



Rock Island County  
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**Government Affairs Committee Minutes  
Tuesday October 13, 2015 2:00 pm**

The Government Affairs Committee of the Rock Island County Board met at the above date and time in the Conference Room of the Administration Office on the second floor of the County Building, 1504 Third Ave, Rock Island, IL. Chair Scott Terry called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Minutes as follows:

1) Call to order and roll call

Committee Members Present: Chair Scott Terry, Drue Mielke, Don Jacobs, Mike Steffen, Brian Vyncke, Pat Moreno, Richard Brunk

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dave Ross, Kenneth Maranda, Karen Kinney, John Brown, April Palmer, Jerry Clyde

2) Approval of minutes from the September 8, 2015 meeting

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Steffen

All in favor

Opposed: None

Motion carried: Yes

3) Public Comments

There were no public comments

4) Consider approval of claims

Motion to approve: Pat Moreno

2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard Brunk

All in favor

Opposed: None

Motion carried: Yes

5) Consider approval of treasurer's disbursements (TDs)

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs

2nd: Brian Vyncke

All in favor

Opposed: None

Motion carried: Yes

6) Set Trick or Treat hours in Rock Island County as October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion to approve: Drue Mielke

2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian Vyncke

All in favor

Opposed: None

Motion carried: Yes

7) Reports to the Committee

a) Condition of Funds – Ms. Palmer

Ms. Palmer reported that the fund and department that report to this committee are fine and under-budget. Regarding the fund balance for the General Fund, revenues have been higher all year over last year at this same time until September. We dropped \$100,000. The State of IL payment reimbursement report shows a big part of it. We've only gotten what we collect and send to state and they send us our portion for. Because of their non-budget, we're not getting anything they generate. With our General Fund expenses being up about \$750,000 from last year, that equates to \$200,000 extra over last month. Now we're \$1,000,000 in the hole as far as fund balance. A lot can happen in one month, unfortunately. Ms. Palmer reminded the committee that we're also in our 3-paycheck month. We're sending out our second payroll this Friday and will still have one more to go. On the cash balance, the General Fund cash has gone up \$400,000 since this morning. \$1.848 million is our new cash balance as of a few moments ago. That will cover Friday's payroll and the claims the committee approved. We're on the way to meeting our next payroll obligation by about \$300,000 more.

Ms. Palmer reported that the loan is paid down to \$175,000 outstanding from working cash. We have the difference between that and the \$525,000 total to draw on again if we need to.

Motion to approve: Brian Vyncke

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Steffen, Don Jacobs

All in favor

Opposed: None

Motion carried: Yes

b) County Clerk – Ms. Kinney

Ms. Kinney presented her report to the committee. Marriages are up by about 30. Births were down.

Mr. Terry asked if we should approve the two County Clerk reports separately or together. The committee agreed to approve them together.

Mr. Brown reported that we're moving into the 2<sup>nd</sup> full month of the petition process. The filing period in IL starts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November and extends to the 30<sup>th</sup>. That is Thanksgiving week and we will be closed that Thursday and Friday. The presidential preference and delegate process all take place in Springfield. Their filing period is January 4th-6th. Starting next Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, our new vendor is coming in to start down the road of the administrative and security aspects of same-day registration, which starts on the March 15 primary and we will be prepared for that. Mr. Terry asked for confirmation that they'll be prepared and ready to go. Mr. Brown assured him we definitely will. Machinery is coming in and we're going through all the potential things in the process. If someone registers to vote in precinct X, it's downloaded on machines across the county immediately.

Motion to approve: Richard Brunk

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Steffen

All in favor

Opposed: None

Motion carried: Yes

Mr. Terry thanked the County Clerk's office for getting everything done. We have an unfunded mandate and very little money and they are doing it. Mr.

Terry has the utmost confidence that, as Mr. Brown stated, we'll be ready to go for the primary.

- 8) Committee member opportunity for brief comments (*no decisions will be made*)

There were no comments

- 9) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Brian Vyncke

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat Moreno

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m. by Chair Scott Terry

Future scheduled meetings on November 9, December 7,  
January 11, and February 8