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Brad Harding, District 16
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**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 14, 2016
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, Fennell, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Pearson, Phelan, Rand, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Trumpe, Watkins and Williams, with Elsasser, Harding, and Parker absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of March 10, 2016 County Board Executive Session Minutes
- Approval of March 10, 2016 County Board Minutes

Baietto moved for approval of the minutes, O'Neill seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

II. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A proclamation recognizing April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and promoting the effort of the 9th Annual Hand-Around-the-Courtyard Event
- A proclamation recognizing April and May 2016 as "Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration" months
- A proclamation recognizing May 8-14, 2016 as "National Correctional Officers Recognition Week"
- A proclamation recognizing May 15-21, 2016 as "National Police Week"

Chairman Rand presented Phelan with the Chairman's 2016 Community Leadership Award for his work on the Governmental Efficiency Oversight Committee.

Phelan thanked Chairman Rand for the award, and gave the credit for the work on the efficiency study to Ardapple.



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 month of February 2016 and Revenue & Expenditures for the month of January 2016.
- C2.** A resolution (items 2-5, 7 conveyances; item 6 reconveyance; item 8 defaulted reconveyance) 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 April 14, 2016 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.
- C3.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval to enter into a five (5) year repayment extension of the original GAP Loan Agreement with AFHS Peoria, LLC.
- C4.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of an Amendment to the Charter for Intergovernmental Cooperation, allowing the addition of a citizen participant from each body of government.
- C5.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of proposed settlement of Peoria County Case 15-L-51 for a lump sum payment of \$97,500.00.
- C6.** A resolution from your Budget Subcommittee recommending approval of FY2016 Encumbrance Rollover Appropriation #1.
- C7.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the adoption of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) merging with Tazewell and Woodford Counties to form a Tri-County LEPC.
- C8.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the creation of a new Special Revenue Fund for the Mandatory Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program for FY 2016 retroactive to January 1, 2016.
- C9.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Cooperative Research Agreement between



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the County of Peoria and Bradley University, for the purpose of maintaining the Pavement Management Program.

- C10.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Kimco USA, Inc., Marshall, IL, in the amount of \$43,880.72 for one (1) Stainless Steel Salt Conveyor and One (1) Stainless Steel Hopper.
- C11.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Hermann & Associates, LLC, at a cost not to exceed \$24,615.75, to perform the construction engineering for the Airport Road pavement patching.
- C12.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval to participate in the Illinois Department of Transportation's 2016 County Engineer's Salary Program.
- C13.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval for Peoria County to negotiate and enter into service agreements with social services agencies that utilize Peoria County's rural transportation program.
- C14.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the Special Warranty, Illinois Department of Transportation State Fiscal Year 2017, Combined Application, Section 5311 Non-Metro Public Transportation Capital/Operating Assistance and Intercity Bus Grant and Downstate Urban Area Operating Assistance Grant.
- C15.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending authorization to apply for Public Transportation Financial Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended.
- C16.** A recommendation from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee to approve an Ordinance to facilitate public transportation within Peoria County in Fiscal Year 2017.
- C17.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the lowest qualified bid of Ray Dennison Chevrolet, Pekin, IL, in the amount of \$24,200.00 for the purchase of a 2016 Prisoner Transport Van.
- C18.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of The Office Pal, Lakewood, NJ, for the purchase of toner and inkjet cartridges on an as needed basis.



C19. Chairman Appointments.

Mayer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Ardapple seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 014-16-U, Bret and Kody Verardo, Petition of Bret and Kody Verardo (Michael and Sherlyn Verardo, owners). A Special use as required in Section 20.5.2.2.1.a.a 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 16.12 acres in the "A-2" Agricultural District into two (2) lots of 10.164 acres and 5.956 acres. The parcel is located in Timber Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. The Land Use and Infrastructure Committee concurs.

Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and O'Neill seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes. (Ardapple noted for the record that she meant to vote aye).

2. Case W01-16, Bret and Kody Verardo, Petition of Bret and Kody Verardo (Michael and Sherlyn Verardo, owners). A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a waiver of compliance from Section 20-3.16.3.2.b.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section requires a minimum of 30 feet of contiguous road frontage for parcels created via subdivision plat which are less than ten (10) acres. Also, a waiver of compliance from Section 20-3.16.3.2.b.2 of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires a minimum of sixty (60) feet of contiguous road frontage for parcels created via subdivision plat which are ten (10) acres or greater. The property is located in Timber Township.

Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and O'Neill seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

3. A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a one-year extension of the Transportation Services Agreement with MV Transportation, Inc., beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, for the purposes of providing transportation services in Peoria County.

Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Trumpe seconded.

Mr. Rothert explained that MV Transportation has been contracted to provide rural transportation services since 2012, and during that time the County has also entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District. He said that this is the second and final one year extension of the agreement, and MV has been a great partner with the County and Greater Peoria Mass Transit District. He noted that there has been work done to combine dispatch and combined service levels with GPMTD. He stated that he looks forward to more opportunities for combined services with GPMTD and IDOT.

Morris asked Mr. Rothert if general fund dollars are being used to subsidize the operations as they



were a few years ago.

Mr. Rothert reported that grant funds from the State and Federal governments, local match, fares, service contracts with EPIC and CWTC, and donations from township are used to operate the system.

Baietto asked for information on how the level of service will be maintained beyond next year.

Mr. Rothert said that he believes the service levels will remain the same through greater efficiency with Greater Peoria Mass Transit District because they are the local experts on public transportation. He explained that in the future Greater Peoria Mass Transit could become the grantee with IDOT's blessing, stretching the dollars further.

Chairman Rand thanked Mr. Rothert for his work on the project, and his ability to balance the Board's expectation.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

4. A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of a one year Funding Agreement between Peoria County and the Greater Peoria Economic Council in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2016.

Mayer moved to approve the resolution and Fennel seconded.

Ardapple stated that she did not vote in favor of this in committee, but she would be supporting it based on her advocacy of economic development. She suggested that after the discussion in committee, the Board does not have a real clear sight on expectations of economic development investments. She noted that there has been a range of economic development dollars from very high to now down to \$100,000 with no real policy or theory. She asked for future consideration of some other work product.

Chairman Rand mentioned that he is a member of the Economic Development Council, and he insists that the EDC find the private sector investment dollars to drive up its annual operating business plan. He identified three large governments, Tazewell County, Peoria County, and the City of Peoria, that spend \$100,000 each annually. He noted that the annual contribution is lower, but it is no longer connected to the parent company, Heartland Partnership, and the possible infirmities of allocated costs are gone. He identified that it is a best practice for governments to not have a position of more than 30%, and the EDC has done very well under its current leadership. He invited the Board to attend the meetings to see the value received for the dollars exchanged.

Phelan said that he was in favor of Dillon's amendment because he had questions about the additional spending and how it would be spent. He stated that he agrees with Ardapple because the Board really takes things piecemeal when it comes to economic development. He explained that when the Board created the Economic Development Department there was no policy in how the County would invest in projects. He suggested that while at the strategic planning session this summer there should be time to talk about economic development. He asserted that it is the Board's job to foster economic growth in the region and in Peoria County, which creates jobs.



The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

5. A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the most responsive and responsible bid of McDaniels Marketing, Pekin, IL, for Advertising Consulting Services for Heddington Oaks.

Baietto moved to approve the resolution and Salzer seconded.

Morris stated that Mayer's argument has been that Heddington Oaks serves as a safety net, but when money on this order is being spent to advertise, it invalidates that argument. He asserted that it forces Heddington Oaks to compete for services against the private sector and no longer serves as a safety net. He believed that it is far outside what the voters approved as a tax increase.

Mayer contended that there is a fine line walked with Heddington Oaks as a safety net, but the Board must also be fiscally responsible. He said that it is important for people to be aware of it as an asset. He identified that there is a payer mix in the business plan and it is not 100% Medicaid funded. He expressed that private sector nursing homes did not oppose the continuing of a subsidized public nursing home because it has a much higher percentage of Medicaid beds than any private facilities in town.

Baietto urged the Board to support Heddington Oaks and having the discussion of the value of the institution. He described that the staff needs support from leadership and having a discussion on the value places doubt in the minds of the staff. He said that the staff has a tough job because there are people there that do not want to be there and they do a good job caring for them. He stated that no matter the conversation on privatizing it, there should be a strong leader to alleviate any problems. He believed that this plan may not be the answer, but he does not want to be judged because the Board did something that did not get it to the place it wanted to be.

Mr. Sorrel identified that there is \$95,000 in the budget for this purpose. He explained that a small amount is to be used for the marketing strategy and a large chunk used for the ad buy. He noted that there is a position open for an admissions coordinator that would work closely with discharge planners in hospitals because 95% of admissions come through the medical community. He said that position would use the marketing material created as part of the campaign, but the campaign would not begin until there is input from the new employee.

Ardapple thanked Administration and specifically Jenny Fulton for bringing the strategy forward. She said that this is laser focused advertising and it is a good thing to do.

The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 1 nay with Morris voting nay. (Salzer noted for the record that he meant to vote aye).

6. A resolution from the Chairman of the County Operations Committee and the County Administrator recommending approval of a lease agreement between the County of Peoria and Ziad A. Musaitif for the purposes of relocating the Peoria County Election Commission to 4422 N. Brandywine Drive, Peoria. *(Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C)*

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Mayer seconded.



Mayer thanked Administration, and explained that even those on the Board that may have been against the referendum for consolidation are pleased with the outcome in the search for a new location for the Election Commission. He said that it is a very reasonable price, and less than warehouse space at other locations. He expressed that it will be much more convenient, being directly off of I-74, and has good parking. He urged an aye vote.

Chairman Rand thanked Phelan, Salzer, Mayer, Tom Bride, and Scott Sorrel. He said that this is a fabulous deal, and better than anyone expected.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Rand recognized Barry Robinson and Steven Rieker for joining the meeting and becoming Board Members in the Fall.

Williams requested attendance for Worker's Memorial Day Thursday, April 28th at 5:30pm meeting at the Peoria Labor Temple and walking to City Hall for a service. She announced that on Tuesday, May 10th she will hold a public meeting at 6pm at the Itoo Hall about TIF districts and Enterprise Zones with Mark Rothert.

Fennel thanked grounds crew for their work in the courtyard.

Trumpe congratulated Salzer on his inclusion in a Peoria Journal Star story.

Scott Sorrel informed the Board about Tri-County Regional Planning Commission hosting a transportation funding meeting on May 2nd at 1:30pm at the Festival of Lights building in East Peoria. He invited the Board to attend the annual meeting of the Greater Peoria EDC on May 5th from 3pm to 5pm.

Ardapple noted that the open house for the Minority Business Development Center is next week.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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