

Bonnie J. Hester, District 1
Junior Watkins, District 2
Lynn Scott Pearson, District 3
Andrew Rand, District 4
Bud Sous, District 5
G. Allen Mayer, District 6
James C. Dillon, District 7
Phillip Salzer, District 8
Michael Phelan, District 9



Thomas H. O'Neill, Chairperson
R. Steve Sonnemaker, County Clerk

Stephen M. Morris, District 10
Merle Widmer, District 11
Robert Baietto, District 12
Vice Chairperson William R. Prather, District 13
Brian Elsasser, District 14
Carol Trumpe, District 15
Brad Harding, District 16
Chairperson Thomas O'Neill, District 17
Patricia Hidden, District 18

**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 12, 2009
6:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL BY THE COUNTY CLERK

Attendance was taken with the Roll Call-Pro voting system, and the following members of the Board were present: Baietto, Dillon, Hester, Hidden, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Pearson, Phelan, Prather, Rand, Salzer, Sous, Watkins and Widmer, with Elsasser, Harding and Trumpe absent. Trumpe entered the meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of October 8, 2009 County Board Minutes

Approval of October 8, 2009 County Board Executive Session Minutes

Baietto moved for approval of the minutes and Watkins seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

II. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A proclamation recognizing Scott Sorrel for being selected as one of the "2009 40 Leaders under 40".

Harding entered the meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

C1. The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of September 2009 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of August 2009.

C2. A resolution (item 1-3) from your Tax/EDC Committee recommending that the Chairman of the Peoria County Board be authorized and directed to execute deeds of



conveyance of the County's interest to the highest bidder, and be authorized to cancel the appropriate Certificates of Purchase. This resolution shall be effective ninety days from November 12, 2009 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

C3. Appointments

Baietto moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Mayer seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

IV. CITIZENS' REMARKS

Craig Masters, 1404 E. Marietta, addressed the Board with regard to Item No. 1 on the Agenda. He stressed the importance of a quality restaurant on the river and said Hamm's Harbor is one of the few places that has the docking ability for boaters to pull right in. He further said that docking in Peoria is great, but it gets crowded, and you have to walk somewhere to eat.

Karrie E. Alms, 1005 N.E. Perry Avenue, addressed the Board with regard to fiscal responsibility. She expressed her appreciation to the Board and to County Administration for putting capital spending on hold during the current economic uncertainty. However, she is concerned that Peoria County is taking on too much long term debt. Money once taken from the General Fund is lost revenue.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 048-09-Z, Mark Klein. A Rezoning request from "I-1" Light Industrial to "C-2" General Commercial to allow for a restaurant. The parcel is located in Chillicothe Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval and the Land Use Committee concurs.

Trumpe moved to approve the ordinance and Widmer seconded. Trumpe noted that people are excited about this project, and the Petitioner hopes to be open by Memorial Day. She said that sixteen slips will be reserved for people to come in from the river and enjoy the restaurant. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

2. Case 053-09-U, Fred Elliott. A Special Use request as required in Section 24-6-13.C.1.a. of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for a caretaker facility. The parcel is located in Hollis Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval and the Land Use Committee concurs.

Trumpe moved to approve the ordinance and Harding seconded. Trumpe stated there is a warehouse on this property, and a caretaker is needed for security. There is a house on the property which will be used by the caretaker. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.



3. Case W06-09, Gary Reeder. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of a waiver from the required road frontage in Section 20-4-2.C.2.b.(2). The property is located in Elmwood Township.

Trumpe moved to approve the resolution and Hester seconded. Trumpe stated that the Petitioner will share a drive. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

4. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending Appointment of Kristen Penniston to the position of Deputy Plat Officer for Peoria County.

Trumpe moved to approve the resolution and Harding seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

5. An Ordinance from your Land Use Committee authorizing the County's participation in the Assist 2009 First Time Home Buyer Down Payment Assistance Program.

Trumpe moved to approve the ordinance and Hester seconded. Trumpe stated that the County has participated in this program since 2005; it provides assistance with down payments. The average loan size is in excess of \$84,000.00, and a number of banks are involved. Widmer asked for the rate of defaults and foreclosures associated with this program. Mr. Wahl replied that the foreclosure rate for the past 12 years has been three percent. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

6. A resolution from your Facilities Committee recommending approval of the third brick letting for the Peoria County World War I & II Veterans Memorial as per the attached resolution.

Salzer moved to approve the resolution and Watkins seconded. Salzer said that the Auditor will handle this project. It is hoped that it will be finished by May 1, 2010, and that the bricks will be dedicated on Memorial Day. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

7. A resolution from your Management Services Committee recommending approval of the bids of various vendors for printed forms for use by Peoria County Departments as per the attached resolution.

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Sous seconded. Phelan said that this is a routine bid for printing. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

8. A resolution from your Management Services Committee recommending approval of the renewal of a Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with Manatron, Inc., Portage, MI, in the amount of \$38,100.00, on behalf the Supervisor of Assessments office, and that the funds be paid from IT Services Maintenance Account.



Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Sous seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

9. A resolution from your Management Services Committee recommending approval of the renewal of a Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with Hart Intercivic, Austin, TX, in the amount of \$43,728.00, on behalf of the County Clerk's office, and that the funds be paid from IT Services Maintenance Account.

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Pearson seconded. Phelan noted that this item is in support of the elections section of the County Clerk's Office and is also routine. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

10. A resolution from your Management Services Committee recommending approval of the renewal of a Maintenance and Support Services Agreement with T3 Technologies, Tampa, FL, in the amount of \$21,885.00, for system support to the Circuit Clerk, Courts, Sheriff, and State's Attorney offices, and that the funds be paid from IT Services Maintenance Account.

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Sous seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

11. A joint resolution from your Judicial and Management Services Committees recommending approval of continuation of the DUI Court Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$78,316.00 which includes salary, benefits, for one (1) Adult Probation Officer and other related costs for operation of the DUI Court for the period of 10/1/2009 through 9/30/2010.

Baietto moved to approve the resolution and Phelan seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

12. A resolution from your Health & Environmental Issues Committee recommending a Private Pay and Semi-Private rate increase at Bel-Wood Nursing Home effective January 1, 2010 per the attached resolution.

Pearson moved to approve the resolution and Widmer seconded. Phelan asked whether staff has evaluated a different rate for out- of- county residents. Mr. Nieukirk said they have not, but would if Phelan wants. Phelan said he would like that and said it is long overdue. He believes that if Peoria County citizens are going to mainly pay for the operation of Bel-Wood, County resident should receive a break. He also asked Mr. Atkins for a report on the legality of such action. Salzer asked staff to look at a policy for giving Peoria County residents preference. Widmer asked how many of the current 23 out-of-county residents are Medicaid; Mr. Nieukirk replied approximately half. Dillon said that out-of-county residents could have children who live in Peoria County, so he is not concerned about it. Widmer said that precedence has been set because out-of-county Riverplex members pay more, and a proposal as been made to reduce fees for county residents at the new museum. He thinks that Phelan's assessment is correct. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.



13. A resolution from your Health & Environmental Issues Committee recommending approval to increase the Care & Treatment Board to a (5) five membership board in response to Public Act 96-0295.

Pearson moved to approve the resolution and Hidden seconded. Pearson noted that it has been difficult to get a quorum with a three member board; hopefully this action will solve that problem. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

14. A resolution from your Tax/EDC Committee recommending approval to include Logan County into the Federal Economic Development Administration's Economic Development District administered by the Economic Development Council for Central Illinois currently serving Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, and Mason Counties.

Mayer moved to approve the resolution and Dillon seconded. Phelan asked for an explanation of the reasons behind this resolution. Ms. Hanley stated that the original District participants were Peoria, Tazewell and Mason Counties. The designation of the District is tied to distressed areas and re-development needs. As development occurred along I-39 and I-74, Woodford County was added. Logan County asked to participate in the District because of activities with Tazewell and Mason Counties. Logan County is deemed to be a distressed county because of its unemployment and economic status. The benefit to the District is the ability to apply for regional grants. Phelan asked why Fulton County is not included. Ms. Hanley said they belong to the Western Illinois Economic Development District. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

15. A resolution from your Tax/EDC Committee recommending termination of an agreement with the Peoria County Emergency Telephone System Board for Master Street Address Guide Maintenance.

Mayer moved to approve the resolution and Hester seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

16. An Ordinance from your Transportation Committee recommending approval to establish an altered speed zone of 45 mph on Old Galena Road (CH R60).

Hidden moved to approve the ordinance and Salzer seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

17. Executive Session - Purchase of Real Property

Prather moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property and Pearson seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Widmer said that he asked for a report on GAP loans at the last meeting and did not see one in the packet. Mr. Ulrich replied that he would see one was sent to all Board members. O'Neill and Mayer said they believed the report was in the last Board update.



VII. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous items.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayer announced that the Tax/EDC Committee meeting on November 19th is cancelled. Dillon announced that the Finance/Legislative Study Committee meeting on November 19th will be re-scheduled to 4:00 pm.

Salzer announced that the Building Trades Christmas party will be on December 10th from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Itoo Hall.

Hidden announced that the Transportation Committee meeting is also cancelled.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Rand moved for staff to schedule a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss a new site for Bel-Wood and Phelan seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Prather moved to adjourn and Mayer seconded. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote.