

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 24, 2018**

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Andrew Rand - Chairman; Robert Baietto, James Dillon, Allen Mayer, Stephen Morris, Thomas O'Neill, Rachael Parker, Paul Rosenbohm, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	James Fennell, Steven Rieker
STAFF PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman - Assistant County Administrator; Larry Evans - State's Attorney's Office; Randy Brunner – Interim Chief Financial Officer; Julie Ciesla, Paul Letcher – Finance; Angela Loftus – Asst. Director of Human Resources; Rena' Parker – Courts Administration; Amy Benecke McLaren–County Highway; Mark Little – Chief Information Officer; Beth Derry – Regional Office of Education; Nicole Demetreas – Treasurer; Brian Asbell, Doug Gaa - Sheriff's Office
VISITORS	

Call to Order

Chairman Rand called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018 was made by Mr. Baietto and seconded by Mr. O'Neill. The motion carried.

✚ The following Standing Committee meetings were summarized by their respective Chairperson as follows:

Public Safety and Justice

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

- 2018 Domestic Violence Grant

County Operations

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

- Elected Officials Salaries

Infrastructure

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

- Prevailing Wage
- Agreement with IDOT for installation of traffic signals at the intersection of U.S. Route 24 and Cameron Lane

Land Use

The following were recommended to the County Board for approval.

Zoning Cases

- Case #013-18-U, Petition Peoria Solar, LLC
- Case #015-18-U, Petition of Peoria Solar 2, LLC
- Case #017-18-U, Petition of Brimfield Solar, LLC
- Case #018-18-U, Petition of Shissler Solar, LLC
- Case #021-18-Z, Petition of Michael Cochran

Resolution

- Peoria County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Abandoned Property Program Grant Award

Ways and Means

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

- Monthly Delinquent Taxes

Mr. Mayer advised that a poll vote will be taken to bring forward an amendment to the County Liquor Ordinance to allow liquor licenses for not-for-profit private sportsman's clubs, so long as alcohol is consumed in the clubhouse or golf course.

County Health

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

- Heddington Oaks Bad Debt Policy

Budget Subcommittee

No resolutions were recommended to the County Board for approval.

Informational

- Springdale Cemetery Minutes

No questions or comments from committee.

- CDAP/GAP/Macro/Other Loan Report

Ms. Ciesla advised that all loans are current. She noted that the loan of Redbud Ridge Custom Shop, Inc. was paid in full as of March 2018. She stated that \$631,188.48 is available to be loaned in the CDAP/GAP Loan Fund, over \$1.9 million in cash and \$7.8 million is available in the Keystone Fund.

- Heddington Oaks Financials

No questions or comments from committee.

(Ms. Parker enters meeting.)

Resolutions

- **Comcast, LLC Franchise Agreement Renewal**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Mayer. Mr. Little advised that Comcast is seeking to renew the Franchise Agreement in Peoria County to provide cable TV service. He stated that the agreement covers provision of services to approximately 8,200 subscribers in the unincorporated areas of the County. He commented that the Franchise Agreement created \$256,000.00 in revenue in FY 2017. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

- **Transportation Sales Tax Referendum**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Baietto.

Mr. Sorrel advised that \$193 million in road improvement projects have been identified. He outlined the various financing scenarios previously discussed, detailing the impact each option would have on reducing the project list. He stated that the scenarios were modeled on various priorities, such as Municipal, Rural, a 60/40 Urban-Rural split, and one strictly focused on average daily traffic volumes and pavement condition index.

Mr. Sorrel advised that staff continues to advocate for a sunset provision. He noted that it would take 45 years to address the fiscal needs of the county's road projects with a ¼% sales tax in perpetuity, at which time it would be necessary to modify the list, with some of the same roads being added to the list yet again. He added that it would take 45 years to complete the present list of road projects in this scenario whether pay-go or debt issuance options were utilized.

Mr. Sorrel advised that based upon projections staff supports ballot language recommending a ½% sales tax rate with a 10-year sunset. He advised that a 10-year period at ½%, utilizing both debt issuance and pay-go models, would generate \$.85 million per year, or \$85 million over 10 years, and provide the ability to make improvements to \$73 million of the \$193 million project list. He stated that this scenario provides the greatest financial impact in the shortest amount of time.

As a comparison, Mr. Sorrel provided the following options and their financial impact.

¼% for 15 years - \$52 million generated

¼% for 20 years - \$61 – \$64 million generated

½% for 20 years - \$125 million generated

Mr. Mayer advised that his preferred solution to take to voters is ¼% in perpetuity, as road upkeep, maintenance and improvement is a continuous undertaking.

Mr. Morris questioned the referendum language “To pay for road improvements **and other transportation purposes...**”, and asked what constituted “other transportation purposes”. Mr. Sorrel advised that the purpose is not defined by statute, and clarity of definition would be a policy decision of the County Board.

Lengthy discussion followed on how best to sort and prioritize both urban and rural projects, the need for extensive and detailed public education, and concerns over uncertain and declining sales tax revenue.

Mr. Salzer made a motion to defer the resolution to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and was seconded by Mr. O’Neill. The motion to defer carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rand at 4:55 p.m.