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G. Allen Mayer, District 6
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Phillip Salzer, District 8
Michael Phelan, District 9



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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
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 11, 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, Elsasser, Fennell, Harding, Mayer, Morris, O'Neill, Parker, Pearson, Phelan, Rand, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Trumpe, Watkins and Williams.

Chairman Rand and Mr. Sorrel presented a 15 year service pin to Assistant County Administrator, Shauna Musselman.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of July 14, 2016 County Board Minutes

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A proclamation congratulating the Princeville High School Girls' Softball Team for winning 2nd place in the 2016 IHSA Class "1A" Softball Tournament.

III. CITIZENS' REMARKS

Karyn Henderson, employee, Heddington Oaks, addressed the Board about concerns with Heddington Oaks. She explained that in the past months there have been many changes in the facility and the question remains, what is the plan for the facility. She said that budget cuts have been made and the employees are overworked, underpaid, and underappreciated. She mentioned that there is a minimum requirement for nurses to function safely, a reduced number of staff are willing to stay over, and forced overtime has been implemented, including management, to provide patient care. She stated that due to the conditions, both the nursing manager and assistant



manager have decided to leave their positions. She informed that the LPNs have not received a cost of living wage increase for the past nine years, and the pay rate for LPNs and RNs is \$3 to \$4 lower than local competitors. She stated that overall patient care, safety, and satisfaction are affected by the short and underpaid staff. She noted that there has been contact between the administrator and the County Board about the problem, but no resolution has been suggested. She proposed that wages should be increased or other incentives should be used to attract nurses. She read the resignation letter from the Director of Nursing explaining her reasons for retiring.

Linda Sally, 628 Carola Street, Peoria, addressed the Board with regard to resident safety at Heddington Oaks. She explained that her mother is a resident in the Alzheimer's unit, and she has seen a drastic change downhill over the past few months. She said that staffing has been very poor; to the point that staff cannot be found on the unit. She stated that it is very unsafe and against state regulations. She stressed that losing the nursing manager is the worst thing that could happen to the home because she cared for her employees. She detailed how she used to feel like her mom was taken care of, but now she worries because there is no one there half the time. She said that she called the nursing home administrator when this became an issue and was told he would work on a solution. She said there has been no resolution to the problem. She called on the Board to do something and do it quick.

Regina Porch, 1126 W. Fourth Street, Peoria, addressed the Board concerning Heddington Oaks. She explained that her aunt is a resident, and she has seen things that she would not want anyone to experience. She described that the staff tries to do their best, but that is not good enough because they do not have the help they need. She believed that something tragic would happen if nothing changes. She asked for the Board to think about if their family member was in need of care, would they send them to Heddington Oaks after what they have heard. She urged the Board to give the help and services that they need.

Ken Burnside, 1619 E. Farnum Street, Mossville, addressed the Board with regard to the staffing at Heddington Oaks. He discussed that his wife is a resident and a family member has been there every day to see that she has proper care. He believed that the problem is with management, and he hopes that someone pays attention and sees what is going on.

Chairman Rand expressed that all of the thoughtful comments have been heard and assured that the 18 members would be on it tomorrow. He noted that the question of accountability has been raised and he will get that accountability.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of June 2016 and Revenue & Expenditures for the month of May 2016.
- C2.** The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at www.peoriacounty.org. The Transparency Portal tab is alphabetical on the left-hand side of the page.
- C3.** A resolution (items 1 and 3 conveyances and item 2 surrender) from the Ways and Means Committee recommending that the County Board



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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 August 11, 2016 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

- C4.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Ray O'Herron Co., Inc., Danville, IL, for the purchase of soft concealable body armor for the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.
- C5.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an Amendment to the State Court Improvement Program Grant and appropriation of additional grant funds for FY 2016 in the amount of \$4,000.00.
- C6.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a quote from Thompson Electronics Company, Peoria, IL in the amount of \$35,980.00, to upgrade technology in Courtroom 121.
- C7.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the SFY2017 Juvenile Redeploy Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$286,206.00.
- C8.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the SFY 2017 Adult Redeploy Grant Agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, in the amount of \$225,275.00.
- C9.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the FY 2016 Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) Annual Agreement and Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
- C10.** A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of a budget appropriation for the reduction of both revenues and expenditures for Revenue Stamps in the amount of \$666,675.00.
- C11.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Western Waterproofing, Inc., Peoria, IL, for the repair of damaged bricks at the Juvenile Detention Center.
- C12.** Chairman Appointments



Mayer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and O'Neill seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a roll call vote of 17 ayes and 1 nay, with Harding voting nay.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 041-16-Z, Michael P. Cochran (D.A. Hoerr & Sons, Inc., owner). A Rezoning request from "I-1" Light Industrial to "A-2" Agriculture. The petitioner proposed to rezone .232 acres from an existing 31.28 acre parcel in order to combine it with the adjacent parcel to the east side of Route 6. The parcel is located in Kickapoo Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. 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. A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval to appropriate funding in the amount of \$7,285.00 in the PCAPS Fund in order to remodel the primary cat adoption room.

Baietto moved to defer and refer back to committee and Salzer seconded. The motion to defer and refer back to committee passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elsasser expressed that he is troubled as a member of the Health Committee having not heard about Heddington Oaks before this evening. He said that if there has been a problem for 2 or 3 months he would like to know about it.

O'Neill stated that he has the forms for the Duck Race for anyone who wants one.

Phelan reported that he felt it would be important for all members of the Operations Committee to be present for the appeal, but because it is summer and with vacations it has been near impossible. He explained that as soon as everyone can get back and give a time to meet, they hope to conclude.

Salzer complemented Chairman Rand on the Citizen's Remarks, he is encouraged by the statement, and he thinks it should be looked at by the Board.

Dillon explained that the Highway Department has pulled together the Lancaster Road project very quickly. He said that there is a possible bridge letting by September. He noted that there were three properties that were believed to be hard to get, but Amy McLaren and her staff resolved the issues in one week, speeding up the process.

Morris recognized the Sheriff for doing some policing on the street near the courthouse that he witnessed. He said that he handled the situation quickly and appropriately. He stated that he was very proud that the Sheriff is not just a guy in a suit, but he is out there serving and protecting like his deputies.

Baietto congratulated the Sheriff and all involved with St. Jude on collecting \$5.1 million.



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Ardapple announced that the strategic planning session will be held at the Jump Trading Center on August 22nd and 23rd and she expects a good turnout and discussion.

Fennell mentioned that Chillicothe was the largest donor to St. Jude behind only Memphis. He recognized that St. Edward's school was about to close, but it was able to receive over \$450,000 in pledges in just three days.

Chairman Rand said that the Board should look forward to some communication from Mr. Sorrel's team about Heddington Oaks.

Williams commented that her mother-in-law is a resident at Heddington Oaks, she has taken it very personally, and is very committed to making the employees happy. She said whatever she can do to help, the employees can call her.

Chairman Rand noted that there would be a special meeting held August 18th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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