

Approved 6/26/18

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
May 22, 2018**

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Andrew Rand - Chairman; Robert Baietto, James Dillon, James Fennel, Allen Mayer, Stephen Morris, Thomas O'Neill, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Rachael Parker, Steven Rieker, Paul Rosenbohm
STAFF PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman - Assistant County Administrator; Larry Evans - State's Attorney's Office; Gregory Adamson – County Board Member; Randy Brunner – Interim Chief Financial Officer; Julie Ciesla, Paul Letcher – Finance; Gretchen Pearsall – Director of Strategic Communications; Amy McLaren – County Highway; Kevin O'Conner – Circuit Clerk; Jennifer Shadid – Courts Administration; Kathi Urban – Planning & Zoning; Nicole Demetreas – Treasurer; Brian Asbell, Doug Gaa - Sheriff's Office
VISITORS	Earl Allen, Kathie Brown – University of Illinois Extension, Chris Kaergard - PJS

Call to Order

Chairman Rand called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018 was made by Mr. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Baietto. The motion carried.

Informational

- U of I Extension Update

Mr. Allen distributed copies of the U of I Extension 2017 Annual Report. He noted that a guiding principle of making people and communities better is achieved through education, public engagement and partner collaboration. Ms. Brown shared information on recent projects, including identifying and designing opportunities to activate vacant spaces on the West Main Street corridor, development of a recreational plan for the Hanna City and Dunlap communities, and an analysis of retail grocery store closures.

- Springdale Cemetery Minutes

No questions or comments from committee.

- CDAP/GAP/Macro/Other Loan Report

Ms. Ciesla advised that all loans are current. She stated that \$626,428.61 is available to be loaned in the CDAP/GAP Loan Fund. She also commented that the total asset balance in the Keystone Fund stands at \$7.8 million.

Mr. Baietto asked how many jobs have been created through the GAP Loan Program in the in the last quarter. Mr. Sorrel advised that Ashley Furniture has created 27 jobs or FTE's since 2011, CPO Holdings has created 11 jobs and retained 10 jobs since 2010. He commented that both companies have exceeded the requirements for creation and retention of jobs based upon loan parameters.

- Heddington Oaks Financials

No questions or comments from committee.

Resolutions

- **Authorize Local Match for the Economic Development Administration grant application for Local Technical Assistance Program**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mr. Fennell. Mr. Sorrel advised that in a regional ranking process for economic development projects undertaken annually as part CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy), a Technical Assistance Plan for wastewater and storm sewers in the Mapleton area was ranked highly. He explained that multiple industrial properties in that area are currently served by a forced main to the Sanitary District, which is a barrier to expansion. He advised that staff will be applying to the EDA for a Technical Assistance Grant to do planning in the area, noting that up to \$3,000.00 in grant dollars are available, with a local match of 20% (not to exceed 60%). He advised that the source of the local match would be existing appropriation from the Keystone Fund, and added that an RFP for a consultant to perform the study would be released. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

- **Transportation Sales Tax Referendum** (*deferred from April 24, 2018*)

A motion to approve was made by Mr. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Baietto. Mr. Sorrel commented that 15.9 miles of roads are located within the City of Peoria, with approximately 13 miles of road in other municipalities throughout the County. He added that over 40% of the entire road network is rated as "Poor" per the Pavement Condition Index; over 15% are rated as "Very Poor". He noted that funding for road improvements are received through Highway Property Tax, Matching Tax and Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) allocations, further commenting that a several million dollar loss of MFT has occurred over time due to inflationary measures, as state and federal gas taxes are not indexed to inflation.

Mr. Sorrel advised that citizen engagement prior to a November 2016 referendum question on a Transportation Tax determined that citizens would more likely support a sales tax vs. a property tax, with a large percentage of those supporting a sales tax also stating support for ¼% sales tax. He noted that the referendum ultimately failed, with 53% of voters within the City and 58% of voters outside the City voting against the Referendum.

Mr. Sorrel advised that based upon previous committee discussion and feedback, it is his recommendation to ask voters for an increase in the sales tax rate of ½% with a sunset at 12 years. He stated that potential sales tax revenues going forward have been modeled at an average \$3.6 million per year over the 12-year term, a 16% decrease from today. He stated that the bond interest rate on a 12-year issuance would be increased to 4.5%, providing a maximum bonding capacity of \$65 million. He emphasized that a 12-year issuance, as opposed to a 10-year issuance, would enable the extra two years of sales tax revenues to mitigate bond payments going forward.

Mr. Mayer advised that although he will support the County Administrator's recommendation, he disagreed with the recommendation for a sunset provision, as the need for road funding is ongoing and permanent. He also cautioned that ¼% increase in the sales tax rate, as opposed to ½%, would more likely be approved by voters.

The motion to approve a referendum question asking for an increase in the sales tax rate of ½% for 12 years carried unanimously.

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

Public Safety and Justice

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

- Law Library Fund FY 2018 Budget Amendment
- Second Amendment to Landfill Agreement
- Consideration for Second Installment Payment from PDC Services, Inc.

County Operations

CANCELED

Infrastructure

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

- Participation of the Peoria Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha in the Adopt-A-Highway Program on Park Road
- Participation in Railroad Safety Improvement Project on Blue Ridge Road
- Intergovernmental Agreement with the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District for the transfer of Rural Public Transportation Services
- Service contracts with social service agencies for rural transportation services
- IDOT Vehicle Procurement Program

Land Use

The following were recommended to the County Board for approval.

Zoning Cases

- Case #025-18-U, Petition of FFP IL Community Solar, LLC
- Case #026-18-U, Petition of FFP IL Community Solar, LLC
- Case #027-18-U, Petition of FFP IL Community Solar, LLC
- Case #028-18-U, Petition of FFP IL Community Solar, LLC
- Case #030-18-U, Petition of Alan P. Cowser
- Case #032-18-U, Petition of Richard Shane
- Case #033-18-Z, Petition of Darren & Julie Harding
- Case #034-18-Z, Petition of Massey Rentals, Inc.
- Case #035-18-U, Petition of Massey Rentals, Inc.
- Case #036-18-U, Petition of Meadowview Partnership, LLC

Subdivision Waiver

- Case W01-18, Petition of Richard M. Shane

Ways and Means

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

- Monthly Delinquent Taxes
- Amendment to Commercial Lease Agreement for Veterans Assistance Commission

County Health

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

- Private Pay Rates

Budget Subcommittee

No resolutions were recommended to the County Board for approval.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss Potential Sale or Lease of Real Estate and Collective Bargaining was made by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mr. Salzer. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular session resumed upon a motion by Mr. O'Neill and second by Mr. Baietto.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rand at 4:38 p.m.