

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Wednesday, February 2023**

The Committee of the Whole of the Rock Island County Board met at the above date and time in the County Board Chambers on the third floor of the County Building;

1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL. Per section 7(e) of the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act, Members of the County Board were able to attend the meeting remotely, if they preferred.

The public could attend in person or call into the meeting by dialing 312-626-6799 and entering Meeting ID 942 592 50168 when prompted.

Meeting Minutes as follow:

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Vyncke called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

A roll call was established:

MEMBERS PRESENT Morthland, Baker, Burns, L. Moreno, Vyncke, McNeil Enburg Mielke, Adams, Brunk, Foster, Sowards, Perkins, DeWith, Swanson, Simmer, Woods, Layer, Westpfahl

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: A. Palmer, J. Grafton, K. Davis, N. Camlin, D. Hart, T, Sipes.

Public Comment

Chairman Vyncke made three calls for public comment. There were no requests for public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 11th, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved as presented with motion by Foster Second Adams, Burns

A roll call was taken

Morthland, Baker, Burns, L. Moreno, Vyncke, McNeil Enburg Mielke, Adams, Brunk, Foster, Sowards, Perkins, DeWith, Swanson, Simmer, Woods, Layer, Westpfahl- YES

Motion carried

Presentation

Tarah Sipes, economic development director for the City of Rock Island presented to the board and asked for the extension and support of the County Board for the North 11th Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. She stated the extension would be for the next 12 years and did not plan to change the plan, boundaries or budget for the district and explained she needed the support each taxing body. She stated the TIF district was established on July 24, 2000 and was the city's third and oldest TIF district with the North TIF district expiring in 2020.

The boundaries for the area were along 11th street and was a mix of residential and commercial properties from the centennial expressway to the watchtower site. Projects completed in the TIF District included planning, and contributed to housing projects as well and construction of parks and assistance to Iowa Illinois Centers for Independent Living. She continued the TIF also contributed to the police station among other. To qualify for TIF there were certain factors. She noted that 4 factors were present in 2000 and those same factors applied. More than 50% of sidewalks needed conditioning, 50% of structures had an age of 35 years or more depreciation of physical maintenance and functional or economic obsolescence.

Goals included support of new residential and commercial facilities, assistance with rehab and reuse of existing building that may be vacant or obsolete; to improve the appearance of

building and open space and establish adequate and safe vehicular and pedestrian circulation as well as adequate off street parking.

She stated there was a lot of work to be done in the North 11th Street TIF and much had already been done and the TIF funding allowed the City to focus on needs specific to the area.

Condition of Funds Report

Ms. Palmer presented her Condition of Funds report to the members noting that reports for the new fiscal year 2023 beginning December 2022. She stated trial balances budgetary standing for the entire funds. Budget Organization showed old and new expenses per transactions.

Schedule H State of Illinois Payments was for the time period of October and December 2022. Schedule C was current fiscal year 60 days after end of fiscal year as by law to collect revenue and make expenses. 2 months of expenses were reflective in the current fiscal year to date. The three month reserve was shown for comparison and the three month reserve per past county board policy; Schedule J was the summary of loans due budgeted for this year.

Staff Reports

Treasurer Mr. Camlin reported to the committee that he would be attending a Treasurers' Training in Springfield for a three-day training session. He also stated the final distribution was finished before the end of January.

Sheriff Hart noted that last month, he addressed the committee on the matter of the loss of the jail health care provider. He subsequently reported that the issue had been and Thew New Provider, a Tennessee Company called Negotiated a one year contract and provide and they took on 6 of the 8 employees. Sheriff Hart thanked Chairman Brunk, the States' Attorney's Office and the County Board. He also noted an item on the County Board Agenda for a Chairman's Appointment to the Merit Commission for Mr. William Kazlaurich, who served as a deputy sheriff for 28 years and retired as the Chief Deputy.

Sheriff Hart also noted the rise in juvenile crime in the State of Illinois; stolen vehicles, property crimes, etc. and there was an initiative for LPRs- license plate readers. He stated the State had set aside 20 million for their camera systems on the interstates. He continued that locally, there was a push for similar technology as well and noted the City of Silvis had 6 cameras. He mentioned there were 8 locations that would be able to assist with crime, but also missing or abducted persons, crime vehicles and stolen vehicles.

Ms. Weikert noted her request was for two new Clerk Positions was on the County Board Agenda for consideration noting staffing issues within her office as well as retention and general hiring being a continued issue for the Circuit Clerk's office.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report—Given by Chairman L. Moreno

Governance, Health & Administration Committee Report—Given by Chairwoman Enberg

Public Works & Facilities Committee Report—Given by Chairman Burns

Approval of the County Board Agenda

Motion to approve as presented Adams Second Foster
Motion for previous roll call L. Moreno Second Moreno-Baker
Voice vote
Motion carried.

Closed Session

No Closed Session; no action necessary.

Committee Member Opportunity for Brief Comment (*no decisions will be made*)

No member comments

Adjourn

No further business, the committee adjourned at PM Foster Second Layer at 6:55 PM