

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, July 9, 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, Daley, Dillon, Duncan, Elsasser, Fennell, Groves Allison, Pastucha, Rand, Reliford, Reneau, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, and Williams, with Members Bryant and Windish absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of June 11, 2020 County Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of June 16, 2020 County Board Special Meeting Minutes

The approval of minutes was taken after the suspension of rules. For that item, please see below.

Member Bryant entered the meeting.

Member Elsasser moved for approval of the minutes, Member Blair seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

II. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Member Fennell moved to suspend the rules to allow for remote participation, to hold the meeting without the public's presence, and suspending the section for citizens to speak in person; Member Rosenbohm seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

III. CITIZENS' REMARKS

County Clerk Rachael Parker read the submitted public comment. See attached for the public comment.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)



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- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of May 2020 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of April 2020.
- C2.** The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency.
- C3.** A resolution (items 1-3 – 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 July 9, 2020 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.
- C4.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of Phase 2 Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program Grant Applications.
- C5.** An Ordinance from your Budget Committee authorizing the issuance by the County of Peoria Illinois, of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$43,000,000.00 for the purpose of refunding bonds issued to finance a new senior care facility, and related improvements, facilities and cost in Peoria County.
- C6.** A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an Online Dispute Resolution Grant from the American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00 and associated budget appropriation in Courts Administration in the amount of \$25,000.00 to reflect the grant award.
- C7.** A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of SFY21 Family Violence Coordinating Council Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in the amount of \$38,800.00 and associated budget appropriation in the amount of \$38,800.00 to reflect the grant award.
- C8.** A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the quotation received from of R.A. Cullinan & Son, Tremont, IL for Township Motor Fuel Tax deliver and install proposal for sealcoating and tilling Radnor Township roads.
- C9.** Chairman Appointments.

Member Rosenbohm moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Daley seconded. Member Elsasser asked to pull Item C5. The Consent Agenda, except for Item C5, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

C5. An Ordinance authorizing issuance of bonds to refund bonds issued to finance a new senior care facility, and related improvements, facilities and cost.

Member Williams moved to approve Item C5 and Member Fennell seconded. Mr. Sorrel detailed that the ordinance is the first step in refinancing the Heddington Oaks bonds and that it notifies the current bondholder about the intention to refinance. He noted the earliest the County could



issue the bonds would be in the fourth quarter.

Member Elsasser inquired about receiving a better interest rate, and Mr. Sorrel explained that there would be substantial savings in the rate and that the life of the bond would be extended to keep the annual payment within the \$0.06 tax levy. He identified that taking savings from the lower rate and maintaining the time frame would not be enough to keep the payment within the tax levy. Member Elsasser asked about the life of the current bond, and Mr. Sorrel discussed that the bond is in year 10 of 30 and that it is expected to be refinanced to near a 30-year bond. Member Elsasser asked about a difference in the rate with a longer-term, and Mr. Sorrel conveyed that the rate will be dependent upon the bond market at the time the bonds are issued. He emphasized that the Board would approve the refunding bond.

Member Pastucha asked about the reasoning to extend the term, and Mr. Sorrel reported that without the extension, the \$0.06 levy would not cover bond payments. Chairman Rand informed that bond counsel is retained to help assemble the proper documents that are then released to financial institutions. Mr. Sorrel detailed the bond counsel and financial advisors' relationship in the process. Chairman Rand discussed the rate differential for issuing taxable or non-taxable bonds, and Mr. Sorrel informed that in a worst-case scenario, a non-taxable bond is expected to be between 15 and 25 basis points better than taxable. Member Elsasser asked about the current bond type, and Mr. Sorrel conveyed that they are non-taxable. Chairman Rand brought up that there can be a difference in fees related to the bond type and suggested an examination of strategy on which to issue. Item C5 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 022-20-S, Petition of Peoria County. A Text Amendment to Chapter 20, Article 2, Section 2.2.6 ("Hearing Procedures"), Article 3, Section 3.5 ("Special Use Permits"), Article 7, Section 7.18 ("Cannabis Business Establishments"), and Article 11, Section 11.1 ("Definitions") of the Peoria County Code. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. The Land Use Committee concurs.

Member Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Member Reneau seconded. Member Dillon discussed that the changes are to clean up the ordinance relating to cannabis. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

2. Case #018-20-U, Petition of Debra S. Silzer. A Special Use as required in Section 20.5.2.2.1.a.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 25-acre minimum lot size nor the 1 dwelling unit per 25 contiguous acres density requirement in the A-2 Agricultural District. The petition proposes to divide an existing 23.06 acre parcel into 3 parcels of approximately 13.6 acres, 8.7 acres, and 1 acre. The parcel is located in Rosefield Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval with restriction. The Land Use Committee concurs.

Member Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and Member Elsasser seconded. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

3. Case W04-20, Petition of Debra Silzer. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of a waiver of compliance from Section 20-8.3.4.1.b.2.a of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section requires a new minor subdivision to have public water supply. The petitioner proposes to create a 3-lot subdivision with lots served by private well. The parcel is located in Rosefield Township.



Member Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Member Pastucha seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

4. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Assistant State's Attorney, Jennie Cordis Boswell, explained that the rules must be suspended to take the following item because it did not come through committee before coming to the full Board. Member Fennell moved to suspend the rules and Member Williams seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

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

Member Blair moved to approve the resolution and Member Bryant seconded. Mr. Sorrel detailed the disaster proclamation and that the need for the declaration persists. Member Elsasser and Chairman Rand clarified that the proclamation covers the expenses incurred due to the response to the pandemic, that it lasts for 30 days, and that there is no timetable for when the public will be able to attend meetings. Member Rosenbohm inquired about the length of time that the disaster proclamations will need to be extended, and Chairman Rand discussed that the response and spread are ongoing and that precautions will last for a while. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Rand congratulated Member Reliford. He also highlighted the inclusion of Member Watkins and his wife Jackie as 2020 Local Legends in the IBI magazine.

Member Duncan recognized Member Watkins and noted that she learned some history from the article.

Member Dillon noted that Member Watkins is a quiet legend and that everyone knows him and his wife. He expressed that Peoria is better for having Member Watkins and Jackie. He summarized that the Veterans Memorial brick engraving is complete and thanked the engraver for his work in the heat.

County Clerk Parker thanked the Board Members for their acts of kindness for her son.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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



The following public comment was submitted. Redaction has been made for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

DATE: July 9, 2020

TO: Peoria County Board

RE: Citizen Remarks

FROM: Elizabeth Cashman

Dear Members,

Once again, I speak to you regarding your decision to relocate Heddington Oaks residents during this unprecedented pandemic. Your emotional hesitancy was appreciated but in no way excuses the closure that was implemented. In retrospect, I find it even more baffling than while we were going through the ordeal. At the time, I was just concerned with my mother's well-being. Now I see the impact on all the residents and the community.

It *seems* inconceivable that the Illinois Department of Public Health would authorize the release of these patients before the lockdown was lifted. Even some facilities I contacted would not allow a move at that time. You may write me off as a grieving daughter (I am) but I trusted my elected officials to act in our best interests with such a monumental arrangement. This is not personal; this is about public policy and the credibility of government standards and protocol.

The reason Heddington Oaks was forced to close at such a time needs to be explained to the public.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cashman

