

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



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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

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**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD -  
BUDGET MEETING  
Thursday, November 19, 2009  
6:00 PM**

County Courthouse • 324 Main Street • County Board Room 403 • Peoria, Illinois 61602  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. 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, Elsasser, Harding, Hidden, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Pearson, Phelan, Prather, Rand, Salzer and Sous, with Hester, Trumpe, Watkins and Widmer absent.

**V. CITIZENS' REMARKS**

Tom Edwards, 902 W. Moss, addressed the Board with regard to the proposed City-County Landfill Agreement. He asked the Board to look at the contract carefully; anything longer than five years is almost foolish.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

1. A resolution from your Facilities Committee recommending approval of the 2010 Capital Improvement Budget and the 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

Salzer moved to approve the resolution and Baietto seconded. The resolution passed by a roll vote of 13 ayes and one nay, with Hidden voting nay.

2. A resolution from your Judicial Committee recommending approval of the 2010 State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Agreement.

Baietto moved to approve the resolution and Dillon seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.



3. A resolution from your Judicial Committee recommending approval to abate the Tax Levy Ordinance for the principal and interest payment due in 2010 for the Refunding Bond for Jail/Juvenile Detention Construction Debt Services.

Baietto moved to approve the resolution and Phelan seconded. Baietto moved to amend to increase the amount to be abated to \$1,130,000.00 and Elsasser seconded. Mr. Atkins explained that the original bond ordinance projected a levy for 2009 in the amount of \$1,130,000.00. Shortly thereafter it was discovered that the County had lower costs and could actually levy less to cover the debt service. However, the original levy amount was never officially amended. The amendment passed by a unanimous roll vote of 14 ayes. (Salzer noted for the record that he meant to vote aye.) The resolution as amended passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

4. A resolution from your Management Services Committee adopting an Authorized Staffing Count as per the attached resolution.

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Rand seconded. Phelan commended the Management Services Committee for dealing with a number of difficult decisions. This action was suggested by Rand, and he believes it puts integrity and honesty back in the process. There will be no unfunded positions in the budget; it would be irresponsible to do so. He said any request for an additional position will be dealt with in an unbiased manner. Sous said that he will not support this resolution because these unfunded positions do not affect the bottom line of the budget. He said the County Board is responsible for the overall budget and should not micro-manage the individual departments. Also, this was done without any input from the department heads. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 13 ayes and one nay, with Sous voting nay.

5. A joint resolution from your Management Services, Finance-Legislative and Executive Committees recommending approval of the 2010 PeoriaGIS Budget.

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Dillon seconded. Phelan said it is worthy to point out how well this consortium has worked. Elsasser commended Phelan and Trumpe for their work on this committee. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

6. A joint resolution from your Finance-Legislative Study and Executive Committees recommending approval of the Annual Authorization for Year End Transfers.

Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Mayer seconded. Dillon noted this is the annual transfer resolution for housekeeping purposes. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.



7. An Executive Committee report submitted by the Executive Committee Chairman and the County Administrator on the Annual Budget and Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for all funds:

- a) Facilities Committee - Philip Salzer**
- b) Tax/EDC Committee - Allen Mayer**
- c) Judicial Committee - Robert Baietto**
- d) Management Services Committee - Michael Phelan**
- e) Health and Environmental Issues Committee - Lynn Pearson**
- f) Land Use Committee - Carol Trumpe**
- g) Transportation Committee - Patricia Hidden**
- h) Finance/Legislative Study Committee - Jimmy Dillon**

Pearson moved to approve the reports and Salzer seconded. Prather moved to amend Account No. 53019 to reduce it by \$18,000.00 and Phelan seconded. Mayer said he would be voting no on the amendment. The amendment goes back to the extension of Clifton Gunderson's contract, which will allow Mr. Bush to do all of the books in-house. He understands why the motion was made, but he will vote no. Phelan said he strongly concurs with Prather's motion. Doing the wrong thing one more year does not make any sense, even if it is an inconvenience to this organization. He said auditing is such a serious issue that we need to be serious about it; it makes sense to vote for Prather's motion. Dillon reminded the Board that the extension was voted on two months ago. Mr. Bush asked for an extension to get some internal work done, and he will not be voting for the amendment. Elsasser asked how much more it will cost if the amendment is approved. Mr. Urich replied that this amendment will reduce the contract price from \$98,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Administration will have to talk to Clifton Gunderson to see what work can be done for \$80,000.00, if the amendment passes. Phelan said with all due respect to the CFO, the County did not have a CFO for years. The Board has asked everyone else to do more with less, and he does not think it is asking too much of Administration to do a little more with less.

The amendment passed by a roll call vote of 8 ayes and 6 nays, with Baietto, Dillon, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill and Rand voting nay. Elsasser moved to amend to reinstate mileage for Board members and that in 2010 the Board strongly consider a reduction of their wages and Harding seconded. The motion failed by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 9 nays, with Elsasser, Harding, Hidden, Pearson, and Salzer voting aye. The reports as amended passed by a roll call vote of 13 ayes and one nay, with Hidden voting nay.

8. Adoption of the Annual Tax Levy - All Funds

Pearson moved to approve the ordinance and Harding seconded. The ordinance passed by a roll call vote of 13 ayes and one nay, with Hidden voting nay.

9. The Adoption of Peoria County Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Prather moved to approve the ordinance and Mayer seconded. Harding moved to amend the ordinance to reduce the General Fund by \$18,000.00 in accordance with the action taken on Item No. 7 and Baietto seconded. The amendment passed by a roll call vote of 9 ayes and 5 nays, with Baietto, Dillon, Mayer, Morris and Rand voting nay. The ordinance



as amended passed by a roll call vote of 13 ayes and one nay, with Hidden voting nay. (Baietto noted for the record that he meant to vote aye).

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Harding noted that the Planning and Zoning Department is looking at software which will help them, with reduced staff, to increase customer service. This is the type of direction he hopes departments will take.

Prather thanked staff and the Board for the job they have done; O'Neill occurred. Phelan thanked everyone for their efforts with the budget. Sous agreed that everyone did a great job and wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hidden apologized for missing meetings the last few months; O'Neill noted that her health prevented her attendance. O'Neill said he hoped that everyone has a nice Thanksgiving.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

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