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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
Thursday, March 12, 2015
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: Ardapple, Baietto, Dillon, Elsasser, Fennell, Harding, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Parker, Pearson, Phelan, Rand, Rosenbohm, Trumpe, Watkins and Williams with Salzer absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of February 12, 2015 County Board Minutes

Baietto moved for approval of the minutes, Pearson seconded. Chairman Rand said he submitted a list of scrivener's errors to the Clerk. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

II. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A proclamation recognizing Transit Driver Appreciation Day.
- A proclamation congratulating Widmer Interiors on their 50th Anniversary.
- A proclamation congratulating George J. Rothan Company on their 142nd Anniversary.
- A proclamation recognizing the 35th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by St. Patrick Society of Peoria and "2015 Irish Week".

Salzer entered the meeting.

- A proclamation recognizing March 2015 as "American Red Cross Month".
- A proclamation recognizing April 6 - 12, 2015 as National Public Health Week.
- A proclamation recognizing April 17, 2015, as Hemophilia Awareness Day and April 12-18, 2015, as Hemophilia Awareness Week.
- A proclamation recognizing April as National County Government Month.



III. CITIZENS' REMARKS

Joyce Blumenshine, representing the Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club, addressed the Board. She said the organization is an active coalition partner with the Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance. She said she's here about an environmental issue but also a financial concern for the future of the County. She said to think of an Olympic sized swimming pool and multiply that by 889 times. She said that is about 587 million gallons and that is close to the amount of the toxic sludge at the Edwards power plant which is sitting in a pond behind a levy next to the Illinois River in Peoria County. She said other individuals, including Mr. Fox, have talked about the toxicity of the sludge, which includes arsenic, iron, magnesium, lead and many other heavy metals. She said the plant has been there since 1950. She said if this was a landfill, the location would need to have some kind of financial assurances in case of a leak or if it closes and there's a problem. She said this plant does not have those assurances. She said the plant is not owned by Dynegey. She said it's owned by Illinois Power Holdings LLC, a limited liability corporation that's set up specifically in Illinois on a different arm than Dynegey so that it could be cut off. She said they do not have the capitol to fund a disaster. She said in a couple days a resolution will be sent to each of the board members from the Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance. She said the organization is asking for the Board's support. She said there are currently regulations in front of the Illinois Pollution Control Board. She said the Attorney General's Office stated in their filing that the Illinois Pollution Control board should include financial assurances in the coal ash rules. She said a comment period is coming soon on the new regulations. She said the plant's self-assessments state that it has already polluted water under the ground with heavy metals and there would be limits to the wells that could be constructed in the area since the ground water is already polluted. She said there is already an environmental sacrifice zone if cleanup is not dealt with at this plant and planned for ahead of time. She said it has been very refreshing to see the Board tackling this issue proactively. She said if there is a disaster, there are a lot of unanswered questions.

Baietto said he was able to meet with Tracy Fox a couple weeks ago and he was presented with a draft document. He said he has talked to Chris Coulter from PDC to get some information, including the toxicity levels. He said the Board would be getting more information. He said this would come back through the Health Committee and then the Board. Baietto said he wants to make sure Mr. Atkins reviews it since the Board will have to be convinced that the resolution does not mandate the County's financial resources to do it or dictate that it be done.

Pearson said there are some things going on in Springfield, including a committee headed by Senator Koehler, which is discussing the ash and how to get rid of it. She asked that the Board meet with Senator Koehler soon to see what the Board can do to help him.

Chairman Rand said he spoke with Senator Koehler on this topic a couple weeks ago. Chairman Rand said Senator Koehler is in a tremendous position, given the reorganization of committee responsibilities in Springfield, to work on this project with the County. Chairman Rand said he had pledged to do what he could to help coordinate the governmental voices in this endeavor.



IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of January 2015 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of December 2014.
- C2.** A resolution (item 1 - conveyance, items 2-3 - surrenders) 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 March 12, 2015 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.
- C3.** A resolution from your Budget Subcommittee of the Executive Committee recommending approval of FY2015 Encumbrance Rollover Appropriation #2.
- C4.** A recommendation from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee to receive and place on file with the County Clerk the City/County Health Department Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report.
- C5.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the adoption of a Countywide Resource Management Plan.
- C6.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Midwest Foundation, Tremont, IL, in the amount of \$64,266.00, for bridge pile repair projects on Hallock Hollow Road and North Hampton Road.
- C7.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Midwest Bridge & Crane, Good Hope, IL, in the amount of \$376,183.22, for the replacement of the Pottstown Road bridge.
- C8.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for Phase 1 and Phase 2 engineering of the Trivoli Road bridge replacement in the amount of \$303,000.
- C9.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for Phase 1 and Phase 2 engineering of the Boy Scout Camp Road Bridge replacement in the amount of \$105,000.



- C10.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Local Agency Agreement for Federal participation with the State of Illinois for construction and construction engineering of HSIP Guardrail Replacement Project in the amount of \$300,000.
- C11.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the Limestone Kiwanis Club participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program.
- C12.** A recommendation from your Ways and Means Committee to approve Assignments of Tax Sale Certificates of Purchase for Parcels #13-33-452-003, #02-21-179-002 and #04-08-300-010.
- C13.** A resolution from your County Operations and Physical Plant Committee recommending approval to purchase a replacement vehicle for the Sheriff's Office at a cost of approximately \$21,779.00 using Risk Management Funds.
- C14.** A resolution from your County Operations and Physical Plant Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) and Peoria County that would allow TCRPC to administer a regional orthophoto acquisition project with Kucera International, Inc. and perform quality assurance measures.
- C15.** Chairman Appointments

Mayer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Baietto seconded. Ardapple asked to pull Item C5; Elsasser asked to pull Item C14. The Consent Agenda, except for Items C5 and C14, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

C5. Adoption of a Countywide Resource Management Plan

Ardapple moved to approve Item C5 and Mayer seconded. Ardapple said she pulled this off of the consent agenda since there are members of the audience that had worked with the County's staff in assisting to draft this very robust resource management and recycling document. She said she thinks this will really set our County ahead of other counties not only in the State of Illinois, but in the region. She said resource management and recycling is an important item whether it's residential or business related, but it's also an economic development tool. She said our environment must be maintained and this will give the County a good working document for years to come. She had the Board recognize those citizens in the audience that had worked on the plan.

Harding left the meeting.

Item C5 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.



C14. An Intergovernmental Agreement between Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and Peoria County that would allow TCRPC to administer a regional orthophoto acquisition project

Fennell moved to approve Item C14 and Pearson seconded. Ms. Curtis Luther said the County obtained pricing to determine if the flyover could be solicited at the County's own expense and it was determined that it's far more economically feasible to do this in partnership with the other communities through Tri-County. She said Mr. Little, the Chief Information Officer, and the GIS Manager have been the key staff working on the project. She said this will provide updated photographs for GIS services, which are free and available to the public. She said this provides a great deal of information about the entire geographical area within Peoria County's boundaries. Elsasser said it looked like this was last done in 2011. He asked if it was normal to do this every four years and asked if it was bid out. Mr. Little said Tri-County coordinated the bid which went to vendors all over the country. He said all the counties then got together and reviewed the bids. Ms. Curtis Luther said the frequency of the flyovers is a financial factor. It's ideal to have them done more frequently to capture new development and to be more accurate. She said this is a fairly average range for communities of our size. Phelan said he is abstaining since he is a member of Tri-County. Item C14 was approved by 16 ayes and 1 abstention, with Phelan abstaining.

Harding returned to the meeting.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 005-15-U, Brian Teubel. A Special Use as required in Section 20-5.1.3.2.b of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use for private airports, landing fields and heliports, provided that the location and layout plan have been approved by the Department of Aeronautics of Illinois or the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and if within its jurisdiction, the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria. The petitioner proposes to construct a Restricted Landing Area at this location. The parcel is located in Radnor Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval with restriction. The Land Use and Infrastructure Committee concurs.

Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and Elsasser seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

2. Case 007-15-U, Martha Davis, POA (Marilyn Pille, owner). A Special Use as required in Section 20-6.2.1.1.b of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 40 acre minimum lot size requirement in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District. The petitioner proposes to divide 1.75 acres with a home from a 39.135 acre tract. This parcel is located in Trivoli Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. The Land Use and Infrastructure Committee concurs.

Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and Rosenbohm seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.



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3. Case W02-15, Martha Davis, POA (Marilyn Pille, owner). A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a waiver of compliance from Section 20-8.3.4.1.b.2.a of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section requires all minor subdivisions to have a public water supply. The petitioner is proposing to divide 1.75 acres from an existing 39.135 acre tract. The parcel is located in Trivoli Township.

Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Rosenbohm seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

4. A resolution from your Budget Subcommittee of the Executive Committee recommending approval to transfer funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Solid Waste Fund to the General Fund.

Fennell moved to approve the resolution and Mayer seconded. Mayer said since this is changing the wording for the resolution that came from the Budget Subcommittee, the resolution would need to be amended. Mr. Atkins confirmed that there would need to be a motion to amend the resolution. Mayer moved to amend the resolution to make it conform to the goldenrod sheet in front of the Board. Fennell seconded Mayer's motion. The motion to amend passed by a roll call vote of 17 ayes and 1 nay, with Harding voting nay. The resolution as amended passed by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 2 nays, with Dillon and Harding voting nay.

5. A recommendation from your Ways and Means Committee to approve Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Liquor, of the Peoria County Code.

Mayer moved to approve the resolution and Ardapple seconded. Elsasser asked if this is supported by Sheriff McCoy. Chairman Rand asked if Sheriff McCoy wished to comment. Sheriff McCoy indicated that he did not need to comment. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 17 ayes and 1 nay, with Watkins voting nay.

6. A resolution from your County Operations and Physical Plant Committee recommending selection and approval of Guaranteed Maximum Prices for Bids for the Abatement and Demolition of Bel-Wood Nursing Home. *(Pending Committee Approval)*

Salzer moved to approve the resolution and Phelan seconded. Elsasser asked for a clarification on what funds will be used for the project. Chairman Rand recognized Salzer who he said has been determined to find a way to take down what has become an inefficient structure. He said the County has had to pay keep it up, but now the County gets to remove this very unsightly facility and plan to do something much better with the property. He said Salzer has been on this journey for almost a year and has been trying to find the money to do it. Chairman Rand asked Ms. Curtis Luther to explain how it will be funded. Ms. Curtis Luther said when the construction was completed for the new Heddington Oaks Nursing Home facility, \$2,046,642 dollars remained. She said those funds were then transferred into the Heddington Oaks fund balance. She said this resolution will use the dollars available within the fund balance to pay for the \$1.7 million in asbestos abatement, demolition and any other associated charges for the old Bel-Wood facility. Chairman Rand congratulated Salzer on capitalizing on the demolition of the old



structure with the dollars used for the whole project and still staying under budget. Williams asked counsel if she would need to abstain from this vote since she had to abstain on the prior project labor agreement. Mr. Atkins said Williams would not be legally required to abstain. He said the Board rules no longer limit abstentions to when a member is legally mandated to abstain. He said the belief of a board member that there is an appearance of a conflict is sufficient for a basis to abstain. Williams said she would be abstaining. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 15 ayes, 2 nays and 1 abstention, with Elsasser and Harding voting nay and Williams abstaining.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baietto said in regards to a PCAPS article that it was nice to pick up the paper a couple days ago and read something positive. He said he'd like to see any other animal protection facility match this kind of positive response to the increases in adoptions and reductions in the euthanizations. He thanked Chairman Rand for his leadership and said Ms. Malmberg has done an outstanding job. Chairman Rand asked Ms. Curtis Luther to try to find a way to nominate the PCAPS project to a national outstanding government award. He said it's an extraordinary example of very quick, good work by the County. He said he insists on Ms. Malmberg and her team getting the credit.

Elsasser said there was an article in the paper about Dean Troutman from Princeville who, at the age of 84, plans to walk 700 miles to raise money for the Troutman Park

Trumpe said she wanted to acknowledge that two articles have been written by fellow board members in the InterBusiness Issues, one by Chairman Rand and one by Morris. She said she thinks it gives the citizens a better of picture of the County. She also said that this Saturday [March 14th] is the Farmer's Share of the Food Dollar Breakfast.

Rosenbohm said he'd like to invite the Board to attend an awards banquet for Illinois Eye Center on March 27th at Barrack's Cater Inn. He said it's a fundraiser for the Central Illinois Center for the Blind & Visually impaired. He said one of the reasons he helps with this organization is because it does not take federal or state funds to run it.

Williams said that during the Flying Fish Festival a boat from Bass Pro Shop will be raffled off. She said it's going to be a 2015 Tracker worth \$14,000. Said tickets will be sold soon at \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Chairman Rand recognized Gabe McLeod as the acting Clerk for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters

Ardapple moved to go into executive session and Mayer seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call of 18 ayes.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman announced the meeting was adjourned.