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

Public Works & Facilities Minutes  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Minutes as follows:

1. Call to order and roll call  
Committee members present: L. Burns, E. Sowards, E. Langdon, J. Deppe. D. Adams, B. Westpfahl  
Committee members absent: B. Regan, R. Morthland  
Others present: J. Snider, A. Palmer, D. Cremeens, C. Przybyla J. Massa, G. Thorpe, R. Brunk

2. Public Comments – None at this time

3. Approval of the minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting

**Motion to approve: D. Adams**

**2<sup>nd</sup> E. Sowards**

**Voice vote**

**Motion carried**

4. Reports to the Committee

**GIS**

G.Thorpe: Josh is not here. They created flood maps and damage assessments with EMA. Still working on updating tax parcel maps, working on census information. The new aerial photography is somewhat available; Richard and Jim can give you access to it. We've seen the preliminary stuff. His fees were \$18,951. \$20,000 is his target so just a little under ytd

**Motion to approve: B. Westpfahl**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. E. Sowards, D. Adams**

**Voice vote**

**Motion carried**

**Zoning and Building**

G. Thorpe: Total receipts for the month 157. Net revenue was \$87,457 thanks to a big project at 3M and one large house. Value of that work Over 11 million. 54 ytd jumps ahead in fees. Just behind in valuation and a little behind in activity. Residences were 3 behind where we were last year at this point. We had our comprehensive plan kick off

meeting. Starting damage assessments on approximately 400 structures with EMA and sending letters to those that were damaged.

**Motion to approve: E. Landon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> B. Westpfahl**

**Voice vote**

**Motion carried**

### **Highway Department**

J. Massa: We started mowing last week or so. Basically going around any erosion problems we've from flood or rain, trying to address those. We really haven't been able to start maintenance activities; hopefully in the next weeks we can start doing that.

Briefly wanted to mention the capital bill approved through the house and it still needs to be signed by the governor. Will effect for transportation. Increase motor fuel tax 19 cents a gallon every gallon of gas you get, 19 cents goes to motor fuel tax 38 cents. Increase certain amount after that. Vehicle registrations will increase; taxing electrical vehicles, commercial vehicle, and a diesel differential that's bumped up for truckers. A lot of other stuff in the capital bill I'm not familiar with. It will go through a motor fuel tax distribution formula which I mentioned before. It's a flow chart of how it's allotted to different agencies. It's a positive; no one likes to see increases in taxes but that should go directly to the road and transportation; but again it still has to be approved.

**Motion to approve: D. Adams**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: E Sowards**

**Voice Vote**

**Motion carried**

### **Administration and Building Updates**

J. Snider: To follow up on John; the 18 cent increase in motor fuel tax, its been almost 20 years since MFT was raised. Inflation adjusted to that rate equals 18% now. It's painful but its keeping up with inflation. F & P last month, I heard Governor Pritzker's capital infrastructure bill is going to be pretty significant; over \$40 billion dollars is what they're planning on; Rep Halpin asked for our top three out of our capital improvement plan. At the top of the list records was \$19 for renovations to this building. Several counterparts shared their counsels and local governments are strongly considering hiring lobbyists to push their agenda. We haven't had a capital infrstrcture bill in over 10 years. We have road projects in there as well, and the Sheriff's radio project. Its information if any board members want to bring it up for discussion, I'll leave it up to you. This is kind of a once in a 10-15 year to basically fight for our big part of the pie which is over 40 billion dollars. .

I sent my memo out on Friday Budget FY20; the schedule. Hopefully we'll be opening up the budget software; Jessie Shamji helping with that. I appreciate April and her staff. Once we open up software; soft deadline July 12<sup>th</sup>. Late July or Aug 1<sup>st</sup> we'll have a budget committee to give an overview and see where we're at and where we need to be. MPA's report will be this Wednesday. We'll be having executive session to review the report regarding staffing and issues there that may need to change and then the open

session report. I appreciate the feedback everyone's given me. They'll be there to answer questions and hopefully we'll have a lot of those. We'll plan on having them back at Board meeting subject to how it goes Wednesday night..

A,Palmer: Just to update, the budget has been initialized.

J. Snider: I'll be sending an email out to all the department heads. April and Amanda are a big help.

R. Brunk: The final decision on the appointee for State's Attorney position should take place in the next 24 hours. Board members, watch your emails. You will be notified prior to any public announcements.

5. Consider Highway Items:

- a. Review and award of quotes for repair work on underground storage tanks; Milan facility

J. Massa: We received quotes to do some repair works on our underground storage tanks; I have Ilowa is the low quote at \$9428. We have some spill bucket containers and when regulated by IL state fire marshal. Both are cracked and leaking and a couple other that need to be repaired. That's what this work entails. We weren't written up last time but we try to get it done every two years or so and it need to be addressed.

**Motion to approve the low bid: B. Westpfahl**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. E. Langdon**

**Voice vote**

- b. Permission to close County Highway 59, Loud Thunder Road in IL City of IL City Fire Department Fundraiser

J. Massa: This is an annual request from the Illinois City Fire Department; they usually have an Illinois City Days and close Loud Thunder Road for the party. It goes from Saturday Aug 10 from 9 AM to Sun 11<sup>th</sup>. At 1 AM They set up all traffic control and notify the sheriff's department which is a little different from last month for the Du State Du event

**Motion to approve; B. Westpfahl**

**2<sup>nd</sup> D. Adams**

**Voice vote**

**Motion carried**

- c. Discuss request to place "State Law 3 Feet Minimum to Pass Bicycles" signs on various County Highways

J. Massa: This was a request from a group called Ride IL non for profit organization for bicycling There's a law that cars when they pass bicycles stay minimum 3 feet away; They're requesting these signs up; State Law: 3 feet minimum to pass bicycles. There are 8 county roads they're asking to place these on. Doing research, the federal highway recommends if we put it up higher bicycle traffic and or they have bicycle crashes with vehicles; Right now the bicycle group app heat map use to show where they've been riding. You can look on it and it shows red lines where bikes have been. They may be more red if there's higher travel heat maps. If it gives me a count on how many bikes. I reached out to Bi State and they did send me some bicycle crashes. 2012 5 year 2 crashes Indian Bluff road. I put in request to the State's Attorney's Office from them. If we put sings up and are knocked down, and don't get replaced does it make the County liable? Notified stop sign 24 hours. I'd like to table until next month. Invite them to talk about it. I'm sure there's a need for it in some locations. I don't know about all the ones they have listed. The letter was dated Dec 2018 and he did send me this back then and we postponed it because IDOT was in the process of approving state law 3 feet minimum law. That's what it's dated that time frame. Are there questions?

L. Burns: How much is this going to cost?

J. Massa: They put that they would supply signs if needed. We'd still have to put them up and assuming maintains them. I don't know if you remember the Jake Brake sign; we had a permit with Rapids City and they are responsible for that. I don't know if that's the same because this is a regulatory sign. If they supply them we'd be responsible for putting up and maintain them.

**Motion to table: B. Westpfahl**

**2<sup>nd</sup> D. Adams**

**Item tabled for further consideration**

d. Children's Safety Expo Requesting Snow Plow Truck for Display

J. Massa: This is a children's expo and the last 4 years we've participated. Senator Neil Anderson and Representative McCombie have sponsored it. It's at Glenview middle school usually on a Saturday from 9 to noon and we supply a truck and couple employees to be with the truck. Pretty good publiciy event. We do pay for overtime of 2 employees for 4-5 hours. I believe the last 4 years we've done it.

**Motion to approve: E. Langdon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> E. Sowards**

**Opposed by B. Westpfahl**

**Motion carried**

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

7. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn B. Westpfahl**

**2<sup>nd</sup> D. Adams**

The Public Works and Facilities Committee adjourned at 8:54 AM

-Minutes approved by Committee on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019-