



Governance, Health & Administration Committee Minutes

Monday, May 8th, 2023 10:00 AM

Chairwoman Carla Enburg

The Governance, Health & Administration Committee met at the above date and time in the Board Chambers on the third floor of the County Office Building. Meeting minutes as follow:

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Enburg called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. A roll call was taken:

Members Present: Enburg, Baker, McNeil, Mielke, Dewith, Woods

Others Present: J. Grafton, K. Davis, N. Camlin, A. Palmer, T. Weikert, J. Hill, Cpt. M. Meyers,

Public Comment

Chairwoman Enburg made three calls for public comment; There were no requests for public comment

Approval of Minutes from the April 10th, 2023 Governance Health & Administration Meeting

Motion to approve as presented

Mielke Second McNeil

Voice vote

Motion carried

Reports to the Committee

All routine reports were submitted in the committee member packets.

Circuit Clerk Ms. Weikert stated she would be presenting at the Illinois Association of County Officials Spring Conference. She stated there would be a joint session that she would be presenting on professionalism and on rapid response within the Circuit Clerk's offices.

County Clerk Ms. Kinney reported on the monthly vital records report, stating everything was in good standing. She also reported all elections for the year were complete, but noted that vendors were being evaluated for new election equipment including voter registration systems software. She continued that new voting equipment was last purchased in 2006 and funds were set aside in the amount of 1.7 million dollars. Chairman Brunk noted those funds were allocated in the previous budget cycle.

Member Ms. Woods is present.

Ms. Janet Hill presented as the new Health Department Interim Administrator, as Ms. Ludwig had retired. She noted that Thursday would be the end of the public health emergency for COVID-19 at the state and national levels, but noted that this did not imply that COVID as an illness was finished. She noted at least 250 people a week were still dying from the virus nationally. She stated that eventually, COVID testing and vaccinations would not be free and would go through commercial means. She stated COVID vaccines were still free through the Health Department due to a large stockpile. She anticipated a bigger push for vaccinations in the summer and fall, as immunity would wane.

She noted the Moderna vaccine was offered at the health department on Tuesdays from 9-12 and 1-4.

The Pfizer vaccine was offered on Fridays from 9-12 and 1-4.

Treasurer Camlin noted that tax bills were mailed on Friday and would be delivered to Rock Island County residents this week. He circulated the annual pie chart of distribution of tax dollars and comparative figures from the previous to current year. He also noted moving significant portions of monies to higher yielding CDs, one that would net up to \$400,000 extra.

Motion to approve Woods Second Baker

Voice vote

Motion carried

Consider Renewal of Contract 22-04-00777 John Deere Grounds Care Equipment

Chairwoman Enburg noted this was a renewal of the annual contract maintained by the special pricing for surrounding counties for grounds care equipment.

Motion to approve Mielke Second Woods

Voice vote

Motion carried

Consider Proclamation for *Flowers on the River; Remembering Victims of Domestic Violence*

This proclamation highlighted an event for victims of domestic violence and an event hosted by the Elephant Club. This year's Flowers on the River Event would be held on Thursday, June 8th, 2023 at 5:30 at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in Rock Island.

Motion to approve Baker Second Mielke

Voice vote

Motion carried

Closed Session

There were no items for Closed Session; no action necessary.

Review of pending/proposed state legislative & policy matters affecting Rock Island County

Mr. McNeil stated there was one bill regarding Regional Port District and other cities would be able to petition to be added to it.

Chairman Brunk stated he had been contacted regarding government consolidation act; he was awaiting clarification, as the act did not show specific actions or obligations required by the county board.

Treasurer Camlin noted local governments, i.e. townships, also needed to know who to submit those findings to as well.

Committee Member Opportunity for brief comment *(no decisions will be made)*

Ms. Woods noted that she was at the River Action Eddy Awards, recognizing Mr. Jeff Craver for the Stewardship award for his work on turning farmland into a pollinator habitat in East Moline. She noted she was very impressed by his dedication and

Adjourn

With no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:29 AM.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Governance, Health & Administration Committee is
scheduled for Monday, June 12th, 2023.**