



Committee of the Whole Minutes
Wednesday, April 12th 2023 5:30 PM

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 may attend the meeting remotely, if they prefer. The public was able 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

Vice-Chairman Vyncke called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. A roll call was taken as follows:

Members Present : R. Morthland, M. Baker, L. Burns, L. Moreno, B. Vyncke, P. McNeil, C. Enburg, D. Mielke, D. Adams T. Foster, E. Sowards, B. Perkins, E. DeWith, R. Simmer, J. Woods, C. Layer, B. Westpfahl

Members Absent : K. Swanson

Others Present : J. Grafton, K. Davis, C. Przybyla

Public Comment

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

Approval of the minutes from the March 15th, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion to approve as presented: R. Simmer Second: L. Moreno
R. Morthland, M. Baker, L. Burns, L. Moreno, B. Vyncke, P. McNeil, C. Enburg, D. Mielke, D. Adams T. Foster, E. Sowards, B. Perkins, E. DeWith, R. Simmer, J. Woods, C. Layer, B. Westpfahl—Yes
Motion carried

Condition of Funds Report

Ms. Palmer reported that for the first time in a long time, there was a federal desk audit and the review was passed, and would not turn into a full audit. She noted that the release of the preliminary state 2024 budget starting July 1st and would affect the monthly report H; the State of Illinois payments. She stated the State bond ratings had gone up and replacement and sales taxes were up. She noted cash was down, but fund balances were looking good, and continued that they would even out over the course of the year. She was available for any questions.

Staff Reports

Sheriff Hart presented to the committee and noted on April 26th, would be meeting to sign a document called the "Ten Shared Principles" at 9 AM at the Martin Luther King Center in Rock Island. He noted this document was a collaboration with the NAACP and local law enforcement officials. He noted this document was working with law enforcement and public safety for the good of the community and meet challenges.

He noted on April 27th, the Sheriff's Office would swear in the Rock Island County correctional staff as per State statute. He noted that legislation passed in Springfield recently denoted correctional officers. HC 4667 denoted correctional officers.

He mentioned it had no bearing on SLEP or pension bearing, and noted it was long overdue. He also noted the communication from his office on the Lexipol briefing. He noted bringing in new employees to the County and appreciated the support.

Finance & Personnel Committee Report- given by Chairman L. Moreno

Mr. Westpfahl asked Chairman Moreno about the executive assistant HR position item; Chairman Brunk noted that previously this was a part time position and in order to meet the needs and staffing of the office, it was requested to change the position to full time.

Governance, Health and Administration Committee Report- given by Chairwoman Enburg

Public Works & Facilities Committee Report- Given by Chairman Burns

Approval of the County Board Agenda

Motion to approve as presented R. Simmer

Second: L. Moreno

Motion for previous roll call: D. Adams

Second R. Simmer, E. Sowards

Motion carried

Closed Session

The committee entered closed session at 5:51 PM as per **5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2)** - Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

with motion by L. Moreno Second E. Sowards

A roll call was taken:

M. Baker, L. Burns, L. Moreno, B. Vyncke, P. McNeil, C. Enburg, D. Mielke, D. Adams T. Foster, E. Sowards, B. Perkins, E. DeWith, R. Simmer, J. Woods, C. Layer, B. Westpfahl - YES

R. Morthland- NO

The committee entered open session at 6:01 PM with motion by

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

Dr. Moreno noted that Ms. Palmer's report were sent directly before the meeting with not much time for review. Ms. Palmer apologized and stated with the audit there was extra work and being understaffed. She noted that there were less working days in-between the meeting cycles this month as well.

Mr. Vyncke expressed condolences to Ms. Przybyla on the recent passing of her father. Ms. Przybyla thanked the members.

Mr. McNeil mentioned some upcoming events with ProjectNOW; an Anti-Poverty conference at 11 AM at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island on April 27th and all members were invited.

Ms. Przybyla noted that the members had statements of economic interest in their mailboxes.

Adjourn

With no further business, the committee of the whole adjourned at 6:19 PM

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rock Island County Committee of the Whole will be Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 at 5:30 PM.