

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

May 10th, 2023 5:30 PM

Vice-Chairman Brian D. Vyncke

Vice-Chairman Vyncke called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A roll call was taken as follows:

Members Present Vice Chairman B. Vyncke, M. Moreno-Baker, L. Burns, L. Moreno, P. McNeil, C. Enburg, D. Mielke, D. Adams, T. Foster, B. Perkins, K. Swanson, R. Simmer,

Members Absent: R. Morthland, E. Sowards, E. Dewith, C. Layer

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

Public Comment

Andy Waeyaert, Moline, Illinois made public comment

He mentioned responsible contracting and stated he had sent the board members an email regarding concerns with Brandt Construction in reference to the responsible bidding ordinance.

Ms. Woods and Mr. Westpfahl are present.

Approval of Minutes from the April 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion to approve Foster Second

Voice vote

Motion carried

Condition of Funds Report

Auditor Ms. Palmer was attending a conference and all reports were provided to the members in their meeting materials.

Staff Reports

Treasurer Camlin was unavailable to present to the committee, but his monthly reports were provided to the member in their meeting materials.

Finance and Personnel Committee Report

Given by Chairman L. Moreno

Mr. Adams stated he had concerns about the contractor for the Cordova Road District project. He suggested moving the item with the caveat to either accept or reject the bid.

Chairman Moreno clarified that the Finance and Personnel Committee were not approve the item; just to move it forward for further discussion and consideration.

Mr. Adams noted that he did not think the Board should make the decision for those districts for the contractors they use. Mr. Moreno stated yes, these are township projects but they use motor fuel tax dollars that are collected by the County.

Chairman Moreno asked if Mr. Waeyert if he could tell the board what the criteria are for rejecting a low bid.

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Mr. Waeyaert noted it depends on the funding source; local governments had discretion on what was “responsible and up to the body.” He stated for motor fuel tax dollars, IDOT had a handbook to dictate when you can reject a bid; being over budget, if the contractor had not finished projects in the area, and if there are not specialty skills available.

States Attorney Villarreal noted that the responsible bidder ordinance did not apply if it was IDOT or motor fuel tax funds.

Mr. Waeyaert stated it was his understanding if a community has an ordinance in place prior to bidding, the rules can apply to that project.

Vice-Chairman Vyncke stated the item in question would be voted on Tuesday at the County Board meeting, and noted the finance and personnel committee admitted concerns over the motor fuel tax, and did not want to jeopardize that money.

Mr. Adams asked if Chairman Brunk would reach out to Mr. Massa and make sure if the Board approves it, and the township does not, then the Board would not be liable.

Governance, Health & 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; Adams Second Foster

Voice vote

Motion carried

Closed Session; Consider Action as Necessary Based on Closed Session

There were no items for closed session review; no action necessary.

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

Mr. McNeil stated a bill from Springfield, regional port district in the city of Rock Island, and other cities would be able to join. The bill was sponsored by Representatives Halpin and Johnson and would be good for county government.

Chairman Moreno reminded the members about the pie chart of the distribution County tax dollars, to show it to any constituents that asked and thanked Treasurer Camlin for his work.

Vice-Chairman Vyncke noted that the section from 2021, 2022 and the district, and Rock Island County was the only taxing body besides TIF districts that dropped.

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Chairman Moreno also noted that it was National Teacher's week, and encouraged everyone to thank a teacher.

Adjourn

With no further business, the committee of the whole adjourned at 6:00 PM