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Vice-Chairperson -Stephen M. Morris, District 10
Mary Ardapple, District 11
Robert Baietto, District 12
James T. Fennell, District 13
Brian Elsasser, District 14
Carol Trumpe, District 15
Brad Harding, District 16
Thomas H. O'Neill, III, District 17
Paul Rosenbohm, District 18

PEORIA COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

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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: Ardapple, Baietto, Dillon, Elsasser, Fennell, Harding, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Pearson, Phelan, Rand, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Trumpe and Williams, with Parker and Watkins absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of March 12, 2015 County Board Minutes
- Approval of March 12, 2015 County Board Executive Session Minutes

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

II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMUNITY OFFICIALS AND AMENITIES

Chairman Rand introduced Trumpe, providing several of her accomplishments and life achievements. Trumpe welcomed all in attendance. She provided the district boundaries for the board members in the surrounding area. She thanked those that assisted in making the meeting possible. Trumpe introduced Dr. Lisa Parker, the Dunlap #323 Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Parker provided information on the district and highlighted several of their priorities. Trumpe introduced Jack Fennell, mayor of the Village of Dunlap. Mr. Fennell thanked the board members and the County for providing support to the community. Chairman Rand recognized other officials in attendance, including Recorder of Deeds Mr. Jason Hauer, County Clerk Mr. Steve Sonnemaker and Regional Superintendent of Schools Ms. Beth Crider Derry.



III. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A proclamation recognizing Brimfield High School Boy's Basketball Team for winning the 2014-2015 State Championship Class 1A Boy's Basketball IHSA Tournament.
- A proclamation recognizing County Board Member Phil Salzer for being named Central Illinois Hero for volunteering with Illinois High School Association for 20 years.
- A proclamation recognizing April and May 2015 as "Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration" months.
- A proclamation recognizing May 3-9, 2015 as "National Correctional Officers Recognition Week".
- A proclamation recognizing May 10-16, 2015 as "National Police Week".
- A proclamation recognizing UnityPoint Health - Methodist- Proctor for being awarded 3rd Designation as a Magnet Organization by American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).
- A proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

IV. CITIZENS' REMARKS

Tracy Fox, representing the Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance, addressed the Board. She said the organization is interested in having the Board take action on coal ash. She said Senator Koehler is the chief co-sponsor of Senate Bill 1485, which is the Clean Jobs Bill. She said it's a great piece of legislation that has moved forward to the second reading in the Senate with no unfriendly amendments. She asked for the County to review the bill and to look for ways that the bill can help solve problems in the County. She said she hopes the County will take advantage of some of the provisions, including opportunities to bring solar to public buildings and not-for-profits serving low income households. She said there are also provisions for community solar gardens, which allows citizens to buy into a mini set of solar panels that could be put on a vacant lot. She said this would be perfect for the Warehouse District. She said there are also provisions for solar brownfields. She asked that the County begin to anticipate how projects can become shovel-ready so that some of the funding can be obtained. She said she'd like the County to think about other ways to make the County more competitive as the Illinois economy moves to add 32,000 new clean energy jobs. She said the bill includes revenues that are specifically set aside for communities like ours that are impacted by power plants. She said part of the money is also reserved for environmental justice communities, which is the formal recognition that, oftentimes, people of the lowest income are subjected to the most pollution. She asked that the Board consider finding an appropriate Peoria County representative to serve on the State's Environmental Justice Commission. She said the Commission is looking for possible candidates.

Chairman Rand asked about the Commission seeking out additional local representation. Ms. Fox said some local organizations have been contacted. She said she didn't feel that she was the appropriate person since she lives in rural Peoria County. She said she thought it would be best to find someone that would be closer to the impacted communities.



V. CONSENT AGENDA

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of February 2015 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of January 2015.
- C2.** A resolution (item 1 - conveyance, item 2 - defaulted redemption/reconveyance) from your Ways and Means Committee recommending that the County Board Chairman be authorized and directed to execute deed of said property to the highest bidder, and be authorized to cancel the appropriate Certificates of Purchase. This resolution shall be effective ninety days from April 9, 2015 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.
- C3.** A recommendation from your Ways and Means Committee to approve Assignments of Tax Sale Certificates of Purchase for Parcels #18-07-476-015; 13-25-453-004; and 19-21-277-018.
- C4.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval for appropriate and applicable Peoria County Departments to accept payment for any and all services using a credit, debit or similar card in compliance with The Local Governmental Acceptance of Credit Cards Act.
- C5.** A resolution from the Executive Committee recommending approval of the evaluation and pay raise of the Peoria County Administrator. (*Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C*)
- C6.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an FY 2015 budget amendment in the amount of \$43,312.00 to reflect a bequest for Peoria County Animal Protection Services (PCAPS).
- C7.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Cooperative Research Agreement between the County of Peoria and Bradley University, for the purpose of maintaining the Pavement Management Program.
- C8.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Mohr & Kerr Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., Peoria, IL, to provide for various land surveying services on an as needed basis.
- C9.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Midwest Engineering Inc., East Peoria, IL, in the amount of \$62,000.00, for Phase 1 and Phase 2 engineering of the



Cameron Lane Bridge rehabilitation project.

- C10.** A resolution from the Chairman of the Land Use and Infrastructure Committee and County Administrator recommending approval of a revised Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc., East Peoria, IL, for Phase 2 engineering for the reconstruction of the intersection of Old Galena Road and State Street, at a cost not to exceed \$210,036.40. *(Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C)*
- C11.** A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of the establishment of Online Access Fees for the Office of the Recorder of Deeds.
- C12.** A resolution from your County Operations and Physical Plant Committee recommending approval of an Agreement with Caterpillar, Inc. for the placement and removal of Vibration Monitoring Sensors at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.
- C13.** A resolution from your County Operations and Physical Plant Committee recommending approval to withdraw a pending Worker's Compensation lien in return for a payment of \$25,922.00 to settle Worker's Compensation case 010015-005030-WC-01.

C14. Chairman Appointments

Mayer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Baietto seconded. Morris asked to pull Item C11; Chairman Rand asked to pull Item C6. The Consent Agenda, except for Items C6 and C11, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

C6. Bequest for Peoria County Animal Protection Services

Elsasser moved to approve Item C6 and Baietto seconded. Chairman Rand said he asked to have the item pulled so that Mr. Sorrel could provide background information. Mr. Sorrel said the bequest is being appropriated for spay and neuter related expenses. He said the bequest is coming from the Rita K. Howe estate. He said that staff, on behalf of the Board, would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Howe's relatives, Jerry and Carole Dunne who live on Thousand Dollar Rd in Brimfield, for this bequest. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

C11. Establishment of Online Access Fees for the Office of the Recorder of Deeds

Mayer moved to approve Item C11 and Fennell seconded. Morris said he will not be supporting this item. He said he has consistently voted against fees. Mayer said the item had passed unanimously out of Committee. He said Mr. Hauer asked for this item to help pay for the costs that would allow individuals to have online access to print copies of records from the Recorder's Office. He said it would also enable people to view digitized records for free on the County website. He said this sets fees for the



convenience of printing from an office or home and the fees are in line with several dozen other counties throughout the State. He said he thinks it's a great initiative by Mr. Hauer. Elsasser asked if there had been any input from the realtors or lawyers. Mayer said it is his understanding that there were conversations with the individuals that are heavy users of the office. He said those users very much want online access to be able to print records in their office instead of coming down to the Courthouse or paying a person to come to the office. He said it would save them money. Elsasser asked for verification that an individual would still be able to come in person to print the record if the individual didn't want to get it online; Mayer confirmed. Mayer said it includes an option for a one time printing charge and various other options based on the needs of the user. Mr. Hauer said his office currently charges online fees. He said the statute allows charging up to 110% of the cost. He said they're charging well below that amount since the market won't bear 110%. He said 49 of the 102 counties in the State are charging similar fees. He said the idea is to allow a person in California to have the ability to print their grandmother's deed without having to come to Illinois. He said this would be a one time charge of \$5. He said there are different levels of users that come into the Recorder's Office. He said there are options for one day, one month or yearly, with discounts for longer plans. The resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 2 nays, with Harding and Morris voting nay.

VI. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 008-15-U, Petition of Craig Hittle (Kay Summers, Eugene Wieland, Robert Wieland, John Wieland, owners). A Special Use as required in Section 20.5.2.2.1.a.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 25 acre minimum lot size nor the 1 dwelling unit per 25 contiguous acres density requirement in the A-2 Agricultural District. The petitioner proposes to divide 6.9 acres from a 18.649 acre tract. The parcel is located in Radnor Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval with restrictions. The Land Use and Infrastructure Committee concurs.

Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and Williams seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

2. A resolution from your Budget Subcommittee of the Executive Committee recommending approval of an additional FY 2015 Appropriation for Care and Treatment Fund in the amount of \$108,000.00 to accommodate payment of lease and other miscellaneous expenses related to the building on North Knoxville Avenue.

Fennell moved to approve the resolution and Baietto seconded. Chairman Rand said this item was not budgeted. He asked Mr. Sorrel to confirm that the intent of this item is to pay for a leased facility for Care and Treatment. Mr. Sorrel said this would pay for four items: audit expenses, any utilities, water utility and the actual lease payment. Chairman Rand asked for confirmation that these were normally occurring expenses, except the audit, which Mr. Sorrel confirmed. Chairman Rand stated that this amount had not been included in the budget and it will need to come out of the fund balance of Care and Treatment. He asked Mr. Sorrel if it would adversely impact anything else other than represent a deficit in the 2015 business plan; Mr. Sorrel said exclusively in that fund. Baietto said this came about when Mr. Greg Chance adopted Care and Treatment as part



of his facility. He said Mr. Chance discovered the line items weren't budgeted. Baietto said there is a budget problem with paying off the lease of the building and he hopes there's enough money to take care of those that have applied for services.

The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 2 nays, with Harding and Morris voting nay.

- 3.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the Appointment Mark Molleck as Emergency Services Management Coordinator for Peoria County, effective immediately. *(Pending Committee Approval)*

Baietto moved to approve the resolution and Salzer seconded. Baietto congratulated Lt. Molleck on the new position and said he knows Lt. Molleck will do an outstanding job. He thanked Chairman Rand and everyone involved in the process that led to this appointment. He also thanked Mr. Chance for bringing forward the resolution which will get the County into the 21st Century with emergency management. He said he hopes all will approve it. Williams said she commends Lt. Molleck for the hard work he's done on Search and Rescue, along with the Auxiliary. Elsasser said he hasn't been very happy with everything that has transpired in the last year and a half but we're moving on now. He said he has the upmost respect for Lt. Molleck and can't think of any other person in Peoria County that he would be more willing to accept in this position. Fennell said he's glad Lt. Molleck lives in his district. Chairman Rand said Sheriff McCoy wasn't able to be present. He said Sheriff McCoy and Mr. Chance really worked hard to come up with a 21st Century approach to the emergency management function. He said the Board wishes Lt. Molleck the very best. Baietto said there's a collaborative effort between the Sheriff's Office and the Health Department in relationship to all of the issues that are faced in managing any kind of crisis. He said they will be bringing a plan back to the Board. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

- 4.** A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Peoria County and the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners. *(Pending Committee Approval)*

Mayer moved to approve the resolution and Rosenbohm seconded. Mayer noted that the brown colored packet has the intergovernmental agreement that came out of committee; the resolution is the same. He said the main difference from the previous version that had been included in the packet is that Chief Judge Kouri agreed to be a signatory to the agreement and he inserted Section V. He said each section of the agreement was discussed at great length at the special [Ways and Means] meeting and it passed unanimously. He said the agreement is filling in the gaps that were left by the legislation passed by the General Assembly. He said it's a four year agreement that will automatically roll over but it will force the County to look at it at least every four years. He said Section V spells out exactly how Chief Judge Kouri intends to make appointments, which includes regular terms and a section stating that no major established political party shall maintain a majority on the new Commission for more than two consecutive years. He said the majority of the five member commission will flip back and forth between the two parties, making everyone play nice. He said he appreciates that Judge Kouri included this section. He said it goes on to spell out the duties of the Election Commission. He said Section



VIII, regarding the premises, was negotiated quite extensively. He said the current County Board agenda provides examples of the wrong way and right way to do space. He said the Board just approved an appropriation for space where a board found their own space and stuck the County with the bill at above market rates. He said the next item deals with the lease for the Veteran's Assistance Commission. He said he thinks this was done the right way in terms of moving the Commission out of the underutilized space in the Courthouse to a more adequate location. He said the County also made sure that the fair market value is being paid. He said the language was negotiated with the members of the City Election Commission, who will become a part of the County Election Commission. He said it spells out everyone's concerns and states that the space must be jointly agreed upon. He said on an interim basis, the County Election Commission will operate out of the current space used by the City Election Commission so that there isn't a rush to find a space. He said there are several paragraphs about the relationship with the County and the Election Commission which sets up a system where the Commission will operate like a department or Elected Official under Team Peoria County's umbrella. He said even though they are independent, they will get support services through the County. He said in exchange, they will prepare their budget and present it to the Board after it's reviewed by the Chief Judge, making them part of the normal budget process. He said the Commission will control their own internal operations. He thanked Mr. Atkins along with Frank Ierulli, outside counsel for the City Election Commission, for helping negotiate the language. He also thanked Chief Judge Kouri for helping move it along, providing Section V and being a signatory.

Chairman Rand said in the age of questions being raised about duplication, taxes and too many governments, this is a small but meaningful example of a consolidation of public responsibility. He said the Board chose to put the question on the ballot and there was a strong message that the City Election Commission should be merged to create one countywide election commission. He said there were a lot of questions asked prior to putting it on the ballot. He said it's been a struggle since there still may be some questions that may be left to for the courts to answer at a later time. He commended Mr. Atkins for all the time and effort put into the agreement, along with the help Mayer had provided. He said he attended the special meeting. He said he had questions and didn't like all the answers. He said even though he has a reservation, he'll support it.

Elsasser said this issue will always be difficult for him to support since he's worried it will end up costing more this way. However, he said this document is much more fair than the interpretation and briefing that was received from the State's Attorney before the election. He said he also has ultimate confidence in Chief Judge Kouri as a man of fairness but also as a true fiscal conservative. He said if anyone could pull together a team to possibly save money, it would be Chief Judge Kouri.

Mayer said one reason this is being done so quickly is because Chief Judge Kouri would like to make the appointments and bring the Commission into existence effective May 15th. He said no one knew there would be a special election for the eighteenth congressional district which will blow up any savings that could have happened from consolidation in the first year. He said it is moving quickly to allow the new Commission to handle the special election. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.



5. A resolution from your County Operations and Physical Plant Committee recommending approval of a Lease Extension Agreement with Mainmast Properties LLC for space occupied by the Peoria County Veteran's Assistance Commission and the Department of Sustainability and Resource Conservation.

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Elsasser seconded. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 15 ayes and 1 nay, with Harding voting nay.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baietto said he wanted to make sure that everyone in the audience knew that the County Board did not have anything to do with the lease agreement with Care and Treatment.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, and with tornado sirens sounding, the Chairman announced the meeting was adjourned.