

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
Governance, Health & Administration Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11th, 2023 10:00 AM

The Governance, Health & Administration Committee of the Rock Island County Board met at the above date and time in the administration conference room of the County Office Building, located at 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

Mr. Drue Mielke chairing, as Chairwoman Carla Enburg was attending remotely. Meeting minutes as follow:

Call to Order and Roll Call

Members Present: Chairwoman Enburg (remote attendance), D. Mielke, J. Woods, P. McNeil,

Members Absent: M. Moreno-Baker, E. Dewith

Others Present: J. Grafton, K. Kinney, A. Palmer, T. Muerhoff, Cpt. M. Meyers, E. Swihart, C. Przybyla

Remote Attendance

Mr. Mielke stated that Ms. Enburg was away for a work conference, but would be joining the committee via Zoom call.

Motion to approve remote attendance for Ms. Enburg – McNeil

Second—Woods

Voice vote

Motion carried

Public Comment

Mr. Mielke made three calls for public comment; there were no requests for public comment

Approval of the minutes from the August 7th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve—Woods

Second—McNeil

Voice vote

Motion carried

Reports to the Committee

County Clerk Karen Kinney reported on her vital records report for August 2023 noting birth certificates were up, as children were headed back to schools. In reference to elections, Ms. Kinney stated an RFP had not been sent for election equipment.

Mr. McNeil asked if it was the goal to have new election equipment and voter registration systems for the 2025 election year. Ms. Kinney stated she would like it before the municipal election.

University of IL Ext. Educator Emily Swihart reported on the University of IL Ext. newsletter highlighting the Be ReadyQC Emergency Resource Fair, and mentioned workshops on vermi-composting, and mentioned the community garden with local growers. They distribute produce to area communities. She highlighted a new horticulture hotline.

Mr. McNeil asked about eliminating poison ivy. Ms. Swihart stated it was native to the area, and an oil causes the reaction. She recommended washing with soap and water after contact.

Regional Superintendent of Schools Tammy Muerhoff presented her annual report to the committee with an overview of services the office provides including grant programs, funding levels for FY23 totaling \$4,161,924.00 and service data for the ROE. The report also listed the public and non-public schools served by the regional office of education. She noted a decrease in the number of school bus

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drivers. Criminal background checks were up due to federal funds from the pandemic. Professional development sessions increased as well. Two additional truancy officers were added serving over 500 students. Due to additional funding, a case manager was added as well.

Motion to approve all routine reports—Woods
Second—McNeil
Voice vote
Motion carried

Consider Proclamation Encouraging Pet Adoptions in Rock Island County

Mr. Mielke noted that all of his pets were adopted from the Rock Island County shelter.
Motion to approve as presented—Woods
Second—McNeil
Voice vote | Motion carried

Consider Authorizing the Board Chariman to Execute a MOU with MEtrolink for the purpose of Metrolink Securing Funds to Create

Mr. Grafton presented the MOU for joint application for funding to provide infrastructure for electric vehicle charging stations. Partnered with Metro Link he stated this was a good move for the County and there was no cost associated. He stated Meto Link already had electric buses in operations. Mr. Mielke asked how many stations were earmarked; Mr. Grafton stated that was not determined yet. Mr. Mielke asked if Rock Island County would have a role in determination of sites for charging stations. Mr. Grafton stated the grant application included Moline and East Moline.
Motion to approve—McNeil
Second—Enburg
Voice vote
Motion carried

Consider County Board Holiday and Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve as presented—Woods, Enburg
Second—McNeil
Voice vote
Motion carried

Closed Session

No items for closed session review; no action necessary

Review of pending/proposed legislation matters affecting Rock Island County

Mr. McNeil noted next month, veto session dates were set and more policy would be presented in coming months.

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

No comments from members

Adjourn

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 10:35 AM