about the new software.

- Wellness

Ms. Ardapple advised that with upcoming healthcare reforms, wellness issues are becoming a key issue of increasing importance. She noted that Peoria County has a team that runs at

Steamboat Days, and perhaps in the future the County and City of Peoria could participate collaboratively in the event. Ms. Musselman agreed to contact Human Resources at the City for initial discussion of a team concept. Ms. Van Beek advised she has also had discussions with the City regarding a competitive City/County walking program.

### **Committee Action**

- Intergovernmental Agreement between Peoria County and the City of Peoria for Shared Data Storage and Disaster Services

A motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement was made by Mr. Spain and seconded by Mr. Turner. The motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous**

Ms. Ardapple advised that her term as chairperson is over in June, and a new committee chairperson will be elected at the May Committee meeting. She also recommended further discussion regarding possible expansion of the committee.

Ms. Ardapple advised that Mr. Spain spoke with the Moss-Bradley Neighborhood Association, providing education on the committee's goals and objectives, and that the meeting went well. A meeting with the Lion's Club is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Ms. Derry advised that Jim Smith, County Finance Department, will be meeting with area school superintendents regarding the County process in procuring paper products, as well as potential collaboration and cooperation between the City of Peoria and Peoria County for similar types of purchases.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Ardapple at 3:20 p.m.

*Recording Secretary: Jan Kleffman*