

**Rock Island County Governance, Health & Administration Carla Enburg, Chair**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup> 2026, Committee Minutes**  
**1504 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Room 210, Rock Island, IL. 61201**

Carla Enburg called the Governance, Health & Administration to order at 10:01 am

**1. Roll Call:** Carla Enburg, Drue Mielke, Enyo Dewith, Johnny Woods, Cindy D. Ramos.

Member Absent: Melissa Moreno-Baker

**Also present:** Richard “Quijas” Brunk, Ellen Anderson Auditors Office, Patty Castro SAO, Captain Mindy Meyers, Jim Nelson, Jared VanTieghem, Derrick Hendrickx Court Services, Jim Grafton County Administrator, Katie Anderson-Fuhr Circuit Clerks Office, Bridgette Edgeworth Circuit Clerks Office, Kurt Davis IT Director, Karen Kinney, Katrina Eisenberg Mental Health Consultant for Regional School Board, Tammy Muerhoff Regional Superintendent of Schools.

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Approval of the minutes from Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> Governance, Health & Administration meeting**

Motion to approve: Johnnie Woods

Second: Drue Mielke

voice vote

Motion carried

**4. Reports to Committee:**

- County Clerk Karen Kinney gave her vital records report and reported on key dates for the upcoming primary election. Vote by mail and early voting in the county clerk’s office begins February 5<sup>th</sup>, four offsite early voting locations open March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Election Day falls on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Regional Superintendent of Schools Tammy Muerhoff introduced new assistance dog “Morrell” that will be used in three Schools- Eagle Ridge, Colona and Rockridge.

Motion to approve: Drue Mielke

Second: Enyo Dewith

voice vote

Motion carried

**5. Consider Proclamation for February 2026 as Black History Month**

Motion to approve: Johnnie Woods

Second: Enyo Dewith

voice vote

Motion carried

**6. Consider Insurance Broker Proposals**

Motion to approve: Enyo Dewith

Second: Drue Mielke

**Discussion:** County Administrator Jim Grafton explained he is looking at selecting a broker who will go out and get us bids for catastrophic coverage liability insurance. The county is self-insured there an understanding that we have insurance when in reality it is coming out of our pocket. It would be like going around without any insurance and you have some money in your savings account and you are taking that risk. What the broker will do is take bids from various insurance providers for catastrophic coverage. What we are looking for is between \$2M and \$10M coverage. So, if we get sued it is out of our pocket up to that \$2M but beyond that we would have coverage up to \$10M so, once again all we

are doing is selecting a broker to go out and get those bids. I have no numbers to present I just wanted to make sure we considered all the brokers and the selection was based on how many vendors these brokers have contacts with. The more contacts they have the more competitive the bids will be. The other thing to look at is who they represent and what kind of references do they have. Do they insure other Counties or Schools or something like that? So, the two things we are looking at are references and what types of relationships do they have with other insurance companies. We hope to be able to have that for you next month and it might take two months for them to gather the information I need.

voice vote

Motion carried

### **7. Consider Violence Reduction Strategy Project Proposal**

Motion to approve: Enyo Dewith

Second: Cindy Ramos

**Discussion:** Chairman Brunk noted that this is something that is going to be presented by the States Attorney and the Sheriff. They have been working with area Law enforcement on this strategy with some success in Davenport and other Cities around the Country. The States Attorney is still looking into potential funding for this to cover the costs of the consultants. At this point they are asking that the board make the commitment that the Board will back this initiative at a cost of \$145,000.00. Chairman Brunk noted that this is a two-pronged approach, preventative measures and having the information available to let the Courts know that this individual needs to be detained. The Consultant is going to present at the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Mielke asked what would be the relationship between the Municipalities and the County. CBC Brunk noted that there will be a collaboration and improved communication of information. CBC Brunk said an example that was given to him was that someone who committed a crime may be being investigated for the same thing in another community. CBC Brunk stated that the thinking that the County will be the main area for keeping records but all the agencies will have input.

voice vote

Motion carried

### **8. Consider Designation of Visit Quad Cities as Rock Island County's Destination Marketing Organization.**

Motion to approve: Drue Mielke

Second: Enyo Dewith

**Discussion:** Chairwoman Enburg noted that the date needs to be updated in the agreement from July of 2026 to July of 2027.

voice vote

Motion carried

### **9. Review of Pending/Proposed legislation affecting Rock Island County:**

Chairman Brunk noted that the Governor just signed Senate Bill #25 into law it is an Energy Bill that will have a significant impact on Wind, Solar and Storage Batteries.

### **10. Closed Session: None**

### **11. Consider Action needed for Closed Session: None**

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

CBC Brunk welcomed Board Member Cindy Ramos to her first Committee meeting. Chairwoman Enburg reminded everyone she will not be at the February meeting.

### **13. Adjourn**

Motion to approve: Enyo Dewith

Second: Johnnie Woods

voice vote

Motion carried

**The Governance, Health & Administration meeting adjourned at 10:22 am**

**The next regularly scheduled Governance, Health & Administration meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Jim Nelson**

**Rock Island County Administration**