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Mission Statement: "To Build the Future and Improve the Quality of Life For Our Community"

Public Works & Facilities Minutes

April 8, 2019 8:30 AM

The Public Works and Facilities Committee met at the above date and time in the Conference Room of the Administration Office on the second floor of the County Building. 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. Chairman Larry Burns called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Minutes as follows:

1. Call to order and roll call:

Members present: L. Burns, E. Langdon, E. Sowards, J. Deppe, D. Adams, B. Westpfahl

Members absent: B. Regan, R. Morthland

Others Present: G. Thorpe, J. Massa, J. Snider, R. Brunk, B. Long

2. Public Comment –None at this time

3. Approval of minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting

Motion: E. Langdon

2nd: D. Adams

Voice Vote

Motion carried

4. Reports to committee

Zoning and Building

G. Thorpe: This month we had 73 total receipts, net revenue just over \$17,000. Just under 1.7 million value for month. Compared to last year, down in activity up in money. YTD still way down in activity. Fees are similar because there is a fee in lieu that's not actually revenue of \$34000. Evaluations down quite a bit. Residences; we had 4 this month, are catching up. Per township. 3 in bowling one in Andalusia. That's our 4 for the year. Other than that, Mississippi river is up, paying attention to flooding, working on a grant with the land use planning committee to start that process.

Motion: B. Westpfahl

2nd D. Adams

Voice Vote

Motion carried

GIS

J. Boudi: First item, we're almost done with land use updates farm land. Assessments, 2nd item; NG911 (next generation 911) the state has drafted new requirements, mandates that must be met for all 911 dispatching centers. Milan QCOM; every county has to consolidate to three dispatcher centers. We used to have five. Milan, Moline, E. Moline and Silvis are at Milan. Rock

Island still has their own. So it's County, City and everyone else is at Milan Municipal building. We're working on building the new GIS layers to meet requirements set by the state.

Third item: 2020 census coming up fast. We began work on that. I'll have a lot more information as the year goes on as far as timeline, meetings and so forth. Last item, \$15,350 recorder fee revenue for the month of March. Hopefully will see that continue to rise. I don't know if I mentioned. Part of the deal I have with Rockford map publishers who does the Farm Bureaus plat books. I get digital copies and I can print as many as I want for internal use. If anyone wants one, email or call and we can print them. They have all parcel boundaries, 3 or 5 acres or more and owner name and the next page is the aerial photography, which is another reason it's important we update aerial photography as frequently as possible.

J. Deppe: Consolidation of the 911. Is that going to lower taxes? What's the thinking?

J. Boudi: Trying to streamline operations.

J. Deppe: More than likely lowering their not going to need staff. Is it going to help the County?

J. Boudi: That's part of the goal. I'm not sure yet. I know the infrastructure to consolidate was Costly, but I'll find out from the 911 board.

Motion J. Deppe

2nd E. Sowards

Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Highway

J. Massa: I had a complaint on the mud on Knoxville road. I met with the landfill manager, looked at the operation. One problem he mentioned, the cell they are filling is close to Knoxville road. They don't have the travel distance so they've been having the trucks come around. We're going to keep an eye on it. It'll be another year before they cap this cell but that doesn't mean can have a mess until then. We're keeping up on it. They're aware. If anyone remembers, Linda Zoboda owns property on New Boston Blacktop, almost in Mercer county. There's a structure on our road fills in with sand. We go out once or twice a year and clean our culvert out. It goes to the drainage ditch which goes to the Mississippi River and nothing drains. Linda wrote a letter to Cheri Bustos office trying to get it taken care of. We found in 1947, when they build the county line road, the County built a structure to retain the sand, work in the 70s. We're going to try to do something. We're working with the soil and water conservation, drainage district. What we can do to make things less burdensome. The sand comes up from the hill. Jim asked us with zoning to look at north and east side of this building. Jeff mentioned this week is work zone safety awareness week and on Friday they'll have a display at the Hampton rest area from 10 am to 1pm will have display from different agencies. The association I report to is the association IL County of engineers. Capital improvement plant. We talked with Jim, Richard and Larry and Mike Halpin about getting transportation funds local agencies. The County and the townships is who we represent. We go back and show what kind of revenue for motor fuel tax, how much it costs to do construction and compare to more recent. Cost of material has gone up and revenue down. We're showing that ratio. We have a motor fuel tax distribution. That's how money is filtered down when we receive motor fuel tax. We are asking goes through funding distribution formula. Everyone seems to get their fair share of the money. We've been meeting

with representatives. One last thing, We'll probably do a bid for roof repairs on our old building; Hoping by next month we'll have bids for that.

E. Langdon: The main office?

J. Massa: No, It's an old corrugated roof. Last time any work was done was 2000 or 2001

L. Burns: When are you planning on having that done?

J. Massa: We have budget this year to do it.

J. Deppe: Last year 18 people were killed in construction zones. 10 were on interstates, 6 on state highways and 2 were on city streets, In the last month we've had 3 state troopers die. 18 squad cars hit since January 1 of this year. This week national highway safety. This Friday from 10-1 at Hampton rest stop, we'll be handing out coloring books, keychain and explaining when you're in a construction zone, you don't need to be on your phone. Go Hands free; when you see cones, no phones. Scott's Law is about if you see a vehicle get in other lane. Stop speeding through construction zones. In the last five years, cell phone texting spiked 57% in construction zones so it's a concern for workers and police. The state will have a truck out there, and the sheriff's going to have a car.

Motion to approve: B. Westpfahl

2nd E. Langdon

Voice vote

Motion carried

County Building

J Snider: I can report that the new security entrance is working seamlessly. It's a good process to have we have to have to provide safety for residents and employees. The sheriff has done a great job.

We're making great progress on the cost benefit analysis for Hope Creek. MPA has on site putting things together. We'll have a full report and cost benefit next month's Committee meetings.

B. Westpfahl: Where are we at on the courthouse?

J. Snider: The appellate court issued a stay. They're willing to review the case but petitioners have to come out with \$370,000 as a bond and they indicated that they're going to come up with that money and that deadline in the next day or so. If they provide the docket.

B. Westpfahl: It doesn't look like they did anything different; couldn't use those doors.

J. Snider; The balcony that was outside the door had flooring to it. Why they didn't reopen that entrance, I don't know. Now we have a process if someone needs handicap they can go down through the other entrance and wand them in. It's not a perfect process. Front entrance really isn't handicap accessible; we believe it is. If it's not someone proves otherwise then we need to address it.

E. Langdon: They did some repairs too.

Motion: B. Westpfahl

2nd: J. Deppe

Voice Vote
Motion carried

5. Proclamation for Building Safety Month

G. Thorpe: We've done this for the last few years. The national code council is the council that drafts the building codes used. May's push nationally building safety month. They have four different weeks' focuses on different topics. Ask County Board to support that and recognize May as building safety month.

Motion to approve: J. Deppe
2nd: E. Sowards
Voice vote
Motion carried

6. Consider Highway Item

a. Renewal of cable agreement with Reynolds Cable Inc.

J. Massa: This is to remove an expired cable television franchise for Reynolds cable. It expires in July of this year. It's the exact same agreement. State's attorney make sure all the statutes are consistent. Renew their agreement.

J. Deppe: The old agreement was it at 5 percent; should we be looking at inflation over time? Or is it not that kind of a money thing?

J. Massa: No it's not. It might be in statute how much you can put in. I can double check

R. Brunk: You said it's the same agreement, language. Is there anything different term?

J. Massa: No, again its 15 years. There is no time limit but for cable there are different statutes.

R. Brunk: How long has legal had this?

J. Massa: I gave it to them last week. The language has not changed and so if they'd just review the codes haven't changed. I doubt they have, but they're going to review for us.

Motion to approve: B. Westpfahl
2nd: E. Langdon
Voice vote
Motion carried

7. Committee member opportunity for brief comment (*no decisions will be made*)

B. Westpfahl: To back up what John said about the landfill. There was a little dust on the road but we could see where it swept. Every time it rains, there's going to be a problem.

J. Massa: The longer distance they travel before they get out of the landfill helps keep mud off the tires.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 am by J. Deppe. 2nd: D. Adams