The Public Works Committee of the Rock Island County Board met on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 in the conference room of the County Board Office. Chairperson Ken "Moose" Maranda called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Maranda, Filbert, Adams, Westpfahl

Committee Members Absent: Johnston and Langdon

Others Present: Chairman Phillip B. Banaszek, Meg Hoskins, John Massa, Greg Thorpe, April Palmer, Josh Boudi and Mike VanErstvelde

Motion by Filbert, second by Adams to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Carried.

Request to Address Committee - Septic System on County ROW
No show - will come back to

Motion by Westpfahl, second by Adams to approve the transfers and resolutions. Carried.

Motion by Filbert, second by Westpfahl to approve the clams. Carried.

Condition of Funds
Ms. Palmer presented the routine monthly reports. (Record) $1,444,800 today's cash balance in the General Fund. Hillsdale and Zuma SSA's are slightly over budget due to the flooding expenses. GIS is slightly above the targeted rate due to onetime contractual payments. All funds except General Fund that report to this committee can meet the 3 month reserve.

Motion by Westpfahl, second by Adams to approve the report. Carried.

COB Maintenance
Mr. VanErstvelde presented a verbal report. Old unit scrapped out so far at $2800 and there are still two big pieces here. He is trying to see the motor on EBay and will scrap the tank. Need a forklift to load onto a trailer.

Motion by Adams, second by Westpfahl to approve the report. Carried.
GIS
Mr. Boudi resented the routine monthly report. (Record) The tax parcel maps have been updated and most of them have been picked up. They are right on target for revenue.

Motion by Filbert, second by Westpfahl to approve the report. Carried.

Zoning
Mr. Thorpe presented the routine monthly reports. (Record) Revenue received for the month totaled $18,861 for 97 permits.

Motion by Adams, second by Westpfahl to approve the report. Carried.

OSFM Resolution to Oppose Sprinklers
Included in the packet was a resolution to oppose sprinklers which is covered under NFPA 101 Life Safety Code that requires sprinklers in residential areas. There is a request from UCCI and IACO to oppose the OSFM codes. The OSFM has since pulled back and is not currently proceeding this year. NFPA 13-b is the standard for residential sprinklers. Requirement is to have enough water to run 2 sprinkler heads for 7 minutes or about 300 gallons of water. You may have to upsize to another water tank. It is about $1.5 to $2 per square foot for building. Thorpe stated that the average response time in town is about 6 minutes. The sprinkler is not designed to save the house, but to allow people to get out of the burning building.

Ag Exempt Guidelines were then discussed. (Record) A draft guideline was provided that has been updated by the Zoning Director. Establishing written guidelines is important during transition periods. Many counties around the state do not exempt dwellings or homes. Chairperson Maranda felt that the review should be thru the ZBA instead of thru the County Board Chairman. Needs to be reviewed by the States Attorney.

Motion by Filbert that the last page guideline be sent to the States Attorney for review and approval. Thorpe mentioned that bullet #3 dwelling needs to be clarified to ensure that we exclude dwelling. Filbert is fine with the dwelling being included if they really are farmers. Second by Westpfahl. Carried.

Motion by Adams, second by Westpfahl to approve the report. Carried.

Public Works Department
Mr. Massa began with the request for installation of a septic tank on a County a right of way. (Record) If allowed, it would be about 3 feet
onto the ROW. Testing continues to ensure the appropriate size. They are requesting a variance to put the septic system on a County ROW. There are county highway permits that are utilized for situations like this. The permit indicates that if the roadway is ever widened, it is removed at their expense. It would be tiled to the South. It shouldn’t get into the sidewalk, but if it did, it would be their responsibility. Currently, the septic system is shared with the True Value building right behind the restaurant. There are future intentions of different owners for the various properties. The tank and field will be about 12 feet from the road. This would be a multi-flow septic system without fields. A small cashier’s check will be requested to ensure there are no settlement issues.

Motion by Westpfahl, second by Adams to approve. Carried with Filbert voting no. Carried.

Budget review was then presented. A history of revenue was presented for all funds. Mr. Massa pointed out that how MFT funding is applied was changed in 2000. The capital bill funding ends in 2014. TARP Funds since 1990 total over $4.2 million to upgrade our roads. This is a stream of revenue that is harder to receive. He reviewed the Highway Fund with a 5% increase in the levy amount each year in order to build up the fund. There are about 200 center lane miles that are handled by our Highway Department. Mr. Massa discussed the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) resolution regarding construction due to the reduced funds. They do not have sufficient funds in the MFT Fund to complete the major projects. He is recommending increasing the Highway Fund more than the 5% and allow the funds to be built up for future highway projects. The Bridge Fund was not increased over the last several years. Would like to push a Rural TBP back to 2015 and move in the Mill Creek Bridge project to 2014. Village of Milan has raised their corporate tax to the max for one year and plan to do the same for a second year. They have a fund that has to have a project let by the end of the year. They will not have the full two years at max rate by that time. Mr. Massa recommended that we have the Village write a letter that they agree to tax at the rate required by law and if they don’t, they will refund the County for our portion. Also to be included will be the revised estimate from Missman Stanley on costs for the Mill Creek Bridge project. The sub-structure is in very good shape.

Mr. Massa stated that the Bridge Levy hasn’t been increased much over the past few years. Most of our bridges were built in the mid 70’s to mid 80’s. He recommends building up this levy to $15 to $20 million over the next 20 to 30 years in order to cover repair costs.
HB3637/SB2589 was then reviewed. This will amend MFT laws and increase the percentage to the wholesale amount of gas, instead of just a flat fee.

405p Filbert was excused

Cape seal job near Buffalo Prairie at the end of August. Plan to complete this the week before Labor Day.

Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) Illinois doesn’t allow bigger trucks. Don’t want to get over the 80,000 pound limit. Safety, wear and tear on the roads, etc.

Next month will have a bill with some gear issues of about $1800. Purchased some tar from State Bid about $8000 out of MFT.

Motion by Westpfahl, second by Adams to approve the report. Carried.

409pm
Shelly Chapman