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James C. Dillon, District 7  
Phillip Salzer, District 8  
Michael Phelan, District 9



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R. Steve Sonnemaker, County Clerk

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

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**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 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, Salzer, Trumpe, Watkins and Williams.

County Clerk Steve Sonnemaker announced that beginning on November 22nd the Illinois Association of County Officials will be holding their fall conference at the Pere Marquette Hotel. He stated that the Peoria County elected officials, along with the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, will hold a hospitality suite to highlight Peoria. He asked that the Board members come and interact with other county board members and other county officials across the state.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of October 8, 2015 County Board Minutes

Baietto moved for approval of the minutes, O'Neill seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

**II. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- A proclamation recognizing the 2015 Peoria City/County Civic Leadership Academy graduates
- A proclamation recognizing November 28 as Small Business Saturday

**III. CITIZENS' REMARKS**

There were no citizens' remarks

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the



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month of September 2015 and Revenue & Expenditures for the month of August 2015.

- C2.** A resolution (items 1-11 conveyances) from the 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 November 12, 2015 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.
- C3.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$76,061.50 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to assist funding the operation of the Peoria County DUI Court.
- C4.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending acceptance of a \$2,500.00 grant to fund an Adoption Ambassadors Program and to appropriate these funds into the PCAPS fund.
- C5.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of St. John's Lutheran Youth Group participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program on Smithville Road.
- C6.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval to purchase a replacement vehicle for the Sheriff's Office at a total cost of \$22,664.00.
- C7.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending adoption of a 5% increase in the Peoria County Employee Health Plan Premium from the 2015 level effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

**C8. Chairman Appointments**

Baietto moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Trumpe seconded. Trumpe asked to pull Item C5. The Consent Agenda, except for Item C5, was approved by roll call vote of 17 ayes and 1 nay, with Harding voting nay.

**C5. Resolution for approval of St. John's Lutheran Youth Group Adopt-A-Highway Program participation**

Mayer moved to approve Item C5 and Baietto seconded.

Trumpe thanked the St. John's Lutheran Youth Group for being spirited enough to want to participate in this program, along with the other groups, recognizing it as a help to the County.

The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.



**3. Executive Session - Labor Relations**

Chairman Rand announced that there would not be a need for an executive session because most members are cognizant of the two agreements, but the Board will have an executive session on other matters at the appropriate time.

**V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a bid award for the Mapleton Signalization Project at intersection of US24/IL9 and Terminal Rd. (Pending Committee Approval)**

Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Trumpe seconded.

Mr. Rothert described that the County was approached by Caterpillar because they planned to move about 200 jobs to the Mapleton facility, which required an update to the signalization infrastructure that had previously been at the intersection. He explained that the previous signals were knocked down by various car accidents. He said the County went to IDOT for grant funding, which was awarded by their Economic Development Program for the infrastructure improvement. He stated that the bid came in under budget, and will help lower the County's match.

Dillon stated that he felt it was important for the Board to hear because it is a piece of good news economically and it is a street being fixed with help of grant funding. He thanked County staff for pulling together and working hard with Caterpillar on a short time frame.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

- 2. A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of a one-year short term working capital loan to Centre State International, Inc. through Peoria County's GAP Loan program in the amount of \$150,000.00 at an interest rate of 4%.**

Ardapple moved to approve the resolution and Mayer seconded.

Mr. Sorrel explained that the loan would come from the GAP loan program for working capital. He said the business has been part of the community for a number of years and does work with many companies, including IDOT. Repayment would come from scheduled payments from IDOT for maintenance work on vehicles.

Chairman Rand congratulated staff who made this particular arrangement, where the security interests are rather palatable.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

- 4. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of a twenty-four (24) month extension of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between Peoria County/Heddington Oaks and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 21.**



Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Salzer seconded.

Phelan emphasized the significance of both of the resolutions, highlighting the importance of employees and unions cooperating with the Board given the times the County is going through.

Salzer stated that this is good leadership on both sides of the aisle and he really appreciates it.

Chairman Rand thanked both bargaining units, stating this is not the normal method used to negotiate, but he appreciates the latitude yielded to the County to keep the budget balanced. He predicted that over the next 24 months both sides will be more at peace.

Phelan recognized various staff members from the Health Department, Heddington Oaks, and County Administration, thanking them for their work in the process.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

5. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of an eighteen (18) month extension of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Peoria, the Peoria City/County Health Department and Council 31, AFSCME Local 3665. (*Pending union ratification and County Operations Committee approval.*)

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

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Rand recognized the Veteran's Day celebrations in the County and Baietto for his time serving in the Marines.

Baietto shared his willingness to serve, and his family's experience of learning of the death of his oldest brother and his second brother being shot down in Austria. He said his life is about supporting those that have served.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel Matters**

O'Neill moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and Elsasser seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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