

MINUTES

Members Present

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Washington, Mr. Einfeldt, Mr. Tripp, Mr. James, Mr. Liehr, Mr. Polk, and Mr. Mulcahy

Members Absent

Mr. Vickery, Mr. Tholen, Mr. Reid, and Ms. Evans

In Attendance

- **Board Members**

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Payton, Mr. Wheeler

- **Department Heads**

Delbert Skimerhorn

- **Media**

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Mr. Olthoff, at 9:10 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes: February 17, 2016, April 20, 2016, May 18, 2016, and June 22, 2016

Mr. James made a motion to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes only as the others were not ready, and Mr. Washington seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

5. Building

- **Building Reports - June 2016 and July 2016**

Mr. Skimerhorn reviewed and discussed the June 2016 report with the committee.

Mr. James made a motion to approve the June 2016 report only as the July 2016 report was not available, and Mr. Tripp seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

6. Transportation

- **Rural Transit Funding**

Geoff Olson stated that at the end of their fiscal year, they were 30% under budget, something that hasn't happened since 2001. He is proposing that \$15,000, which is a portion of that, be used for rural transit.

Mr. James asked what the money that was saved would be appropriated for.

Mr. Olson stated that it would be for rural transit, and because they were understaffed last fiscal year, they are \$19,000 under budget.

Mr. Liehr asked if the proposal would help with the state legislature cap based on what is actually used.

Mr. Olson stated that his concern is that the funding cap would be on the fund we use based on the previous fiscal year, and if that were to happen, future expansion would be nearly impossible.

Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the request and move it to the Finance Committee, and Mr. Einfeldt seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Laura Dick from SHOWBUS stated that they received nine or ten new buses this year from a grant submitted in 2013 that replaced older buses that needed service. They don't want to shrink service after getting the new buses, as that will look bad for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Ridership in this County ranks high in the state for the rural counties. Last year, it was around 32,000, a little lower than usual as social service agencies took over some transportation due to union concerns. They haven't started to meet demand in this County as they are not touching the demand out of Pembroke or the west side of the County due to lack of funds to access the state money to expand their services.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Mr. Bossert stated that the projection for the year on building permits seems to be falling behind, and asked if there is there a reason for that. It is projected at \$175,000 for the year, but the last few years it has been over \$300,000.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that he thinks a reason they are not getting the permits they used to get is because they don't have the staff they used to that can go out to get them. He doesn't really have much insight as to the difference in figures.

Mr. Liehr stated that he saw an article about a possible solar farm, and asked if they are going to look into ordinances regulating that.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that solar farms are not currently permitted in the ordinance, and if someone contacts us, they will write something up. It takes a lot of work to draft an ordinance, so they will do that if the need arises, but they currently have not been given a site plan or location by the interested company.

9. Adjournment

Mr. James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m., and Mr. Mulcahy seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Bill Olthoff, Committee Chairman
Diane Owens, Executive Coordinator