

Addendum

Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP, Year End Audit 6-30-25 Progress Billing 12,000.00

*CORRECTION:

Rock Island County Treasurer, on Bill List shown as \$5,056.19; 5,419.91
additional invoice added in the amount of \$363.72 (Postage)
for a total of \$5,419.91

Mayor Limberg moved approval of the bills totaling \$28,019.91 as presented above. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2025-26 Program Budget as of October 31, 2025. Mayor Limberg explained that on Program Budget Status Report, the Commission is 41.7% through the fiscal year with 34.1% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contracts or grants for consideration.
 - Contract with Platinum Information Services, Inc. for a support agreement. Contract is for \$2,005.50 per month for the period of 2/1/26-1/31/31.

Ms. Mendenhall moved approval of the contract with Platinum Information Services, Inc. as presented above. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Contract with Development Association of Rock Island for Financial Management, for actual costs for the period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026

Mr. Maxwell moved approval of the contract with Development Association of Rock Island as presented above. Ms. Breeden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. River Bend Food Bank. Ms. Habben reported on activities related to River Bend Food Bank (RFBF). In the RFBF service area, there are a total of 409 Hunger Relief Partner (HRP) Sites/Programs in 18 Illinois counties and five Iowa counties. These range from food/school/senior/mobile/hospital pantries, senior programs, backpack sites, meal sites, and snack programs. In 2025, RFBF experienced a 4-yr high in food insecurity rates at 13.2% or 137,000 individuals and distributed 20 million pounds of food, which equates to 16.7 million meals. They typically distribute an average of 16-18 million pounds per year.

Ms. Habben shared RFBF’s three-year strategic plan. They look to strengthen internal and external customer service and relationships to create a culture confidence, respect, trust, and transparency with their over 400 hunger relief partners and work in collaboration to end food insecurity. They are identifying and executing a new food bank model to maintain financial stability and provide fair and equitable access to food in a time of reduced donations. One way to address this is the creation of a Core Collective, which is a partnership with 20 key hunger relief partners who will focus on feeding while RFBF focuses on fundraising.

She noted the Healthy Kids Iowa program was developed by the state in 2025 with short notice, but RFBF was able to assist with the project in eastern Iowa that included a collaboration with 22 Iowa Hunger Relief Partners. They were able to serve 6,500 children in their five Iowa counties and distributed 12,600 Healthy Kids Iowa kits. Also, the Student Hunger Drive in partnership with the Million Meals Match (MMM) held a record-breaking 39th Hunger Drive and gathered a total of 3,038,599 meals.

The government shut down in October resulted in SNAP funding being unavailable for states to implement their programs. This led to an increase in client numbers throughout RBF's 23-county service area. The increase was not only those who lost their SNAP benefit, but government employees who were left unpaid during the shutdown. With emergency state funding and the generosity of the community, RBF was able to purchase food and distribute it at no cost to their hunger relief partners, filling the one-month gap in SNAP benefits.

SNAP is important because it provides more meals in RBF's service area in 2 months than the organization provides in an entire year. SNAP provides nine times more food than the entire food banking network combined. RBF will not be able to fill the gap if states can't fund a SNAP program. Effective February 1, new work reporting requirements and possible immigrant eligibility rules will go into effect that will decrease the number of individuals eligible to receive the SNAP benefit.

Effective October 1, 2026, state budgets will see a significant financial impact of \$41 million in Iowa and \$800 million for Illinois. This is due to the cost sharing with the federal government changing from a 50/50 split to a 75/25 ratio in October. Additionally, states will assume additional SNAP program costs based on their error rates that relates to over or under paying a SNAP recipient.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.
6. Other Business. There was no other business.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Maxwell
Secretary