

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



Andrew A. Rand - Chairperson
Mike Deluhery - Chief Deputy Clerk

Robert Reneau, District 10
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 11, 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 Dillon, Elsasser, Fennell, Parker, Pastucha, Rand, Reliford, Reneau, Rieker, Robinson, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, and Williams, with Members Allison and Windish absent.

Chairman Rand announced that the Consent Agenda and the proclamations and presentations would be taken before the minutes. For those items, please see below.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of June 13, 2019 County Board Meeting Minutes

Member Rosenbohm moved for approval of the minutes, Member Robinson seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A proclamation recognizing Allen Mayer for 15 years of service as a County Board Member of District 6
- A proclamation recognizing the 100th anniversary of the national Easterseals organization
- A presentation by the Economic Development Council

Tory Dahlhoff, Director of Communications and Outreach and Rural Development Coordinator, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, addressed the Board regarding rural development. He presented the work that the EDC does and what can be done to diversify, lead, and innovate with technology in agriculture. He described that farming has a changing cohort, and the EDC is promoting the region for producers and processors. He brought up that the EDC is encouraging food access and businesses that provide fresh foods with various partners. He noted that there could be uses of TIFs and other forms of funding rather than reliance on grants to promote food production. He informed about plans to have an agriculture innovation hub in downtown Peoria.

Member Pastucha mentioned that farmers have had to decide to either upgrade facilities or get



out of the family business, and it is good to have someone else do the research work. Mr. Dahlhoff noted that the EDC has reached out to organizations that have the expertise. Member Parker asked about the relationship the EDC has with the Health Department and Mr. Dahlhoff reported that it works with them regarding food access. Member Elsasser highlighted that agriculture is changing due to changes in pricing and that some farmers are selling directly to consumers to expand their market. Member Watkins confirmed with Mr. Dahlhoff that the innovation hub will be located in the previous ICC building downtown and discussed opportunities stemming from innovation in other counties. Member Blair asked about the EDC developing relationships with the Ag Lab and Mr. Dahlhoff identified that the Ag Lab has an interest in keeping the commercialization of technology in the country. Member Pastucha mentioned that the U of I Extension collaborates with the EDC. Chairman Rand brought up that a lot of what is produced in Illinois is processed somewhere else and that there is a great deal of economic value in farming.

III. CITIZENS' REMARKS

Rachael O'Reilly, Alexis Camry Scott Campaign, addressed the Board with regard to human and sex trafficking. She explained that women are lured into trafficking by unfulfilled promises and presented the details of the Alexis Camry Scott case. She discussed that there are individuals at-large that may be involved with her disappearance and more could be done. She asked the Board for any help it can provide in human and sex trafficking and the case.

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

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of May 2019 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of April 2019.
- C2.** The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency.
- C3.** A resolution (item 1 conveyance; items 2 – 3 reconveyances) from the Ways and Means Committee recommending that the County Board Chairman be authorized and directed to execute deeds 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 11, 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 appropriation of a 2.4% cost of living increase in the Peoria County State's Attorney's salary per Illinois Senate Bill, effective July 1, 2019, in the amount of \$174,255.29 annually.
- C5.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of an employee health plan self-funded package, with five year contracts with Unity Point-Methodist for Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) services, MedTrak for Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) services, and Consociate Dansig for Third Party Administrator (TPA) services.
- C6.** A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the low base bid of Ludy's Cleaning Service, Peoria, IL, for janitorial services, in the amount



of \$1,110,680.00, for an initial 2-year term and (2) two-year options, for a 6-year total of \$1,110,680.00.

C7. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a joint agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the use of Graham Chapel Road and Wiley Road as a detour.

C8. Approval of Bond for Elizabeth A. Crider, Regional Superintendent of Schools.

C9. Chairman Appointments.

Member Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Elsasser seconded. Member Fennell asked to pull Item C9, Member Rosenbohm asked to pull Item C4, and Member Reliford asked to pull Item C5. The Consent Agenda except for Items C4, C5, and C9 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

C4. A resolution recommending approval of an increase in the State's Attorney's salary.

Member Rosenbohm moved to defer the item for one month and Member Parker seconded. The motion to defer for one month passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

C5. A resolution recommending approval of an employee health plan self-funded package.

Member Elsasser moved to approve Item C5 and Member Salzer Seconded. Member Reliford explained that she will abstain due to her employment by OSF. Member Parker requested a summary of the resolution and information on employee notification. Mr. Sorrel detailed that it awards contracts to vendors for a five-year period and that there will be an outreach to employees. Member Elsasser asked if the bids were open and Mr. Sorrel described that due to proprietary and employee claims data, the bids are not open. Item C5 was approved by a roll call vote of 13 ayes and 1 abstention, with Member Reliford abstaining.

C9. Chairman Appointments – Appointment of Eden Blair to County Board District 6

Member Fennell moved to approve Item C9 and Member Parker seconded. Member Fennell and Chairman Rand discussed that the committee appointments are to be changed to the Public Safety and Justice Committee and the Infrastructure Committee. Member Fennell expressed that Dr. Eden Blair will bring a lot to the Board and he looks forward to working with her. Member Dillon welcomed Dr. Blair and discussed that the Board is a rewarding opportunity and she will be a valuable asset to the Board. Chairman Rand remarked that the resume of Dr. Blair is impressive, she is a transplant to Peoria, her discipline is an interesting, new science, and she fills an important gap on the Board. He highlighted that her appointment is a bright moment for the Board. Item C9 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 14 ayes.

Mike Deluhery, Chief Deputy of the County Clerk's Office, administered the oath to Dr. Eden S. Blair.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

- 1.** A joint resolution from your Budget Committee and your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an additional appropriation to the FY 2019 Emergency Telephone System



Board capital budget in the amount of \$775,027.00 for Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) improvements and updates, and receipt of a NG9-1-1 Grant Award in the amount of \$460,551.00.

Member Rosenbohm moved to approve the resolution and Member Elsasser seconded. Mr. Sorrel reported that the ETSB has received a grant to update the PSAPs. He informed that the expense was budgeted, the grant will cover a greater amount than what was anticipated, and ETSB fund reserves will cover the remainder. Chairman Rand explained the ETSB fund and revenue structure, the use of fund balance for planned expenditures, and the need for the updates to the PSAPs. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

2. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of plan design changes to the Peoria County Employee Health Plan.

Member Parker moved to approve the resolution and Member Pastucha seconded. Member Parker requested that the employees be notified about the changes. Member Elsasser asked about the changes to the plan affecting the competitiveness for potential candidates and retention of employees and about the plan costs against similarly sized organizations. Mr. Sorrel conveyed that although it is difficult to forecast, the plan is in the median of similar sized localities and organizations and should maintain competitiveness. He discussed that the current plan is not financially sustainable and detailed the full benefits package available to employees; including two new plan benefits. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 ayes.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Robinson expressed his condolences to the Adamson, Brady, and Sonnemaker families and reported that the gala project is ongoing with a forthcoming date.

Members Reneau, Pastucha, Rosenbohm, Parker, and Fennell welcomed Member Blair to the Board, expressing their interest in working with her, they brought up that they will greatly miss Allen Mayer on the Board, and noted the additions he made to the Board.

Member Dillon emphasized that serving on the Board builds friendships and thanked Mr. Mayer for his friendship; he expressed that Mr. Mayer made the community better.

Member Salzer remarked that Peoria is losing a great family in the Mayers and that Steve Sonnemaker and Jerry Brady were ethical, wonderful people. He conveyed that he knew both for nearly 50 years, Mr. Brady from the Central pool and Mr. Sonnemaker from working together in the Auditor's office. He brought up that Mr. Sonnemaker would never turn away anyone that wanted to speak with him and he would follow the laws absolutely.

Member Elsasser conveyed that he will miss Mr. Sonnemaker and the Mayer family, and welcomed Member Blair to the Board.

Member Watkins wished good luck to Mr. Mayer.

Member Williams announced that July 12th is Member Salzer's birthday.

Chairman Rand expressed that the Mayer family has been involved in many things, their children make them very proud, and they will be missed. He noted that the timeline to fill the vacancies in



positions will be moved to July 26th and informed about the application process.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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