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G. Allen Mayer, District 6
James C. Dillon, District 7
Phillip Salzer, District 8
Kathrin Pastucha, District 9



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Robert Reneau, District 10
Gregory Adamson, District 11
Rachel Reliford, District 12
James T. Fennell, District 13
Brian Elsasser, District 14
Steven Rieker, District 15
Matthew Windish, District 16
Vice-Chairperson-Thomas H. O'Neill, III, District 17
Paul Rosenbohm, District 18

**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 14, 2019
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: Members Adamson, Fennell, Mayer, O'Neill, Parker, Pastucha, Rand, Reneau, Rieker, Robinson, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Williams, and Windish, with Members Dillon, Elsasser, Reliford, and Watkins absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of February 14, 2019 County Board Meeting Minutes

Member O'Neill moved for approval of the minutes, Member Salzer seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A Proclamation recognizing Thomas O'Neill for 26 years of service as a County Board Member of District 17
- A Proclamation recognizing April and May 2019 as "Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration" months
- A Proclamation recognizing April 2019 as National County Government Month

Member Salzer moved to suspend the rules and have Member O'Neill serve as chairman and Member Mayer seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes. Member O'Neill assumed the role as Board Chairman.

III. CITIZENS' REMARKS

Barb Gurtler, Heart of Illinois Sierra Club, addressed the Board regarding Item 1. She explained that the group gives strong support to the Board's resolution concerning the Livestock Management Facilities Act. She believed that the proposed resolution addresses the concerns regarding livestock facilities.



Michael Harmon, 215 W Main Street, Princeville addressed the Board regarding Item 1. He reported that the proposed facility would be less than a mile from the Village of Princeville. He detailed that it would have a negative impact on local hog farmers because it exists to mass produce, which deflates the price and pushes out smaller producers. He brought up that a facility would have a negative impact on property value. He contended that the cost would far exceed what potential revenue it would generate, and it would not create any jobs or have an economic impact. He emphasized that County should have a role in deciding the placement of facilities and expressed his support for the resolution. He detailed an Illinois Supreme Court case decision that cited problems, and he believed that the law must change to allow for due process.

Dan Keyt, 14010 N Cluskey Road, Brimfield, addressed the Board regarding Item 1. He asked the Board to consider when formulating the resolution that it create a minimum number of animals and define a facility.

Eleanor Basehoar, 19511 N Brimfield Road, Laura, addressed the Board regarding Item 1. She informed that she is a fifth-generation farmer. She detailed that the plans for the facility must meet the requirements of the Livestock Management Facilities Act, which it has met. She conveyed that there has been misinformation about the farm and the need to change the law, but the rules ensure long-term safety and success. She discussed that her farm would not be a factory farm. She asserted that she cares about the ground and water; otherwise, they would be out of business.

Michelle Abel, 6123 S Clauson Road, Glasford, addressed the Board regarding Item 1. She reported that her family raises livestock and she supports the LMFA. She explained that the law has given a balanced approach to raise livestock and protect the land. She discussed that livestock production rules are working and fewer than 1% have any environmental issues. She emphasized that there is a history of livestock in Peoria County and it should be encouraged for new generations.

Cindy Arnett, 15280 E Kenny Lane, Lewiston, addressed the Board regarding Item 1. She identified that she farms next to a confinement and she is not happy because it is pushing people from living there. She conveyed that the law was created in the 1990s and there is room for improvement. She described that a particular farm was presented as a good neighbor to the committee, but it paid fines and penalties and it could benefit from local control. She urged the Board to pass the resolution because the citizens are counting on the Board to protect them.

Cheryl Walsh, 624 N Aten Avenue, Princeville, addressed the Board regarding Item 1. She stressed that the LMFA is working and 99.9% of farms received no complaints in 2017. She discussed that she uses technologies to reduce odors and utilize the waste as fertilizer. She highlighted that livestock has proven to be an environmentally sustainable system and that there are differing opinions about the Illinois Department of Agriculture's role in livestock farming.

Wayne Peugh 4819 W Akron Road, Edelstein, addressed the Board regarding Item 1. He informed that he has farmed for more than 45 years and he has observed many changes. He presented that there are no issues that have gone unresolved with the livestock farms and the law is working. He urged the Board not to place another hoop for producers to jump through and keep the welcome sign for agriculture in Peoria County.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)

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



January 2019 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of December 2018.

- C2.** The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency.
- C3.** A resolution (item 1 – reconveyance; item 2 – conveyance; item 3 – defaulted conveyance) 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 March 14, 2019 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.
- C4.** A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Peoria for the FY 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), with the County's portion of the funds, \$26,725.86, to be used for the purchase of (3) Radar Trailers and (8) Police bicycles.
- C5.** A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of the establishment of Public Official Bond Requirements, Procedures and Dollar amounts for Special District Trustees/Board Members appointed by the Peoria County Board.
- C6.** A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of an increase in the Marriage & Civil Union License Fee to Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00).
- C7.** A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Construction Engineering Agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., Peoria, IL, for the Dirksen Parkway Reconstruction Project, at a cost not to exceed \$150,873.42.
- C8.** Chairman Appointments.

Member Mayer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Fennell seconded. Member Salzer asked to pull Item C7. The Consent Agenda, except for Item C7, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

C7. A resolution recommending approval of a Construction Engineering Agreement for the Dirksen Parkway Reconstruction Project.

Member Salzer moved to refer Item C7 back to committee and Member Rand seconded. Member Salzer explained that Dirksen Parkway project is important, there may be an alternative design that could reduce the expense, and it can be examined in committee. The motion to refer back to committee passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS



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1. A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of a Legislative Proposal to amend the Livestock Management Facilities Act (510 ILCS 77).

Member Mayer moved to refer the resolution back to committee and Member Salzer seconded. Member Mayer detailed that some of the language in the resolution should be clarified and he wanted to get input from absent members. The motion to refer back to committee passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

2. A resolution from your County Health Committee recommending approval of a three year contract with Affiliated Home Dialysis, LLC, for dialysis services at Heddington Oaks.

Member Williams moved to approve the resolution and Member Fennell seconded. Member Williams presented that the agreement would cover three years, it will fill the spot for a dialysis unit that was not opened, and it will bring in about \$1 Million in revenue yearly. She expressed that the hope is that the census will increase with offering the service.

Member Rand reported that the margin after expenses would be \$400,000, it is a significant arrangement, and he will be supporting the resolution.

Member Adamson remarked that the revenue generated was \$1 Million and confirmed with Member Rand that the cost is \$600,000. Mr. Sorrel said the figures use an average of 6 to 8 patients receiving the services, but the unit has accommodations for up to 18 patients. Member Adamson asked about the management structure for the dialysis service, and Mr. Sorrel noted that a registered nurse and a CNA would be monitoring the patients and it is the same treatment they would receive at home. Member Adamson confirmed with Mr. Sorrel that the care a patient would get at home would be continued at the nursing home, but if they attend a dialysis center, they will continue to do so. Member Adamson noted that dialysis is a large step and asked who will be managing the care. Mr. Sorrel explained that the contractor would be the manager of the care and the facility will be able to bill for the service. Member Adamson, Mr. Sorrel, and Member Williams discussed that the current patients requiring dialysis leave the facility but staying in the facility would increase their level of care.

The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

3. A resolution from the Chairman of Executive Committee and the County Administrator recommending Peoria County pledge its support of the U.S. Department of Transportation Automated Driving Systems Demonstration Grant by committing up to \$100,000.00 annually for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022 to be used as local matching funds. (*Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C*)

Member Rand moved to approve the resolution and Member Williams seconded. Member Adamson asked about the expense if the grant is not received and Mr. Sorrel stated there would only be an expense if the grant is awarded. Member Adamson inquired about what other governments have done to provide support and Mr. Sorrel detailed that there has been support from governments and the private sector. Member Adamson explained that he will vote no on the resolution because the private sector would do better than going to the people. Mr. Sorrel discussed the proposal, the grant requirements, and explained that the grant creates economic opportunity. Member Adamson summarized that it is not a good spend of the people's money.

Member Parker asked about where the funding would come from and Mr. Sorrel detailed that the



source has not been identified, but because it is economic development it could come from a few sources.

Member Rand expressed that there is a risk in supporting it, but the grant would support fixing the roads and installing the telecommunications for the cars. He recognized the risk of failure, but the upside is jobs, retention of young people in applied sciences, manufacturing, and it is smart for the County to be a party.

Member Pastucha mentioned that Keystone funds could potentially be used for funding, the risk is worth it because autonomous vehicles are coming, and it is smart for it to happen here. Member Adamson contended that public money is not venture capital, there is risk, and the County has been burned before.

The resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 13 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Adamson voting nay.

4. A resolution from the Chairman of Ways and Means Committee and the County Administrator recommending approval of the proposal of MGT Consulting for the purpose of completing a Cost Allocation Plan for Peoria County at a cost not to exceed \$45,900.00. *(Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C)*

Member Mayer moved to approve the resolution and Member Salzer seconded. Member Adamson asked about the one RFP response as well as where they are located. Mr. Sorrel explained that it was advertised, but only had one response; MGT is experienced and the firm has offices in Illinois. Member Adamson and Mr. Sorrel discussed the cost estimate of the Health Department, the potential increase in funding, and that it will be picking up 30% of the cost of the project. Member Rieker inquired about the cost compared to the last study and Mr. Sorrel noted that they are not comparable due to scope, but it is more than the last study.

Member Mayer identified that the resolution, if not approved, will miss a federal deadline. He detailed that there is a shortage of individuals and firms that can perform this kind of work, but the cost-benefit is self-evident. Member Adams asked about the possible increase of funding and Mr. Sorrel summarized the funding sources. Member Mayer explained this study is required by the Federal government to apply for grants.

The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Pastucha informed that she sings with the Morton Civic Chorus, requested all to donate, and explained that the funds are used to assist kidney dialysis patients.

Member Adamson said that it has been an honor to work with Chairman O'Neill and congratulated and thanked him.

Member Rosenbohm, Member Parker, Member Fennell thanked Chairman O'Neill for always being helpful and for his service.

Member Mayer remarked that Chairman O'Neill should enjoy himself.



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Member Salzer thanked Chairman O'Neill and shared his experience as a football umpire.

Member Rand reported that the cupcakes were provided by Member Parker and Chairman O'Neill's words, deeds, and actions will be carved on hearts forever.

Mr. Sorrel announced that the meetings will be streamed and archived on YouTube, budget in brief pamphlets are available, and he thanked Chairman O'Neill for his service.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Mike Deluhery detailed the Statement of Economic Interests and the new online application to file.

Chairman O'Neill thanked all, said it has been great working with everyone, and all have been very professional.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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