

President's Message

## Join us for our Annual Meeting

I hope you will join us for the Annual Meeting to approve the slate of Directors and Officers for the LWV Greater Peoria Board on May 22. We will also vote on the proposed budget and local programming for the upcoming year. (Details on the three items appear on the next three pages in this newsletter.)

This promises to be a busy year with the Presidential election in November, implementing the Transformation process with the LWV, and learning more about local issues. This is an opportunity to give your input on upcoming activities of the League.

As you know, Democracy is not a spectator sport. We need involvement of our members to be successful. Consider joining one of our committees: Communications, Program Planning, Voter Services, Membership, and Local Government Observer Corps. Learn more about the League and get to know our members.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Lariat Steakhouse at 6:00 p.p. Appetizers will be served; beverages will be available for purchase.

————— Connie Romanus, LWVGP president

### Important Dates:

**Sat., May 4:** LWVIL Training for Local Government Observers via Zoom  
**4 p.m. Mon., May 13:** LWVGP Board meeting via Zoom  
**5:30 p.m. (social), 6 p.m. (program), Weds., May 15:** Drinks & Dialogue at Lariat Steakhouse  
**Weds., July 17:** Member Social at Suite Fire Bar and Grill

## LOCAL PROGRAMS 2024-25

There have been requests from members to host general meetings periodically to focus on specific topics in lecture style, in addition to Drinks and Dialogue program. We will endeavor to alternate these program styles.

Programs will continue to be on the third Wednesday of the month.

July	Membership Social
August	General Meeting
September	Drinks and Dialogue
October	General Meeting
November	Drinks and Dialogue
December	No program
January	Annual Program Planning (Jan. 11, 2025) General Meeting
February	Drinks and Dialogue
March	General Meeting
April	Drinks and Dialogue
May	Annual Meeting

### **Program Areas of Interest:**

Climate/Environmental – Zero Waste, Alternative Fuels, Local Landfill

Democracy - Election Integrity, Voting Rights, Lobbying Effectively

Public Safety – Update on Safe-T Act, Crime Reduction, Community Mental Health

**PROPOSED NOMINATING SLATE OF  
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS LWVGP 2024-25**

OFFICERS	ROLE	TERM
Connie Romanus	President	6/2023 – 5/2025
Open	1 <sup>st</sup> VP	6/2024 – 5/2025
Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	6/2024 – 5/2026
Jim Runyon	Secretary	6/2024 – 5/2026
Sean Koors	Treasurer	6/2023 – 5/2025
Directors		
Beth Jensen		6/2023 – 5/2025
Andy Diaz		6/2024 – 5/2026
Hind Abi-akar		6/2024 - 5/2026
Chris Kaergard	Newsletter Editor	6/2023 – 5/2025
Eileen Steed	Voter Services	6/2023 – 5/2025
Dottie Strickler		6/2023 - 5/2025
Brooke Somerville		6/2023 – 5/2025
Sue Russell		6/2024 – 5/2026
Kristie Couri Collier		6/2024 – 5/2026
Joan Wojcikewych	Appoint by new Board	6/2024 – 5/2025
Theresa Koehler	Membership Chair Appoint by new Board	6/2024 -5/2025

Slate of officers & directors approved at May 2024 Annual Meeting  
 New Board appoints up to two Directors at July 2024 Board meeting.  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP position moves to President 5/2025  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position moves to President 5/2027

# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR LWVGP 2024-25

2021/2022 Financial Report		2019-2020 Budget	2019-20 Actual	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>								
Membership Dues		\$7,775.00	\$5,326.05	\$6,800.00	\$7,550.00	\$7,550.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00
	Brought forward from last year							
Fundraising Activities								
	Annual Dinner				\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
	Raffle	\$2,000.00	\$1,340.51	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	<b>New from Fundraising</b>	\$1,136.00		\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
Contributions/Donations		\$1,150.00		\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
	Contributions in excess of dues		\$300.00					
Interest		\$70.00	\$197.53	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Other	Extra Ordinary Dividend		\$150.00					
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$12,131.00</b>	<b>\$7,314.09</b>	<b>\$10,965.00</b>	<b>\$16,115.00</b>	<b>\$16,115.00</b>	<b>\$16,665.00</b>	<b>\$16,665.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>								
Affiliations:								
	50% of LWVUS PMP	\$1,768.00	\$1,504.00	\$1,504.00	\$3,392.00	\$3,664.00	\$3,664.00	\$3,664.00
	75% of LWVIL PMP	\$2,689.00	\$2,292.00	\$2,560.00	\$3,445.00	\$3,680.00	\$3,680.00	\$3,680.00
	UMR	\$25.00			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Peoria Women's Civic Federation					\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
	<b>Total Affiliations Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,482.00</b>	<b>\$3,796.00</b>	<b>\$4,064.00</b>	<b>\$6,862.00</b>	<b>\$7,384.00</b>	<b>\$7,384.00</b>	<b>\$7,384.00</b>
Board & Administration								
	<b>Fundraising Expense</b>	\$2,000.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Supplies	\$100.00	\$75.52	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Postage	\$100.00	\$18.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	P.O. Box				\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
	Storage					\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Printing	\$120.00	\$310.00	\$350.00	\$873.00	\$873.00	\$873.00	\$873.00
	Website	\$900.00	\$768.60	\$645.00	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	Zoom expense					\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Insurance	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
	Misc. & Affiliation	\$50.00	\$59.00	\$75.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
	FaceBook ads	\$135.00		\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Anniversary Expense			\$400.00	\$240.00			
	Stripe/Square expenses	\$45.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Minimum Balance fee							
	<b>Total B&amp;A expenses</b>	<b>\$3,565.00</b>	<b>\$1,346.12</b>	<b>\$2,520.00</b>	<b>\$2,588.00</b>	<b>\$3,448.00</b>	<b>\$4,133.00</b>	<b>\$4,133.00</b>
Newsletter								
	Printing	\$75.00		\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Postage	\$200.00	\$254.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	<b>Total Newsletter Expenses</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>	<b>\$254.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
Delegates & Travel								
	Conventions	\$2,000.00	\$305.08	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Observer Corps	\$26.00		\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00
	Miscellaneous Meetings	\$120.00	\$67.78	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	<b>Total D &amp; T Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,146.00</b>	<b>\$372.86</b>	<b>\$2,146.00</b>	<b>\$2,146.00</b>	<b>\$2,146.00</b>	<b>\$2,146.00</b>	<b>\$2,146.00</b>
Programs and Activities								
	Programs & Activ/H2O**	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	History Project LWVGP*	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Voter Service	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
	Public Relations	\$330.00		\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
	Membership Recruiting				\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
	Annual Dinner Expense	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
	<b>Total P &amp; A Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,530.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,780.00</b>	<b>\$3,660.00</b>	<b>\$3,660.00</b>	<b>\$3,660.00</b>	<b>\$3,660.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$12,998.00</b>	<b>\$7,768.98</b>	<b>\$10,710.00</b>	<b>\$15,356.00</b>	<b>\$16,738.00</b>	<b>\$17,423.00</b>	<b>\$17,423.00</b>

## DRINKS AND DIALOGUE

Our Drinks and Dialogue event in April was a Zoom meeting hosted by the Illinois LWV. Diane Chang, Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the Brown Institute for Media Innovation at Columbia Journalism School and the former head of Election Integrity and Product Strategy at Meta discussed strategies on how to protect and secure democracy from threats posed by the misuse of social media and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Ms. Chang detailed the many techniques that social media and AI are being used to mislead voters. She also offered a number of suggestions on how to mitigate the effectiveness and impact of those tactics.

**For May, we are pleased to report that Gene Olson, the Director of Airports at the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria, will be our presenter.** Gene will share news about facility improvements and the rebound of passenger traffic at Gen. Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport.

Please try to join us at the **Lariat Steakhouse in Peoria on Wednesday, May 15. Social time starts at 5:30 with the program beginning at 6.**

P.S. As a heads-up for June, we look forward to learning what is happening at WTVP.

———— Terry Kohlbuss

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## VOTER SERVICES

Voter Services is focussed on addressing Voter Registration, Candidate Forums, Mock Elections and Got Out the Vote (GOTV) opportunities through the end of the year. We will need your support to successfully produce the following initiatives and events. Leading these efforts are:

### **1. Voter Registration/Naturalization Ceremonies**

Leaders: *Mary Jane Crowell* [crowellm@mtco.com](mailto:crowellm@mtco.com) and *Piper Petrocelli* [piperpetrocelli@gmail.com](mailto:piperpetrocelli@gmail.com) *(Please contact them if you know of an event or local*

*opportunity to register new voters and volunteer to support their efforts when they reach out to you for help manning the events).*

## **2. Candidate Forums/Speed Dating/Meet and Greet**

Leaders: *Sue Russell* [russellsusan1026@gmail.com](mailto:russellsusan1026@gmail.com) and *Michelle Bohm* [myinspiredstyle@gmail.com](mailto:myinspiredstyle@gmail.com) (*Please volunteer to participate in the Forums this coming fall*).

## **3. Mock Elections**

Leaders: *Rob Parks* [robertamparks7513@gmail.com](mailto:robertamparks7513@gmail.com) and *Tikka Peebles* [datikka\\_wright@yahoo.com](mailto:datikka_wright@yahoo.com) (*Please volunteer to support this educational program in local high schools*).

## **4. Get Out the Vote (GOTV)**

Leaders: *Pam Schubach* [psbach56@yahoo.com](mailto:psbach56@yahoo.com) and *Eileen Steed* [eileensteed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eileensteed@sbcglobal.net) (*Please volunteer to help with this initiative*).

———— Rob Parks and Eileen Steed, Voter Services Co-chairs

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Mark your calendar for the Annual Social to be held on July 17 at Suite Fire Grill and Bar at the Holiday Inn at Grand Prairie. We are excited about the new venue which will be indoors in air-conditioning!

This is also an opportunity to renew your membership and pay your annual dues. Be sure to bring a friend.

———— Theresa Koehler, Chairperson

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## **PEORIA COUNTY BOARD: April 11**

The Peoria County Board held its April 2024 meeting with all members present.

In regular business the board amended the Peoria Urban Enterprise Zone Agreement, and approved zoning requests in Trivoli, Millbrook and Kickapoo townships.

Also unanimously approved were speed limit changes on Big Hollow Road and North Trivoli Road, a \$39,000 worker's compensation settlement, expenses related to the relocation of the Veterans Assistance Commission, and a tool to assist county employees access student-loan forgiveness programs. Amy McLaren was reappointed to a third six-year term as County Engineer.

The board recognized National County Government Month, National Police and Correctional Officers Weeks, and Home Visitor Day. Member Jennifer Groves-Allison was recognized for five years on the board, and Kathi Urban, Director of Planning and Zoning, was recognized for her 26 years of service to the county.

Six citizens (one from Peoria County and the other five from Cook, Grundy and Kane counties) spoke requesting the board approve their resolution on election integrity.

**Links to the meeting agenda is here: [Agenda](#).**

———— Jim Runyon, Observer

### **PEORIA COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION: April 9**

The Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners held its monthly meeting on April 9. Executive Director Elizabeth Gannon reported a 14.8% turnout for the March primary. That was the lowest turnout in at least 20 years.

Of registered voters, 2% voted early, 5.8% voted by mail, and 7% voted on election day. On election day, 8.6% voted at a precinct not their own. Only three polling places had no one from outside their precincts voting there. 27% of Vote by Mail voters put their ballots into drop boxes.

The only other business that day was an announcement by the Director that she was putting together a stress management class for staff to help them cope with what could be a very stressful general election this fall.

———— Irene Pritzker, Observer

## **PEORIA CITY COUNCIL: March 26**

The Council meeting began on time with a quorum present. The consent agenda passed without discussion. Councilors approved termination of Tax-Increment Finance (TIF) Districts as discussed at last meeting for Northside TIF, Central Business (Downtown)TIF and Midtown Plaza TIF.

Under regular business, the Council approved the following:

- Sole source contract for with Dr. E. Anthony White, for Research Partner Services under 2020 Bureau of Justice Assistance Strategies for Policing Innovation Grant through Sept. 30, in amount of \$83,950.
- Accepted FY 2024 National Integrated Ballistic Network (NIBN) Grant from Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board for \$675,000. Management Analyst Jacob Moushon gave an overview of the collaboration of the Peoria Police Department with Dr. White. Their findings identified many issues to impact a decrease in habitual offender incidents in the community. He cited data that showed the top 3% of offenders were responsible for 15% of crime. The team submitted an abstract with their findings to the NIBN last June. Project outcomes were well received, resulting in the team being asked to present their findings to other agencies across the county to impact other communities. Councilor Gordon-Young congratulated Police Chief Eric Echevarria on receiving the grant funding and the findings of the study.
- Resolution to increase fees for Peoria Combined and Sanitary Sewer District Lateral Fee from 1.3028/CCF to 1.3328/CCF as of May 1, 2024. Finance Director Kyle Cratty reported the increase will amount to an average of \$0.52 per quarter and allow the city to meet obligations for sewer maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next Peoria City Council meeting will be April 23 at 6:00 p.m. You can find agendas, minutes and more at: <https://peoria.gov.civicweb.net/Portal/>

————— Connie Romanus, Observer

## **DUNLAP DISTRICT 323 SCHOOL BOARD: April 18**

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 18, with nine members present.



Superintendent's report:

- One FOIA request was satisfied as were others which were submitted last month.
- Recognition of student Nick Mueller for his state wrestling championship.

Information/discussion items:

School activity account reports, board meeting schedule, budget update, administrator contract renewals, were presented.

As of 4/2024 the budget projection for 2023-24 is: \$57,058,524.

Action items all approved:

- Payment of bills, treasurer's report, investment report, bank statements, eighth grade Washington D.C. trip, petition to intervene property tax appeal, English department textbook proposal, strategic plan goals, and facility rental agreement and fees.

Open session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. followed by closed session.

———— Dottie Strickler, Observer

## **TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD: March 27**

Thirteen was the lucky number for the Tazewell County Board at its March 27 meeting – that number of attendees was just two more than needed to achieve a quorum, with eight absences: Bill Atkins, Russ Crawford, Jay Hall, Jon Hopkins, Randi Krehbiel, Dave Mingus, Kaden Nelms and Sierra Smith.

Routine consent agenda approvals include unanimous agreement for a bridge replacement on a rural road southwest of Morton in Groveland Township and recycling grant payments to five communities: East Peoria, Morton, Creve Coeur, Pekin and Washington.

The board unanimously approved annual grants and funding applications for We Care, the local rural transportation service that's analogous to CityLift and CountyLink in the Peoria area.

Similarly unanimous were amended contracts with Heart Technologies for servers, networking hardware, telephone systems and support. Additional savings negotiated with Heart will reduce by roughly \$45K the amount paid in the five-year pacts valued at more than \$700K.

Board members heard three public comments: One favoring a routine resolution, another complimenting the county Highway Department's work. The third urged the board to continue to stay vigilant to future CO2 pipeline proposals. That included a suggestion to evaluate whether any new zoning rules could restrict a potential carbon sequestration pipeline running from the riverfront Alto Ingredients plant in Pekin to near Manito.

The meeting adjourned after 50 minutes at 6:50 p.m.

———— Chris Kaergard, Observer

### **TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD: April 24**

The Tazewell County Board on April 24 continued its streak of meetings that end within shouting distance of an hour's length. With Chairman David Zimmerman absent, Vice-Chair Mike Harris held the gavel for the board's 66 minutes of business.

The board unanimously approved new salaries for those who will be elected in November as board chairman, circuit clerk, coroner and auditor. The salaries for chair, circuit clerk and auditor are slated to rise 3% annually over the coming four-year term. That will take the chair from \$31,346 to \$35,281 (with a stipend for serving as liquor commissioner going from \$2,849 to \$3,207); the circuit clerk will go from \$103,819 to \$116,849; the auditor will be hiked from \$59,182 to \$66,610. The latter positions also get \$6,500 state stipends annually.

To bring the coroner's salary closer in line to neighboring Peoria County and other comparable counties, board member Bill Atkins of Washington proposed to increase the current \$84,847 salary by more than 11% to \$95,000 in the first year, with 3% steps in the three subsequent years to \$103,809. The coroner also gets a \$6,500 annual state stipend. The proposal passed 10-5.

A new program for the county's animal control department was approved unanimously. Instead of capturing, housing and ultimately euthanizing feral cats, which is a costly endeavor, the felines will instead be trapped, neutered and returned to their original environment.

Some of the needed equipment, including temporary traps, will be donated, and existing animal-control funds will be redirected to pay for the surgeries to neuter the cats. There are many thousands of feral cats estimated to live in the county and given the number of times a mother can bear a litter, the population is increasing exponentially, as are complaints to animal control about their nuisance behavior. This is an effort to bend the population growth curve.

Board members voted to defer an extension of a special-use permit for Catmint Solar, which last year received the county's imprimatur to construct a 5-megawatt solar farm in Groveland Township. Some requested state approvals and equipment still have not been secured, necessitating the proposed extension. Three residents spoke in opposition to the request during public comment. The board's deferral came as members chose to wait for a legal opinion on their options, given changes in state law, and in light of the board's original approval to the permit and previous extensions of other special-use permits in the county.

The board also signed off on two rules changes, one of which would make it easier for the board chairman and the chairperson of a committee to remove habitually inactive members. Missing committee quorums have been a particular problem, sponsoring member Bill Atkins of Washington argued, resulting in multiple "in-place" meetings of committees the night of the County Board meeting to finalize items at the last minute for the full board to consider. The second change would further solidify the requirement that board member expenses must be submitted for reimbursement within 60 days of the end of the month they were incurred.

Some 27 items on the consent agenda also received approval, including renovations to the Highway Department's shop garage and office. The board accepted the resignation of Sierra Smith of East Peoria. Smith has served on the board since May 2022.

Board members were also reminded of the Tazewell County World War II Veterans Event scheduled for 3 p.m. on Memorial Day at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center (at Morton High School). All 15 surviving Tazewell veterans of the war have been invited, and those who attend will be given the opportunity to speak and share their memories.

Members adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

———— Chris Kaergard, Observer

## **PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE: April 24**

The city and county Solid Waste Disposal Committee met for their monthly meeting at 3 p.m. April 24 at City Hall. This Meeting date was posted publicly and was a change from the originally scheduled April 17 meeting. A revised Landfill Committee meeting agenda and packet was posted before the meeting.

Chairman Stephen Morris presided and called the meeting to order. In addition to Morris, committee members present were Steve VanWinkle, Sharon Williams, Rick Fox, and recently appointed member Robert Culp, with member Tim Riggenschach arriving shortly after the meeting began. Scott Sorrel, Peoria County Administrator, and City Attorney Patrick Hayes attended. Other city and county staff and the State's Attorney representative, who regularly attend, were present. Members of the press were in attendance.

Foth Infrastructure and Environment, the engineering company on contract with the Landfill Committee, gave their report. Leachate and condensate generation continue to outpace landfill systems and that means more work time spent to keep landfill conditions operating as necessary. This is expected to decrease as temperature swings level out. January, February and March had similar problems with freeze-ups causing pumping problems. High winds caused gas flares to shut down and not relight automatically, with two instances in the March report. 20,000 gallons of landfill leachate were transported to the Greater Peoria Sanitary District for March.

General municipal waste for March was 5,900 tons below the amount received for the month in 2023. The general landfill waste amount received so far for this year is 3,700 tons less than last year.

Foth and GFL met with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) regarding matters for repair of the landfill entrance dam. GFL is to let IDNR know the amount of dirt that might be available as borrow soil for the dam repairs.

Foth opened bids April 23<sup>rd</sup> for a potential solar project at the Landfill. Two companies submitted projects and they are for larger, ground-mount installations.

Foth included additional work they anticipated outside of their originally approved scope, due to the ongoing situation regarding the delay in construction of the new Landfill 3. As of April 24, Foth did not have any updates regarding the Landfill 3 status since the March Committee meeting and had not heard back on anything

from GFL since March regarding what GFL was doing regarding Landfill 3 [*explanatory note: GFL purchased the landfill in their buy-out of PDC in October, 2021, and the contract for constructing the new Peoria Landfill was part of that buy-out.*]

The March Committee Minutes document that Foth received a signed report from IDNR, March 18, declaring that no coal mine was at the suspected location that would impact the new Landfill 3. The IDNR report was based on their assessment of soil borings completed by the agency. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) specified the Landfill 3 construction permit would be on hold until they received an updated permit application from GFL and submission of the report from IDNR. GFL would need to submit those documents.

A Committee member asked when Waste Management (the company under contract to operate Landfill 2) would have an updated assessment of the remaining capacity in Landfill 2, which was expected to be full before the end of this year. The Foth representative replied that another fly-over is anticipated in July or August to assess remaining space. A request was made to have an update from Waste Management so that the Committee can get a better idea for budget planning regarding waste receipts and budgeting.

The Waste Management report was not in the packet, but they had sent an update and it was provided by Foth.

The Landfill Budget report showed year-to-date Landfill Committee budget revenues were slightly below the anticipated amount but at this point the amount was not considered significant.

Two items for Request for Discussion were as follows (Committee packet pages 64-67):

- 1) Foth supplied the Landfill Committee a written option for consideration of an offer from Waste Management (WM) to divert garbage from Landfill 2. WM would use their Tazewell Transfer Station to load waste for other disposal locations and reduce the total tonnage at Landfill 2, giving more time while awaiting Landfill 3. WM requested the 2025 annual minimum payment to the Committee be waived, as they have already exceeded the 2024 payment and the changing circumstances would mean they would not likely reach that amount in 2025. This would provide an incentive for WM to delay closure of Landfill 2 and extend the time for other Committee efforts.

- 2) Foth provided an outline and projected costs for additional work estimated for the various projects beyond the original scope of their contract, which includes work on a possible Transfer Station investigation if the Committee would need to establish its own new garbage and special waste transfer station, and an assessment of a potential Landfill 1 “Piggy Back” / reopen a site at the closed Landfill 1.

Chairman Morris commented that Waste Management has already exceeded its contract annual minimum payment for 2024. Since the length of time that could go into 2025 would be unknown, Waste Management would like to be exempted from the minimum payment for that year as it might only be a few months. The Foth representative commented that an extension of Landfill 2 will also allow the free dumping load for residents to continue.

No report was received from GFL.

The only GFL representative present, attorney Brian Meginnes, was asked if he had any updates regarding what GFL was doing. He said that the company has hired a special engineering firm to see if they can meet the requirements of engineering for Landfill 3.

Chairman Morris announced the next meeting will likely be in a different room in City Hall or across the street and to watch the agenda notice for the location.

The Committee completed their agenda and adjourned into Executive Session regarding litigation.

*The full April meeting agenda is at the Solid Waste tab on the City of Peoria Committee listings and the revised meeting packet is here: <https://www.peoria.gov.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/04242024-619>*

————— Joyce Blumenshine, Observer



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