

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

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**PEORIA COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 11, 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 with the Roll Call-Pro voting system, and the following members of the Board were present: Members Blair, Bryant, Daley, Dillon, Duncan, Elsasser, Fennell, Groves Allison, Pastucha, Rand, Reliford, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Watkins, Williams, and Windish, with Members Reneau and Salzer absent.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of April 23, 2020 County Board Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May 14, 2020 County Board Regular Session Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May 14, 2020 County Board Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Member Rosenbohm moved for approval of the minutes, Member Fennell seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

**II. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Assistant State's Attorney Larry Evans described that the vote to suspend the Rules of Order is suspending the section for citizens to speak in-person. He noted that citizens may submit remarks through email. Member Elsasser moved to suspend the rules and Member Dillon seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

**III. CITIZENS' REMARKS**

There were no citizens' remarks submitted.

**IV. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A Proclamation condemning the actions that resulted in George Floyd's death

Member Fennell moved to adopt the proclamation and Member Blair seconded. The proclamation



was adopted by a unanimous voice vote of 16 ayes.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)**

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of April 2020 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of March 2020.
- C2.** The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at [www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency](http://www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency).
- C3.** A resolution (items 1-4 – conveyances) from your 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 June 11, 2020 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 a Bureau of Justice Assistance COVID-19 Grant allocated to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$58,008.00.
- C5.** A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending an additional appropriation of revenues and associated expenses in the amount of \$41,000.00 into the FY 2020 Sheriff's Office budget related to IDOT STEP (Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program) funding.
- C6.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the sole bid of Koener Electric, Inc., Bartonville, IL in the amount of \$32,200.00 to replace the uninterruptable power supply (UPS) supporting the Courthouse Nortel PBX phone system.
- C7.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the preferred bid of Illinois Work Injury Resource Center (IWIRC), Peoria, IL, for Occupational Health Services, for a three-year agreement with the option to renew for up to two additional years.
- C8.** Chairman Appointments.

Member Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Blair seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

**VI. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

- 1.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval to place a Referendum Question on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot to Sell or Dispose of Heddington Oaks, a Skilled Nursing Facility owned by the County of Peoria.

Member Williams moved to approve the resolution and Member Fennell seconded. Mr. Sorrel detailed that the voters permitted on four occasions to levee property and sales taxes to fund the service. He informed that statute requires voters to approve a sale of the buildings and land and that the resolution places the question on the General Election ballot. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.



Member Elsasser asked about the inclusion of a question mark at the end of the ballot question, and Mr. Sorrel noted that the absence of the question mark is a scrivener's error.

2. A resolution from your County Health Committee recommending approval of budget amendment for Peoria City/County Health Department's COVID-19 Contract Tracing Grant. (*Pending Committee Approval*)

Member Williams moved to approve the resolution and Member Pastucha seconded. Public Health Administrator Monica Hendrickson reported that the Health Department was awarded up to \$4.9 Million for COVID-19 contact tracing. Chairman Rand asked about the grant value on a per capita comparison to other counties, and Ms. Hendrickson discussed that Peoria and Tazewell are usually in-step due to size, but that Tazewell received about \$2 Million less. She perceived that the difference is due to volume, as well as regional coordination done in Peoria. Chairman Rand summarized that the Restore HOI plan is a reason for additional funding, and Ms. Hendrickson noted that there is coordination with the hospitals.

Chairman Rand thanked Ms. Hendrickson for all her hard work, and that regional coordination has created quite a brand for the Peoria City/County Health Department. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

3. A resolution from your County Health Committee recommending the endorsement of the Restore Heart of Illinois Implementation Plan by the County of Peoria and the Peoria County Board. (*Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C*)

Member Williams moved to approve the resolution and Member Fennell seconded. Mr. Sorrel highlighted that before the governor unveiled the Restore Illinois plan, regional leaders started the development of a reopening plan. He noted that the governor did not directly support the plan, but that the Restore Illinois program overlaps much of the Restore HOI plan. He explained the plan's scientific metrics, business guidelines, compliance, and timelines for opening. He detailed the plan's website and the self-certification process.

Chairman Rand explained that the plan adopts the state's plan, but that it adds guidelines in other areas and self-certification. He reported that the self-certifying process is helpful because the Health Department cannot inspect all areas for compliance.

Member Elsasser discussed that it was a travesty that small businesses were closed while big-box stores had hundreds of people in them. He thanked Chairman Rand and Mr. Sorrel for getting the plan together. He mentioned that 40% of small businesses could close and that it would be a national disgrace. He asked about the inclusion of Woodford County in the plan, and Mr. Sorrel informed that the Woodford County State's Attorney would not be prosecuting those not following the Executive Order, but that the public health level has been working within the plan.

Member Rieker remarked that Restore HOI is a good supplement to the Restore Illinois plan, but that it does not supersede Restore Illinois. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 15 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Bryant voting nay.

4. Review of Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Evans said that the State's Attorney recommends that all previously held minutes continue to be held as the need for confidentiality still exists and to destroy executive session audio recordings



more than two years old except those that relate to pending litigation. Member Elsasser moved to approve the State's Attorney's Office's recommendation and Member Blair seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

## **5. SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Mr. Evans explained that the rules require a procedure for resolutions to be passed by committee prior to coming to the full Board, and noted that the suspension of the rules is needed to allow for the proceeding items to go before the Board. Member Groves Allison moved to suspend the rules and Member Pastucha seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

## **6. A Proclamation extending the Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19 in Peoria County, Illinois.**

Member Allison moved to approve the resolution and Member Duncan seconded. Member Rieker asked for clarification on the need for the resolution, and Chairman Rand said that without the declaration, the County would not be eligible for FEMA or IEMA reimbursement related to the COVID-19 crisis. Member Elsasser and Chairman Rand discussed that the Restore HOI plan is not part of the resolution. The resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 15 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Windish voting nay.

## **7. A Proclamation asserting an emergency exists in Peoria County due to recent civil unrest.**

Member Rosenbohm moved to approve the resolution and Member Watkins seconded. Mr. Sorrel identified that after the killing of George Floyd and the following civil unrest, Peoria County was named in a gubernatorial disaster declaration. He described that funds could become available from the state to help with costs incurred responding to violent protests and that the resolution allows for the County to request reimbursement. Chairman Rand and Mr. Sorrel discussed that the County has access to additional resource support through the state if it is needed.

Member Elsasser inquired about the ability to ask for additional funds for events occurring at a later time. Mr. Sorrel specified that the declarations would cover 30 days, and could only be extended if the need for the emergency exists, the governor extends the declaration, and the Board affirms a new County declaration. Member Dillon and Chairman Rand clarified that the resolution restarts the clock for eligibility under the state's declarations. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Rand asked all to keep in their thoughts County Clerk Rachael Parker for the loss of her son and the father of Peoria Public School Administrator Derrick Booth.

Sheriff Brian Asbell addressed the Board regarding public safety management during the COVID-19 pandemic and the civil unrest due to events in Minnesota. He detailed the response to the unrest and the necessary staffing. He reported that visitation at the jail has restarted and that the population is smaller, but that due to the health crisis, more staffing is needed because it is spread out. He noted that the office is working through furloughs, but that some have been pulled off to help with the increased need. He highlighted that the office has focused for years on relationships with the detained population and reentry and that it has benefited the office overall. He expressed



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that there is a lot of work to be done and he is ready to help fix the problems.

Member Elsasser inquired about COVID-19 cases at the jail, and Sheriff Asbell reported that to date, there have been no cases at the jail. He summarized the process for inmates and staff to limit exposure and possible spread and thanked the jail's healthcare and mental health staff for their work. Member Groves Allison thanked Sheriff Asbell and perceived that his work can be a good example for other communities. Sheriff Asbell noted that the office's mission is to help people.

Member Rieker emphasized that the County should rally around the mental health and reentry programs to help those coming out to have opportunities. He expressed that the Board sees the hard work by the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Asbell recognized the staff's families for their support during this time. Member Bryant informed that she has visited the jail and learned about all the programs offered. She commended Sheriff Asbell for providing innovative programs.

Member Dillon thanked Sheriff Asbell and his management team for their community engagement and presented examples of good engagement. He noted that the Sheriff is already undertaking the reforms that other communities are implementing.

Member Pastucha thanked Chairman Rand for the Proclamation for George Floyd and expressed that black lives matter to the County and her.

Chairman Rand announced that the meeting is Mr. Evans' last and introduced Jennie Cordis Boswell as the State's Attorney's Civil Division Chief. Ms. Cordis Boswell expressed that she looks forward to working with the Board and that she is happy to be on board. Mr. Evans identified that he will be doing felony work, and he thanked the Board.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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