

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**  
**Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8:30 AM

The Public Works & Facilities Committee met at the above date and time in the Administration Office on the second floor of the County Office Building. Meeting minutes as follow:

**Call to order and roll call**

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM. A roll call was taken

**Members Present:** R. Morthland, D. Adams, T. Foster, B. Westpfahl (arrived at 8:38)

**Members Absent:** C. Layer

**Others Present:** J. Grafton, K. Davis, J. Massa, G. Thorpe, J. Boudi, N. Camlin, Cpt. M. Meyers, C. Reiss, C. Przybyla

Chairman Brunk asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 terrorist attacks.

**Public Comment**

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

**Approval of the minutes from the August 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 Public Works**

Motion to approve as presented- Adams

Second- Foster

Voice vote

Motion carried

**Reports to the Committee**

Zoning and Building Director Thorpe reported for the month of August 109 total receipts for a total of \$58,431.67. Estimated value of work came to \$4.8 million with 1 new residence in Hampton township. TYD activity was similar but about \$100,000 behind in revenue. He noted three zoning board of appeals cases for the month.

*Mr. Westpfahl is present.*

Mr. Boudi reported continuing work with Sidwell on Assessment and GIS services. He noted \$16,865 was received in recorder fee revenue for a YTD total of \$98,629.00 and stated the department had never finished under \$200,000 at this point in the year.

County Engineer Massa reported routine maintenance activities, mowing and edge line painting. He also noted culvert replacements for Ridgewood road.

Count Administrator Grafton reported the Johnson Controls was on schedule to have the County Board Chambers completed by the end of the month. He noted the new boilers were in operation and the next step would be balancing the new chillers. The ceiling and lighting projects were complete with the exception of the Auditor's Office and the HVAC for IT was being worked on. He noted delays in carpeting at the moment. The new front elevator in the County Office Building was now fully operational. He was also looking at steps to have a structural evaluation of the County Office Building done and work on the front doorways of the building. A request for proposal would be coming for heating and air conditioning for the Animal Control Shelter.

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Treasurer Mr. Camlin reported to date, there were three times as many investments than last year at this time. He noted the third due date for taxes with one more installment on November 7<sup>th</sup> then distribution by the end of June.

**Consider Approval of Ductwork Cleaning in 1985 Jail**

Mr. Grafton reported the cost for cleaning in the jail ductwork came to \$107,930.00 additional costs. Chairman Brunk stated the original project initially cost less due to the type of duct work and required additional funds. The ductwork would be hand vacuumed to clean it.

Mr. Westpfahl asked what if the ductwork wasn't cleaned; Mr. Adams stated the bacteria, dust and debris would build up.

Mr. Westpfahl asked if the ductwork in the jail had been cleaned before. Captain Meyers stated it had not been cleaned before, but stated it would also not have to be cleaned again for at least 20 years.

Motion to approve—Adams

Second – Foster

Voice vote

Motion carried

**Consider Approval of Scott's Painting and Decorating for County Office Building Painting RFP**

Mr. Grafton stated there were 7 bids received, with three proposals being incomplete as they did not include painting the rotunda. He also stated this would be an IMPACT project. He planned to do a walk-through with Scott Painting and Decorating. The proposals were individually evaluated and scored on five criteria; budget, references, use of covid paint, and the quality of the proposal. The bid from Scott Décor

Motion to approve—R. Morthland

Second—T. Foster

Voice vote

Motion carried

**Consider Approval of Economy Roofing for Animal Control Roof RFP**

Mr. Grafton stated the proposal was sent to 6 roofing companies and only three responses were approved. Economy is already doing the roof in the County Office Building

Motion to approve—T. Foster

Second—D. Adams

Voice vote

Motion carried

**Consider Zoning Board of Appeals Cases**

Mr. Thorpe reported on three cases for the month as follow

A. *SU-23-209 Thomas DeClerke; Rural Residential Building Lot; Bowling Township*

This was a request for a special use permit in Reynolds on approximately 1.29 acres. There were no objectors present and the zoning board's recommendation was to grant the permit.

B. *SU-23-210 Cordova Energy Company LLC. Battery Storage System; Cordova Township*

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*C. RZ- 23-106 Keith R. Deschepper Trust; AG-2 to SE-2; Blackhawk Township*

This request for rezoning in Milan was on approximately 3.75 acres to rezone from General Agricultural District to Suburban Estates

Motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendations as presented R. Morthland

Second – D Adams

Voice vote

Motion carried

**Consider Highway Items**

*A. Local Public Agency Amendment – County Highway 11 Slide Project*

Mr. Massa stated this an amendment for a local highway slide project/ retaining wall and federally funded at 80 percent. IDOT had sent an amendment to bump the cost of the project up.

Motion to approve—D. Adams

Second—T. Foster

Voice vote

Motion carried

*B. Used Equipment Purchase—Guardrail mower.*

Mr. Massa indicated wanting the highway department to purchase a used piece of equipment from ACI Distributors at a cost of \$68,000.00. The arm would attach to a tractor and cut the vegetation near the guardrails. The machine had over 300 hours on it and was considered used, but was only used for demonstration purchase. Mr. Massa stated that if the item was considered used, it did not need to go to bid, per state statute. He mentioned it would be used in the spring, fall and possibly in the summer and also stated it would cut down on spraying, leading to cost savings.

Motion to approve –D. Adams

Second—T. Foster

Voice vote

Opposed—B. Westpfahl

Motion carried

**Closed Session**

No items for closed session review; no action necessary.

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

Mr. Westpfahl asked about mowing on Ridgewood road. Mr. Massa explained that while it was under construction, the highway department was not mowing, but it had been mowed previous to the construction starting.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, the Public Works and Facilities Committee adjourned at 9:02 AM

Motion—T. Foster

Second—D. Adams

Voice vote

Motion carried