

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, October 08, 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, Elsasser, Harding, Hidden, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Pearson, Phelan, Prather, Rand, Salzer, Sous, Trumpe, Watkins and Widmer, with Hester absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of September 10, 2009 County Board Minutes
Approval of September 10, 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 17 ayes.

II. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A recognition of the SPIRIT "Employees of the Month.
- "A proclamation recognizing November 2009 as "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month."
- A proclamation recognizing the efforts of Gina Gray to enhance the County Courthouse by donating "Photography by Gina Gray".
- A proclamation from your Chairman thanking local businesses for supporting Peoria County's 2009 Heart of Illinois United Way Fundraising Campaign.



III. CONSENT AGENDA

- The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of July 2009. Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of June 2009.
- Appointments

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

IV. CITIZENS' REMARKS

Robert Guppy, 121 Cameron Lane, addressed the Board with regard to Item No. 2 on the agenda. His son and son's fiancé live with him presently and use the driveway, so he does not believe that the waiver will cause a problem.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 022-09-U, *Ted Alan Clark*. A Special Use request required under Section 24-6-4.C.2.c of the Zoning Ordinance to construct a veterinary clinic and kennel. The parcel is located in Radnor Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval with restrictions and the Land Use Committee concurs.

Trumpe moved to approve the ordinance and Elsasser seconded. Trumpe noted that the facility will be in a completely closed building with public water and a private septic. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

2. Case W05-09, *Robert & Debra Guppy*. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval with restriction of a waiver of compliance from Section 20-4-2.C.2.b. (1) of the Subdivision Ordinance to allow a 20 ft. frontage on a right-of-way. The property is located in Limestone Township.

Trumpe moved to approve the resolution and Harding seconded. Trumpe stated that Planning and Zoning suggested that other land on this site be divided because it would not require a waiver for access. However, that land has virgin timber and steep inclines. Phelan asked Mr. Wahl about the Department's recommendation of denial. Mr. Wahl replied they recommended denial because this waiver will create a landlocked parcel. He admitted, however, that the alternate site would be difficult to develop, so the site in question is probably the more reasonable site from a development perspective. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

3. A resolution from your Management Services Committee recommending approval to purchase Optical Mark Recognition software and one year of maintenance services from *Courthouse Technologies Ltd., New Westminster, British Columbia*, in the amount of \$56,925.00, for enhancement of the County's jury management system.



Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Sous seconded. Phelan noted that this item is being funded out of shared savings. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

4. A resolution from your Management Services Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bidders for replacement of copiers in various Peoria County offices in the amount of \$65,000.00 as outlined per the attached resolution.

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

5. A resolution from your Management Services Committee recommending approval of the bid of *Avalon Global Solutions, Inc., Southfield, MI*, for telecommunications auditing service in an amount based on a percent of found savings at a rate of 28% per the attached resolution.

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

6. A resolution from your Tax/EDC Committee recommending retroactive approval of acceptance of grant funds from the Illinois State Board of Elections in the amount of \$6,271.00 to be used to purchase new Mobile Ballot Box Cards as outlined per the attached resolution.

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

7. A resolution from your Tax/EDC Committee recommending approval of *Tax Sale Certificate #200700616* for parcel *#14-27-303-008* of the assignment from the Peoria County Trustee to Ed Zosky.

Mayer moved to approve the resolution and Dillon seconded. Elsasser asked for an explanation. Mr. Atkins replied that normally this type of item goes on the Consent Agenda. However, in this particular case, the Trustee had proceeded to take title to the point Mr. Atkins believed it was appropriate for this item to have a separate resolution; this is not the type of situation usually handled through the Consent Agenda. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

8. A resolution from your Finance/Legislative Study Committee recommending approval of the designation of Peoria County as an *Economic Recovery Zone*.

Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Rand seconded. Phelan asked for an explanation. Mr. Bush said that this will allow the County to secure low interest loans on behalf of third parties in their economic development efforts. The loans will not become the County's debt; there will be some accounting as there is with grants. Phelan asked what the plan is to put this into action. Mr. Urich said that the County will work with the Economic Development Council and market these funds on



the County's website. He clarified that this is not a revolving fund. Mr. Bush said that if someone applies for funds, there will be a review similar to GAP loans to determine the ability of the firm to support the debt. There will then be a public hearing to review the proposed project. After the hearing, the Board will vote on whether the project is an appropriate use of funds. Hidden asked if this is similar to GAP loans. Mr. Bush replied it was not; it is similar to industrial revenue bonds which become a debt of the business. Widmer asked what "public infrastructure project" means. Mr. Bush replied that if a private development needs public infrastructure such as a water extension or tapping into a sewer line, the funds can be used for that purpose, but the developer is responsible for the cost. Mr. Bush further clarified that the money cannot be used by the County as a government. For example, the funds cannot be used for a public building. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes

9. Review of Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Atkins noted that the Board should have received his list of recommendations. He advised that the Board release the minutes as noted on that list, and retain the rest because the need for confidentiality still exists. Mayer moved to accept the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office and Salzer seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

10. Executive Session - Pending Litigation

Baietto moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and Mayer seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Widmer referred to a newspaper article about the County's budget and asked whether the statement that expenditures in the 2010 budget are expected to be \$12,000,000.00 less than this year's budget is correct. Mr. Bush said that in 2008, the Board approved a budget of \$120,000,000.00. Over the course of this year, the budget has been amended to include \$12,000,000.00 more in eligible spending. This is because departments have identified projects they didn't know about in 2008 when the budget was adopted. The 2010 budget is expected to be around \$120,000,000.00.

Widmer then spoke about property assessments, and said that his aim has been all along for assessments to be fair. The fair market value should be assessed on all properties whether they are commercial or residential, and not just to bring in more tax dollars to balance the budget.

Phelan thanked the Chairman for having the Committee of the Whole meeting. He believes this is a new tool which should be used more often on bigger policy decisions.



He said that Mr. Urich and Mr. Bush put on a great presentation. He also thanked Greg Chance for hosting an H1N1 forum in Phelan's district.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pearson reminded the Board of the reception for Mr. Chance at the Health Department on October 15, 2009, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. O'Neill announced that there will be a reception before the next County Board meeting on November 12, 2009, from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for all County employees who are taking the VSP. Hidden announced that the U.A.W. is having its semi-annual fish fry for Bel-Wood at the union hall on Springfield Road on October 25, 2009, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, all you can eat, and all proceeds go to the Bel-Wood Nursing Home Fund.

O'Neill reminded the Board to watch the side conversations when someone is addressing the Board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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