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Chairperson-Andrew A. Rand, District 4  
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G. Allen Mayer, District 6  
James C. Dillon, District 7  
Phillip Salzer, District 8  
Michael Phelan, District 9



Andrew A. Rand - Chairperson  
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, May 12, 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, and Williams with Watkins absent.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of April 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 17 ayes.

**II. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- A presentation of the Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship Award.

**III. CITIZENS' REMARKS**

Denise Moore, Founder and Executive Director, Black Business Alliance Peoria chapter, addressed the Board about the Minority Business Development Center. She informed the Board that the first phase of development of the center is complete and it is a resounding success. She said that success can be measured by the following: five minority contractors were introduced to a company that provides over 400 goods and services to Caterpillar and were deemed eligible to provide services, it is actively assisting five startup companies, it has been approached by three minority individuals for shared office space, and it will be meeting with three companies about assisting in minority access in various businesses. She explained that all of this has occurred in the last 60 days. She predicted that even more will occur when the additional 5,000 square feet of phase two is completed. She thanked the Board for its vision and faith demonstrated in the award given to the Minority Business Center.



Parker urged all to visit the center. She said that she ran an ad on the radio station about the open house and the results were wonderful; she hopes for continued support.

Chairman Rand congratulated Denise Moore and thanked her for the update.

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of March 2016 and Revenue & Expenditures for the month of February 2016.
- C2.** A resolution (items 1-2 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 May 12, 2016 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void. (*Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C*)
- C3.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of an Addendum Agreement to the original Loan Agreement between Peoria County and Huebldg, LLC, amending the term of the Agreement, its exhibits and its amortization schedule to reflect a June 1, 2016 start date for repayment of the loan.
- C4.** A resolution from your Budget Subcommittee recommending approval of FY 2016 Encumbrance Rollover Appropriation #2.
- C5.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a 2016 Rural Residential Recycling Grant award in the amount of \$3,024.95 to the Village of Peoria Heights in order to fund a marketing campaign for an ongoing curbside recycling program.
- C6.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of Amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Peoria City/County Landfill.
- C7.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a quote from Thompson Electronics, Peoria, IL, in the amount of \$61,415.00, to upgrade technology in Courtroom 221 during renovations of the Courtroom.
- C8.** A resolution from your Health, Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a Public Defender Agreement for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.



- C9.** A recommendation from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee to approve an Ordinance for prevailing rate of wages for laborers, mechanics and other workers contracted in performing construction of public works in Peoria County as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor.
- C10.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Schaefer & Son Excavating, Chillicothe, IL, in the amount of \$9,500.00 for the demolition of an unsafe, dilapidated house located at 6652 W. Wheeler Road, Mapleton, IL.
- C11.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the creation of a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and the creation of a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- C12.** A resolution from your Land Use and Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of an appropriation of Property Sales Revenues in the amount of \$100,635.00 for the purpose of undertaking court-ordered demolition of unsafe structures.
- C13.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval to withdraw a pending Worker's Compensation lien in return for a payment not to exceed \$27,060.00 to settle Worker's Compensation Case 010015-005063-WC-01.
- C14.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible base bid of Bishop Brothers, Inc., Peoria, IL, in the amount of \$461,400.00, for the renovation of Courtrooms 121 and 221.
- C15.** Chairman Appointments

Mayer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Fennell seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 1 nay, with Harding voting nay.

## **V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Executive Session**
  - Personnel Matters
  - Labor Relations

Chairman Rand explained that the executive session was placed first on the agenda in case it was necessary to discuss the next two items, but it would not be needed. He stated that there would an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

- 2.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of a contract for Peoria



County Administrator Scott Sorrel.

Morris moved to approve the resolution and Mayer seconded.

Morris noted that the Executive Committee and other board members met with Mr. Sorrel on a number of occasions to discuss his contract and an agreement has been made. He said that Mr. Sorrel received some of the things he wanted and not others. He believed that Mr. Sorrel has done an excellent job over the last year, and the Board is glad to have him for another three years.

Mayer stated that the contract is fair to Mr. Sorrel and to the County.

Baietto congratulated Mayer and Morris on doing an excellent job negotiating the contract.

Chairman Rand thanked Mayer and Morris for taking on the task of negotiating with the Board's sole employee. He explained it is important because the Board thinks the world of Mr. Sorrel, the Board thinks the world of the taxpayers, and the Board has to get enough votes to get it done. He recognized Mr. Sorrel for agreeing to many of the conditions and how he has put the County before himself.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

3. A resolution from the Chairman of County Operations Committee and the County Administrator recommending approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Peoria County and LIUNA Local 165, IUOE Local 649, and Teamsters Local 627. (*Poll vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C*)

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Salzer seconded.

Phelan stated that it is a fair and affordable agreement. He thanked Amy McLaren and Shauna Musselman for their work and he strongly recommends approval.

Baietto thanked Phelan for his leadership on the agreement.

Salzer noted that the trades made concessions, and it works out well for the County. He congratulated Shauna Musselman for her work.

The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

4. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of setting salaries of Peoria County Elected Officials (*Auditor, Circuit Clerk, Coroner*), County Board Members and County Board Committee Chairs.

Phelan moved to approve the resolution and Salzer seconded.

Ardapple commended Phelan, noted that the conversation has been very spirited this year, and it will lead the organization well into the future.

Ardapple moved to amend by substitution resolution and Pearson seconded.



Ardapple said that the substitute resolution is a good compromise from the discussion held in the Operations Committee. She described how there are members of the Board that would like to no longer add to the base salary of the elected officials and others who do not feel that way. She believed that changing the term from a stipend to a service payment would recognize the elected officials for the work they do on behalf of efficiency and leading the organization. She stated that it is a service payment of \$1,250 paid each year over four years on their first check in December. She requested that either the Treasurer or the Auditor speak if they have comments.

Phelan objected to the Auditor speaking, but not to the Treasurer.

Edward O'Connor, County Treasurer, described that the committee meeting went in circles and didn't get anywhere, but just as in the collaborative committee, this is what was intended to happen. He identified this as a difficult discussion, but they made it through it in a collaborative effort. He explained that because the Board did not wait until the last minute, there is time for policy discussion on setting salaries, establishing criteria, and evaluations in advance of the discussion in two years. He thanked Ardapple for her diligence.

Ardapple brought up how the amendment would continue to draw savings to the bottom line as it would draw \$900 of additional savings from the committee's action.

Chairman Rand noted that this is a freeze to the base salary for all four years and a service payment of \$1,250 would be applied for each of the four years.

Phelan thanked Ardapple for her work, said that it is probably not where he wanted to be on this, but in the spirit of compromise he is willing to accept. He asked the Board to remember this in two years because there would be a difference in salaries between this group, the lagging group, and the leading group of officials. He mentioned that those officials' salaries were raised by 2.5% for each year, putting them at about \$103,000. He said that the Board needs to look forward if this is approved, and hopes it indicates what might come in the future. He explained that the Board could do a better job at arriving at decisions in a consistent and collaborative way, and it could be discussed at the strategic planning session.

Salzer noted that he felt much the same as Phelan, and Ardapple has done an excellent job of reaching out to the committee. He brought up that the elected officials got together years ago and wanted to be equal, but it is clear that it is not equal due to a difference in number of employees, budgets, and responsibilities; all of which needs to be evaluated. He said he would support the amendment.

Chairman Rand thanked Phelan, saying that there have been a lot of items on the agendas over the past few months that have required a lot of statesmanship and finding common ground. He said that sometimes there is maybe one more path. He also thanked Ardapple and Salzer for their work.

The motion to amend by substitution passed by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 1 nay with Harding voting nay.

Mr. Giebelhausen interjected that what was voted on was an amendment by substitution to the resolution that was on the floor and another vote will be required on the underlying resolution



which has been substituted.

The resolution as amended passed by a roll call vote of 15 ayes and 2 nays, with Harding and Mayer voting nay.

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Rand asked Dillon if he was enjoying his first week of work and congratulated him.

Dillon said that this has been the only day he has not been in a suit.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation**

Mayer moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and Morris seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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