2021 Legislative Workshop

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The County of Peoria
The City of Peoria
Peoria City/County Health Department
Direct Sponsorship Requests

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Public Safety Pension Reform
Tax Incentives

County Motor Fuel Tax
Juvenile Detention & Pre-Trial Reimbursements
Juvenile Justice Reform
ISSUE: State Fiscal Year 2021 budget includes a provision to collect a 1.5% administrative fee on locally-imposed sales taxes.

REQUEST: Support HB6 (DeLuca) to reduce the state administrative fee on the collection of locally-imposed sales taxes to 1%.
Automatic Appropriation Authority

**ISSUE:** Annual appropriation authority is required for Non-GRF revenues like Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), casino gaming, video gaming, Use Tax and 9-1-1.

**REQUEST:** Support HB42 (Meyers-Martin & McCombie) to make these revenues continuing appropriations so funds are automatically distributed (as with Local Government Distributive Fund revenue).
REBUILD Illinois Appropriations

**ISSUE:** 49 projects exceeding $106M in Peoria County have been authorized but not appropriated.

**REQUEST:** Appropriate funds for:
- Main Street ($25 million)
- Peoria Civic Center ($25 million)
- Peoria Riverfront ($15 million)
- Lake Street and Gale Avenue ($6 million)
- Southside Fire Station and Community Center ($5 million)
- Allen Road ($3 million)
ISSUE: Create needed flexibility without compromising accountability & transparency in GATA. Pass through revenues are collected by the state and shared with local governments and are not grants from the State.

REQUEST: Support HB412 (Hoffman & McCombie) that state that GATA does not apply to State shared revenues distributed by formula to units of local government - LGDF, PPRT, MFT, or the Transportation Renewal Fund. Support legislation that exempts Local Health Departments from GATA rules involving state Grants.
ISSUE: The current 911 surcharge expires on December 31, 2021. Funding from this surcharge ensures that 911 Public Safety Answering Points have the appropriate equipment and software to answer and dispatch 911 calls throughout the State.

REQUEST: Support the extension and increase of the 911 surcharge.
ISSUE: While the General Assembly works to address the State pension crisis, city governments are struggling to keep pace with local pension requirements.

REQUEST: Support HB308 (West) that extends the amortization period to 2050. Support additional legislation that removes the 3% compounded increase from new hires after January 1, 2022.
Rivers Edge Redevelopment Tax Credit

**ISSUE:** The River Edge Redevelopment Tax Credit expires on December 31, 2021. A five-year extension of this tax credit would provide additional opportunity for redevelopment of historic buildings within the Peoria River Edge Redevelopment Zone.

**REQUEST:** Sponsor legislation to extend the River Edge Redevelopment Tax Credit for an additional five (5) years.
ISSUE: Redevelopers that use the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Tax Credit have to complete the project during the eligible 5-year window.

REQUEST: Sponsor legislation that would allow a redeveloper to avail themselves of the tax credit for a period of 5 years if they start a project within the tax credit window.
ISSUE: Redevelopment will continue within the Warehouse District TIF and the Hospitality Improvement Zone TIF if the districts are legislatively extended.

REQUEST: Sponsor legislation to extend the Warehouse District TIF and Hospitality Improvement Zone TIF for 12 additional years.
Tax Incentives

ISSUE: The Property Tax Code allows municipalities to designate an area for property tax abatement for new residential construction, but excludes residential rehabilitation.

REQUEST: Support HB 4410 (Spain) that amends the Property Tax Code to include residential rehabilitation in addition to new construction.
**ISSUE:** The condition of County Highway systems continue to deteriorate with county government having very limited revenue opportunities.

**REQUEST:** Expand 55 ILCS 5/5-1035.1 to include all non-home rule counties to impose a county MFT not to exceed eight cents per gallon following passage of an ordinance or resolution by the county board (currently limited to DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties).
**ISSUE:** Salary reimbursements (whole or partial depending on position) for Juvenile Detention Staff Members and Probation Officers assigned to pre-trial services are inadequate.

**REQUEST:** Enact legislation so that salary reimbursements from the AOIC include IMRF, FICA and Medicare for Juvenile Detention, Court Administration, Probation and Pre-Trial employees of the Circuit Court currently paid by Counties.
ISSUE: IL Juvenile Justice Reform Commission desires a detention hearing within 24 hours of arrest. The Federal standard is 48 hours. There is no evidence-data based screening tool. Limited or no use of secure video conferencing for detention hearings.

REQUEST: Sponsor & Support new legislation that mirrors HB2306 (Slaughter) and SB1302 (Mulroe) from the 101st General Assembly.
Position Support Requests

Protect State-Shared Partnership Revenue

Broaden Sales Tax Base
Preserve Home Rule Powers
IHDA Land Bank Operations

State Salary Reimbursement Funding
Expanding the Ability of Counties to Pursue and Perfect Self-Governance

Local Health Protection Grant Funding
Cottage Food Regulation
ISSUE: Fiscal policies to balance the State’s budget adversely impact local governments’ revenues or increased unfunded mandates.

REQUEST: OPPOSE

- Legislation that diverts funding from local government to the State, including LGDF, PPRT, local sales tax, MFT.
- Legislation that imposes new or increased unfunded mandates on local government.
REQUEST: Support the following

- Legislative and budgetary efforts that protect and enhance the existing revenue base of local governments.
- Legislative initiatives that grant local governments the ability to raise non-property tax revenues.
- Consider indexing statutory fees and charges to the rate of inflation.
**ISSUE:** Illinois sales tax only taxes 5 types of services. In 1965, goods were 41% of State GDP, only 17% today. This puts Illinois in a competitive disadvantage with other states and lowers total possible revenue.

**REQUEST:** Support legislation expanding the sales tax to consumer services. Broadening the base would bring Illinois in line with most other states, collect more revenue, and possibly lower the sales tax rate.
Preserve Home Rule Powers

ISSUE: Limitations or preemption of home rule authority hinder the ability of municipal officials to address community problems.

REQUEST: Preserve a community’s right to make local decisions by protecting home rule powers in statewide bills.
ISSUE: A revenue source is needed to support blight removal efforts within cities and counties.

REQUEST: Support legislation that would implement a $200 fee when taxes are purchased through the County tax auction that would be specifically earmarked for blight removal efforts related to demolition and lot maintenance for abandoned properties.
ISSUE: Statute requires the Supreme Court to fully fund probation officer and juvenile detention officer salary reimbursements to counties.

REQUEST: SFY 2020 was the first time since 1991 that Supreme Court’s appropriation aligned with Statutory requirement. Continue fully funding for SFY 2022.
ISSUE: Local governments are more responsive to the unique needs of their residents but lack the authority to craft local solutions. State Constitution grants authority to municipalities, not counties, the tools necessary to address the unique challenges we face.

REQUEST: Support legislation and policies that have the effect of providing Illinois counties with the tools and opportunities available to a county operating under home rule.
**ISSUE:** Currently Illinois allocates $19.1 million to Local Health Protection Grant (LHPG) which supports essential public health funding for certified Local Public Health Departments.

**REQUEST:** Support HB243 (Gabel): Increase funding to $30 million; which supports funding of disease surveillance/investigation, control, prevention, and health assessments. In addition, begin looking at equitable and flexibility in use of funding.
Increase Public Health Funding

Local Health Protection Grant

Funds Certified Local Health Departments

Community Health Needs Assessment & Improvement Plan

How health departments are funded

How health departments should be funded
ISSUE: Support legislation that balances the need for food safety mechanisms in preventing disease and illness while encouraging small business growth.

REQUEST: Amends the Cottage Food Act to reestablish the intent of the Act; including supporting annual registration, water sampling, and prepackage within the operation site.
Vertical Capital Projects

Commercial Demolition – Harrison and McKinley Schools
Ameren Substation Relocation at Sterling Warehouse District Parking Structure
State Street Post Office & Ameren Gas Facility Acquisition
REQUEST: Support $4.0M funding for commercial property demolitions. Peoria Public Schools disposed of the old Harrison School, McKinley School to private citizens with no means to renovate the facilities. They are dangerous and need to be demolished. State funding is limited to residential demolition and the commercial needs in Peoria are significant.
REQUEST: Support $9.0M funding for a parking deck in the Warehouse District to accommodate the parking needs of new residential units (District 1).

REQUEST: Support $10.0M funding for the acquisition and relocation of the US Post Office on State Street and the acquisition of the Ameren Gas Facility on Persimmon. This 27.1 acre site would extend the development of the Warehouse District and recreation along the Illinois River (District 1).

REQUEST: Support $2.0M funding to relocate or screen Ameren substation on Sterling Avenue to facilitate development on this commercial corridor (District 4).
Horizontal Capital Projects

Pioneer Parkway
Glen Ave
Allen Road
Prospect Road
Commercial Street
MacArthur Corridor Plan
IDOT mill & overlay of Lincoln & Howett
Springdale Cemetery Road Network Improvements
Pioneer Parkway

**ISSUE:** Pioneer Parkway is a major east / west corridor supporting commerce in north Peoria

**REQUEST:** Support $16.0M funding for the reconstruction of Pioneer Parkway from Knoxville to Allen Rd (District 5)
**Glen Avenue**

**ISSUE:** Glen Avenue is planned for reconstruction from University to War Memorial. The thoroughfare connects vital retail commercial areas.

**REQUEST:** Support $12.0M funding for the reconstruction of Glen Avenue from University to War Memorial (District 4)
**ISSUE:** Allen Road is a major north / south thoroughfare in need of reconstruction

**REQUEST:** Support $12.0M funding for the reconstruction of Allen Road from War Memorial Drive to Willow Knolls (District 5)
Prospect Road

**ISSUE:** Prospect Road is a major thoroughfare in need of reconstruction.

**REQUEST:** Support $12.0M funding for the reconstruction of Prospect Road from Knoxville Avenue to Belmont Pl. (District 3)
**ISSUE:** The creation of an extended Commercial Street from Oak to Persimmon will encourage the renovation of buildings on Washington Street into residential developments.

**REQUEST:** Support $2.2M in funding for Commercial Street from Oak to Persimmon (District 1)
REQUEST: Support $10-15M funding to assist in redeveloping MacArthur Highway for residential and commercial development (District 1)
REQUEST: Support $5.0 M funding for IDOT to mill and overlay Lincoln and Howett from Adams to Western (District 1)

REQUEST: Support $5.0 M funding for road improvements within Springdale Cemetery (District 3)
Vertical Capital Projects

Health & Human Services Campus
Replace Fleet Garage and Salt Dome
Juvenile Detention & Health Department Roofs
Election Commission
Courtroom Technology
Memorials
ISSUE: To reduce operating costs and improve customer service, multiple county offices, including Coroner, Education, Sustainability, and Public Health need to be co-located. Current Health Department needs significant reinvestment.

REQUEST: Assist in securing $10.0M in capital funding for architectural and engineering services to design a new consolidated campus on current Health Department property on Sheridan.
Fleet Garage & Salt Dome

**ISSUE:** The County’s fleet garage, built in 1975, is undersized, not safe, and in an advanced state of severe structural deterioration. The underground storage tanks, installed in 1977, are past their life expectancy. The salt dome, constructed in 1979, is also in an advanced state of deterioration.

**REQUEST:** Assist in securing $2.8M in capital funding for the replacement of these co-located facilities.
REQUEST: Secure $2.25M in capital funding for the replacement of the JDC and Jail Addition roofs.

REQUEST: Secure $700K in capital funding for land acquisition of County Election Commission property.

REQUEST: Secure $300K in capital funding for the courtroom technology improvements for connectivity to IDOC and IDJJ.

REQUEST: Secure $100K in capital funding to create a perpetual care fund for the County’s Soldiers & Sailors, Lincoln Draws a Line in the Sand, World War I & II, and Korea-Vietnam-War on Terror Memorials.
Horizontal Capital Projects

Sheridan Road Reconstruction
Maxwell / Middle Road Reconstruction
Willow Knolls Reconstruction
Radnor Road Reconstruction
Jail Ring Road
**ISSUE:** Sheridan Rd between Glen & Northmoor is a rural county highway predating the Richwoods annexation. It carries 12,100 VTPD. It is not safe for pedestrians due to no sidewalks present. The pavement is rated as poor.

**REQUEST:** Assist in securing $4.5M in capital funding to reconstruct to an urban cross-section.
ISSUE: The Maxwell-Middle Road Corridor is a main route to the Peoria International Airport & other large employers on Dirksen Parkway. Its deteriorating pavement is rated serious.

REQUEST: Assist in securing $5.5M in capital funding to reconstruct to a narrower urban cross-section.
ISSUE: Willow Knolls Rd between Allen & University is a rural county highway. It carries 9,450 VTpD. It is not safe for pedestrians due to no sidewalks present, nor motorists based on road geometry. The pavement is rated as poor.

REQUEST: Assist in securing $3.2M in capital funding to reconstruct to an urban cross-section.
Radnor Road Reconstruction

**ISSUE:** Radnor Rd between Alta & Willow Knolls is a rural county highway. It carries 2,950 VTpD. It is not safe for pedestrians due to no sidewalks present, nor motorists based on road geometry. The pavement is rated as poor.

**REQUEST:** Assist in securing $13.4M in capital funding to reconstruct to an urban cross-section.
**ISSUE:** 35 years of use have caused significant deterioration of the driveways, parking areas, and ring road around the Jail and Juvenile Detention Center. The pavement is rated as poor.

**REQUEST:** Assist in securing $2.0M in capital funding to reconstruct driveways, parking areas, and ring road for Peoria County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center.
Thank you

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