

Sharon K. Williams, District 1
Junior Watkins, District 2
Betty Duncan, District 3
Chairperson-Andrew A. Rand, District 4
Brandy Bryant, District 5
Eden S. Blair, District 6
James C. Dillon, District 7
Phillip Salzer, District 8
Kathrin Pastucha, District 9



Andrew A. Rand - Chairperson
Rachael Parker - County Clerk

Robert Reneau, District 10
Linda Daley, District 11
Rachel Reliford, District 12
Vice-Chairperson-James T. Fennell, District 13
Brian Elsasser, District 14
Steven Rieker, District 15
Matthew Windish, District 16
Jennifer Groves Allison, District 17
Paul Rosenbohm, District 18

**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 14, 2020
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, and the following members of the Board were present: Members Blair, Bryant, Daley, Dillon, Fennell, Groves Allison, Pastucha, Rand, Reliford, Reneau, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, Williams, and Windish, with Member Elsasser absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of March 22, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of April 9, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of April 9, 2020 County Board Executive Session Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were taken after the Suspension of Rules, Appointment to District #3, and the Executive Session. For those items, please see below. Member Daley moved for approval of the minutes, Member Blair seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote of 18 ayes.

II. CITIZENS' REMARKS

There were no citizens' remarks submitted.

III. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Member Blair moved to suspend the rules and Member Daley seconded. Chairman Rand noted that the suspension of the rules is permitted by order of the Governor. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 16 ayes.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #3

Member Watkins moved to approve the appointment of Betty Duncan to District 5 County Board Member and Member Bryant seconded. Member Pastucha noted that she is excited to have Ms. Duncan, that she has known Ms. Duncan since she was a child, and welcomed her to



the Board. Member Bryant highlighted that she is happy to have Ms. Duncan on the Board, that Ms. Duncan has a passion for the people, and that she is a hard worker. The appointment was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

Ms. Duncan thanked the Board, stated that she is looking forward to working with the Board Members, and emphasized that she is grateful for the opportunity. County Clerk Rachael Parker administered the oath to Ms. Duncan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LABOR RELATIONS

Member Watkins moved to go into executive session to discuss labor relations and Member Reneau seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote 17 ayes.

The board went back into regular session. Member Elsasser entered the meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)

C1. The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of March 2020 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of February 2020.

C2. The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency.

C3. A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of the waiver of the \$70.00 marriage and civil union license fee received by the Peoria County Clerk's Office for new licenses where the original licenses issued between February 1, 2020 to the end of the Stay at Home Order were not used.

C4. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) extension between Peoria County and LIUNA Local 165, IUOE Local 649, and Teamsters Local 627.

C5. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Supplemental Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc., Peoria, IL, for the replacement of Structure Number 072-3095 on Kickapoo Creek Road at a cost not to exceed \$31,000.00.

C6. Chairman Appointments.

Member Fennell moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Watkins seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a unanimous voice vote of 18 ayes.

VI. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Member Reneau moved to approve the resolution and Member Allison seconded. Member



Reneau moved to amend the resolution by substitution and Member Allison seconded. Mr. Sorrel described that the substitute resolution would freeze the salaries at the current rate for the next four-year term. Member Reneau explained that the resolution passed by the committee came before the true sense of the steps needed right to the ship became clear. He detailed that the best option would be to freeze the salaries for all four years and that the Officials understood the reasoning.

Mr. Sorrel reported that the County Board salaries for those up for election and the Committee Chairperson's salaries would be unchanged. Member Groves Allison thanked all for their work. The motion to amend by substitute resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes. The resolution as amended passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

2. A resolution the Chairman of County Operations Committee and the County Administrator recommending approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Peoria County and AFSCME-PCEA Local 3586. *(Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C)*

Member Reneau moved to approve the resolution and Member Allison seconded. The resolution failed on a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

3. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of quotations received from Pavement Maintenance Services, Henry, IL, R.A. Cullinan & Son, Tremont, IL, and Porter Brothers Asphalt & Sealing, Rock Falls, IL for Township Motor Fuel Tax deliver and install proposals for sealcoating and tilling various township roads.

Member Salzer moved to approve the resolution and Member Pastucha seconded. Member Salzer highlighted that the funding comes from the township motor fuel fund and that the funds will be used for road maintenance in the townships. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

4. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Illini Plumbing, Peoria, IL, in the amount of \$37,998.00, for hot water pipe replacement at the Peoria County Courthouse. *(Pending Committee Approval)*

Member Salzer moved to approve the resolution and Member Pastucha seconded. Member Salzer reported that a severe issue could be caused if the pipe is not replaced, that the project cost including possible overtime is lower than what was budgeted, and that the project could be completed before the courts reopen. He discussed that depending on overtime expenses, the cost could be lower and that the pipe could last for 50 years. Member Pastucha identified that the money is well spent, that the new pipe should prevent leaks, and thanked the staff. Member Dillon detailed the reason for the failure of the current line due to electrolysis and that the replacement cannot be deferred. Member Salzer stressed that approval would allow for work on the project to begin the next morning. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

5. A resolution from your Budget Committee recommending approval of FY 2020 Budget Amendments due to the impact of COVID-19. *(Pending Committee Approval)*

Member Fennell moved to approve the resolution and Member Reliford seconded. Member Fennell described that there would be a loss of \$15 Million in revenue this fiscal year and discussions have led to a \$12,469,000 reduction in the budget. He identified that all Department Heads and Elected Officials have worked hard to get to the numbers, it is hard,



but for the viability of the County, it is necessary. He noted that the issue will be revisited in a few months, and it is a starting point for the 2021 budget.

Mr. Sorrel detailed the itemized reductions across all funds from the personnel, commodities, contractual, capital, debt, and transfers out categories. Member Williams inquired about the lack of cuts to the debt service fund, and Mr. Sorrel explained that the bond covenants require that the payments be made first in the event of financial difficulties. Member Reneau brought up that the changes in the budget has been done through cuts and not raising taxes. Member Rieker summarized that the Board is trying to minimize the effect of the cuts, but that some services may be slower.

Member Salzer discussed that cuts to public safety are very concerning and that the smaller reductions than first planned are more palatable. He thanked the Elected Officials and Department Heads for their work in balancing the budget and recognized those that have given back a portion of their salary. Member Pastucha thanked all for the hard work on cuts and that it is a difficult vote that loses members of the Peoria County team. Member Dillon conveyed that the Board does not take the vote lightly, recognized the Elected Officials and staff for hard work, and that everyone is hurting, including the employees. He expressed that he is proud to be a resident of Peoria County because of its leadership and that even in the dark, he can see the light.

Member Groves Allison highlighted that the resolution is an effort not to raise taxes during a difficult time and that there is hope for assistance from the federal level. She informed that the Board spent a great deal of time on the issue and that it has the departments' back. Member Reliford detailed that the Board has heard the concerns of the Elected Officials and that she is pleased that a compromise to address the immediate situation could be reached; while leaving open the conversation later. She thanked Chairman Rand, Member Fennell, and Mr. Sorrel for their leadership and effort put into the conversation.

Chairman Rand inquired about proposed reductions in the Special Revenue Fund's capital spending and the Internal Service Funds. Mr. Sorrel detailed that capital spending cuts for Highway Department projects are recommended as part of the proportional share to reach the total reduction goal. Chairman Rand and Mr. Sorrel discussed that the capital reductions are in funds with a specific purpose and that they may not contribute to an overall decrease in spending. Chairman Rand emphasized that the intention was not to reduce spending on capital projects. Mr. Sorrel reported that the reductions in the Employee Health fund would come from a smaller workforce and that Risk Management savings would come from reduced liability and compensation costs. Chairman Rand contended that employees on furlough will be covered by the health plan and will not add to the savings. Mr. Sorrel explained that the savings can be realized in permanent layoffs and that the estimates include the savings from the closure of Heddington Oaks.

Chairman Rand asked about the costs incurred in closing Heddington Oaks and their relationship to the proposed budget changes. Mr. Sorrel reported that the operation was budgeted for 12-months, it is anticipated to be reduced now, and that as an enterprise fund, the Board has flexibility. Chairman Rand expressed that he cannot support the plan due to the ways that some of the savings were calculated and because not all have done their best regarding employee costs. He believed that some Elected Officials have taken the process seriously, but that the process has not yielded the benefits the Board is looking to achieve. He highlighted that the requested reduction change from 13% to 10% has allowed for some departments to place pressure on public safety. The resolution was approved by a roll call



vote of 12 ayes and 6 nays, with Members Bryant, Daley, Duncan, Elsasser, Rand, and Watkins voting nay.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Elsasser welcomed Jennie Cordis Boswell to the State's Attorney's Office, expressed that her family has had a huge impact on the village of Princeville, and remarked that it is a great opportunity for her and wished her well.

Chairman Rand thanked the Board, the staff, and the Elected Officials for all the efforts to reduce the budget.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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