

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**  
Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 8:30 AM

The Public Works and Facilities Committee of the Rock Island County Board I met at the above date and time in the County Administration Office on the second floor of the County Office Building at 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

Meeting minutes as follow:

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. A roll call was taken as follows:

**Members Present:** Burns, Adams, Morthland, Layer, Westpfahl

**Members Absent:** Foster

Others Present: Camlin, Davis, Massa, Thorpe, Grafton, Resiss

**Public Comment**

Chairman Burns made three calls for public comment; There were no requests for public comment

**Approval of Minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting**

The minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 were approved as presented.

Motion to approve Adams Second Westpfahl

Voice vote

Motion carried

**Reports to the Committee**

Mr. Thorpe reported 109 total receipts for 24,281 with estimated value of work at 1.67 million. He stated that was a bit better than the previous year. He noted up in activity and fees, valuation and houses; slow for construction. Zoning board had two cases and the zoning page was updated on the County website.

Mr. Boudi reported finalizing the RFP for aerial photography flight in the spring, with the arsenal participating. \$14852 was received in recorder fees for July. He noted a very low month compared to the previous year with 4,000 documents less than last year. Mr. Westpfahl asked about the decline in revenue. Mr. Boudi stated people are not recording documents.

Motion Adams Second Layer

Voice vote

Motion carried

Mr. Massa reported culvert replacements, routine maintenance and mowing. He stated awaiting paint and interviews last week for one mechanic and fill the open positions.

He stated the department was waiting on a tractor that was ordered in November of the last year. He mentioned an RFP for a feasibility study for Andalusia road with Bistate and Ridgewood road project would most likely not start until September.

Motion to approve Morthland Second Westpfahl

Voice vote

Motion carried

Mr. Grafton stated there was a check received from 3M a class action settlement in the amount of \$27,414.03 and wanted to apply that to fund the cleaning/debris ordinance for the outside contractual

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line item in Zoning. He also reported some secure parking identified that required approx. 150 ft of new fencing. He stated he was collecting quotes from three different firms and wanted to have it completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Grafton stated August 11<sup>th</sup> the front elevator in the County Office Building would be inspected and there was a glitch in the back elevator being too shallow, and a structural engineer was looking into the issue. Board room renovations were on track for the end of September. Carpeting was also being looked at.

Mr. Layer asked about the funding of the ordinance; he asked if there were more funds. Mr. Grafton said this money would be to start.

Mr. Westpfahl asked if jail inmates would be able to do labor for the County; Mr. Grafton stated he would reach out to the sheriff.

Motion to approve Adams Second Layer

Voice vote

Motion carried

Mr. Camlin reported very good interest rates for the County with 367,000 in one month and a new certificate of deposit with IH Mississippi Valley garnering about \$1200 a month. The next tax deadline was August 7<sup>th</sup> with the next one being Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and November.

Motion to approve

### **Consider Zoning Board of Appeals Cases**

Mr. Thorpe reported on one Zoning board appeals case.

a. **SU-23-207 Terra Whit marsh; Seasonal Recreational Use; HA**

No objectors present; board's recommendation was to grant.

Motion to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation Adams Second Morthland

Voice vote

Motion carried

### **Closed Session**

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

Mr. Morthland asked about removing the signs regarding social distancing due to the end of the pandemic.

Mr. Westpfahl asked about cleaning up the grass where the old courthouse sat. Mr. Grafton stated maintenance would be mowing the grass, and the courthouse square would look into it next month.

### **Adjourn**

No further business; the committee adjourned at 8:51 AM