

Approved 8/14/2013

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tim Riggerbach, Chairman; Mary Ardapple, Andrew Rand, Ryan Spain
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Michael Phelan, W. Eric Turner
OTHERS PRESENT:	Lori Curtis Luther - County Administrator; Scott Sorrel, Kate Van Beek, Mark Rothert - Assistant Co. Administrators; Patrick Urich - City Manager; Chris Setti - City of Peoria; William Atkins - SAO; Phil Salzer, Carol Trumpe - County Board Members; Steve Sonnemaker - County Clerk; Mike Deluhery - County Clerk - Director of Elections; John Hamann - Rural Economic Development Coordinator; Lauren Malmberg - PCAPS; Media

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Riggerbach at 2:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2013 was made by Mr. Rand and seconded by Ms. Ardapple. The motion carried.

Discussion

• Election Commission Legislation

Mr. Atkins explained that the legislation transforms the City Election Commission into a County Election Commission. The three members currently on the Commission are retained, the political balance is maintained, and two new members from outside the City, and of different parties, will be added. He stated that the Commission would maintain that geographical and political split in the future. He noted that the Commissioners would be appointed by the Chief Judge rather than by the County Board. The Chief Judge would also have auditing authority, while the County Board would control the compensation for the Election Commissioners and for the Executive and Assistant Executive Directors.

Mr. Atkins stated that the County Clerk's election authority would be subsumed into the new entity. The City Election Commission would still exist, but would become the larger entity. He emphasized that the legislation affects only Peoria County, and allows for a single county-wide referendum to create a County Election Commission. Ms. Curtis Luther noted that the drafted legislation is significantly different than the language that was jointly requested by the City and County, and suggested that both entities consider advocating for further changes to the legislation. She stated that the concept of the joint City/County Commission included appointment ability by the County Board and budget control. The current legislation does not accomplish either of those goals.

Mr. Atkins stated that from a Peoria County perspective, the issues with the legislation are due to the County's continued responsibility for all functions of the new entity, with very little increase in the level of budget control, as compared to the City Election Commission.

Mr. Riggerbach suggesting allowing the City and County legal teams time to thoroughly review the legislation, and revisit the topic at the next meeting of the Committee.

- Stormwater Management Legislation

Ms. Sorrel advised that the bill (HB1522) was sent to the Governor on June 14th. He stated that the bill gives DuPage and Peoria Counties the authority to create a stormwater utility should it be necessary to manage expenses related to stormwater compliance requirements. He noted that the City of Peoria currently has this authority; the bill would provide the County Board the ability to create the utility if they desire.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the utility would be limited to areas covered by the Federal stormwater regulations. Mr. Urich noted that the area includes the villages of Bartonville, West Peoria, Peoria Heights, Chillicothe and portions of the unincorporated county. He stated that may be opportunities to work with the Sanitary District in this regard. He advised that a portion of the City and Sanitary District's issues with the combined sewer overflow issue has a stormwater component, as there are sanitary and stormwater sewers that are combined in the older parts of the community. He stated that the structure and planning of stormwater management is an important topic for continuing discussion.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the County has been awarded grant dollars to prepare stormwater management planning and mitigation, and stated that a planning document dealing with urban stormwater issues and achieving compliance with federal regulations is being prepared. He noted that a regional stormwater management plan was prepared several years ago.

Mr. Riegenbach requested that the County Administrator and City Manager continue to keep each other informed on this topic as the discussion moves forward, with any pertinent updates coming forward to the committee. He also requested additional background regarding the actions of both the City and County regarding the issue, as well as a desired outcome in bringing the topic to the committee.

- Animal Control Costs to Municipalities

Ms. Malmberg advised that County Administration is bringing forward the recommendation by the Management Services Committee that full service contracts for animal control services be offered to municipalities on a 3-year contractual basis. She stated the first year would be at no cost, with the second year at \$1.00 per capita and year three at \$2.00 per capita. She stated that the current rate is at \$2.00 per capita.

Ms. Malmberg advised after the City relinquished the animal control service, there was discussion in negotiations with municipalities of the possibility of diverting public safety sales taxes to animal control, recognizing that the County Board at that time could not make a commitment on behalf of a future County Board. She stated that although the use of that tax is not currently realistic, the department is operating such that it can offer the proposed contract at no cost in the first year. The proposed contract also recognizes that costs will increase in coming years.

Mr. Atkins advised that the County could enforce ordinances for the City of Peoria different in substance from the County ordinances, although specific language within the ordinance would be necessary. Ms. Malmberg advised that the contracts which will be proposed for 2014 will enforce the ordinances that are currently approved by the City of Peoria or the County of Peoria. Any amendments made after that time will be enforced at the County's prerogative, and perhaps at an additional cost. She advised that Council Member Akeson is currently working on a number of amendments which are consistent with the contract proposal moving forward to the County Board for approval, and which will be included in the current rate.

Miscellaneous

- **Update on JAG Grant**

Mr. Setti advised that the City receives a JAG Grant yearly, and which is a formula based allocation. He stated that the split is approximately 66% - 44%, with the grant being utilized for upgrades in fingerprinting equipment for both entities. Mr. Spain added that the City Police Department and the Sheriff's Department are utilizing the monies for the same purpose.

- **Other**

Mr. Rand asked if the Focus Forward CI strategic plan contains a provision to cover the topic of a regional stormwater utility. Mr. Rothert advised that, through the Focus Forward CI effort, a water resource action team formed to explore these issues.

Mr. Atkins advised that the Peoria County Board agenda, as well as Stark, Marshall and Woodford Counties, include the adoption of the new Workforce Agreement. He noted that the City has continued involvement in workforce development in the area under a continuation of an older agreement. He stated that the plan going forward would provide for the transition to ICC performing functions that are currently performed by the City.

Upcoming Discussion Items

- Springdale Cemetery
- Townships
- EDC Update
- Peoria City/County Health Department (cooperate with Health Department to allow the flexible uses in restaurants, ie. on-street dining)
- Condition of county roads within the city of Peoria

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Riggerbach at 3:44 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Jan Kleffman