PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 8, 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 Allison, Blair, Dillon, Elsasser, Fennell, Parker, Pastucha, Rand, Reliford, Reneau, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, Williams, and Windish, with Member Robinson absent.

I. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT 11 COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

Member Reliford moved to approve the appointment of Linda Daley to District 11 County Board Member and Member Fennell seconded. Member Pastucha detailed that she has gotten to know Ms. Daley as a member of the Springdale Cemetery board, and she will be a great asset to the Board. Members Rieker, Reliford, and Rosenbohm noted Ms. Daley’s experience in government and expressed that they are looking forward to her joining the Board. Member Parker noted that she has enjoyed her time on the Board and that Ms. Daley will as well. Member Fennell detailed that Ms. Daley is organized and will be an asset to the Board. Member Dillon summarized that Ms. Daley has given back to the community, she has great knowledge of constituent services, and he looks forward to working with her. Members Salzer and Elsasser conveyed that Ms. Daley has helped them with problems in the past and she is very efficient. Member Watkins highlighted that Ms. Daley has always been straight up. Chairman Rand informed that Ms. Daley is talented in accessing the right folks in Springfield to solve citizen or business-related problems. The appointment was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes.

Mike Deluhery, Chief Deputy of the County Clerk’s Office, administered the oath to Ms. Daley. Member Daley expressed that the circumstances of her appointment are sad, but she is grateful for the opportunity to serve. She reported that she has experience at all levels of government and that the Board is high performing and functioning government. She thanked Chairman Rand, Republican Party Chairman Stephen Morris, and State Senator Ryan Spain for the flexibility in her job to serve on the Board. She conveyed that she looks forward to working with the Board.

II. APPOINTMENT OF PEORIA COUNTY CLERK

Member Williams moved to approve the appointment of Member Parker as County Clerk and
Member Allison seconded. Dr. Blair described that she has gotten to know Member Parker while serving on the National Association of Women Business Owners and she supports Member Parker’s appointment. Member Pastucha noted that she will be sad to see Member Parker leaving the Board and that she has full faith in Member Parker’s ability. Member Rosenbohm explained that he will vote no because his constituents voted for him to do the right thing. Member Fennell detailed that Member Parker has been a good friend and he will support whomever the Board chooses. He believed that the nominating committee was given the groomed replacement as the top candidate, but it could not do its part. He remarked that the best candidate for the job should be hired, he will vote no because the best choice is not presented, and that outside pressure should not sway votes. Member Dillon thanked Member Williams and Chairman Rand for their work and discussed that he is excited for the opportunity for Member Parker, that she has done a great job for her constituents, and that she is a dear friend. Member Elsasser conveyed that her words have weight when she speaks, and he suggested that she learn and potentially run for the position. Member Watkins summarized that he will vote for Member Parker. Chairman Rand congratulated Member Parker and explained that there was not a consensus for the candidates. He believed that because two of the applicants are present employees of the government, the smartest thing to do is to seek a person that can shepherd the office. He thanked her for bailing the Board out of a non-traditional situation. The appointment was approved by a roll call vote of 14 ayes, 2 nays, and 1 abstention, with Members Fennell and Rosenbohm voting nay and Member Parker abstaining.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of July 11, 2019 County Board Meeting Minutes

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

IV. **CITIZENS’ REMARKS**

John Martin addressed the Board regarding radio towers in agricultural preservation districts. He presented that his family lives across the street from a property with dozens of radio towers for amateur radio contests. He described that some towers are close enough to a neighbor that it could fall onto a building. He explained that neighbors voiced their concerns to the Township, but the property owner hired a lawyer to defend the use, and the State’s Attorney at the time chose not to pursue any action. He asserted that the neighbors were told that there would be no further towers on the property, but the owner claims that the State’s Attorney gave an opinion that states the owner may build as they choose. He expressed that the agricultural preservation district is intended to maintain agricultural land and productive farms and that it is not used for this purpose. He highlighted that his property value has decreased by 20% since 2010 and that the radio signals are affecting electronics and health devices in his family. He informed that the owner has purchased additional land and plans to expand. He asked that the Board, State’s Attorney, and Planning and Zoning Department maintain the letter and the spirit of the rural agricultural communities.

Chairman Rand asked about a zoning case, and Mr. Sorrel reported that the Planning and Zoning Department is aware and is working with the State’s Attorney’s Office regarding the legal course to take.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)**
C1. The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of June 2019 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of May 2019.


C3. A resolution (item 1 conveyance) 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 August 8, 2019 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 the establishment of minority and women business enterprise utilization goals for public work projects.

C5. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Dedicated Policing Services between Peoria County, the Peoria County Sheriff and Pleasant Valley School District #62, for the period August 19, 2019 through May 27, 2023.

C6. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Dedicated Policing Services between Peoria County, Peoria County Sheriff, the Board of Education of Princeville Community Unit School District #326, and the Village of Princeville, for the period August 14, 2019 through May 24, 2023.

C7. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of $87,275.00 into the FY 2019 Sheriff’s Office budget for revenues and expenses for Dedicated Policing Services for Pleasant Valley School District #62, Princeville Community Unit School District #326, and the Village of Princeville.

C8. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of $5,000.00 into the FY 2019 Law Library Fund to meet unbudgeted expenses related to the Prairie State Legal Services contract.

C9. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of the annual salary of the Peoria County Public Defender in the amount of $156,370.29, effective July 1, 2019.

C10. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Schaefer & Son Excavating, Chillicothe, IL, in the amount of $3,100.00 for the demolition of the unsafe structure located at 3204 W. Augustana Avenue in Peoria, Illinois.

C11. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Jimax Group, Peoria, IL, in the amount of $7,495.90 for the demolition of the unsafe structure located at 525 S. Kickapoo Creek Road in Peoria,
C12. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Peoria and the City of West Peoria for administration of the City of West Peoria’s Floodplain Ordinance.

C13. A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of a declaration of intent to create a “Property Assessed Clean Energy” (PACE) Program for Peoria County.

C14. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the most responsive bid of United States Preventative Medicine, Jacksonville, FL, for Wellness Services.

C15. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the FY 2020 Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) Annual Agreement and Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.

C16. Chairman Appointments.

Member Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Salzer seconded. Member Williams asked to pull Item C4, Member Fennell asked to pull Item C16, and Member Elsasser asked to pull item C14. The Consent Agenda, except for Items C4, C14, and C16, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

C4. A resolution recommending the establishment of minority and women business enterprise utilization goals for public work projects.

Member Williams moved to approve Item C4 and Member Rieker seconded. Mr. Sorrel detailed that the Capital Bill that was signed requires minority and women-owned enterprises be included to be eligible for funding under the program. He noted that the resolution establishes minimum goals for a future policy. Item C4 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

C14. A resolution recommending approval of the most responsive bid for Wellness Services.

Member Elsasser moved to approve Item C14 and Member Rosenbohm seconded. Member Elsasser conveyed that he will be voting no to raise attention to local vendors to provide the service rather than spending the money outside of the County. Mr. Sorrel described that there was one local response, but through an exhaustive process, the recommended vendor is the most qualified response. Item C14 was approved by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Elsasser voting nay.

C16. Chairman Appointments.

Member Fennell moved to approve Item C16 and Member Pastucha seconded. Member Fennell presented the history of the Chillicothe Community Fire Protection District and explained that it is now a single taxing body serving the City of Chillicothe and the rural areas. Member Elsasser thanked Member Fennell for his work on the project and highlighted that everyone will be well protected. Item C16 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.
VI. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case 026-19-U, Petition of Allison Hahn. A Special Use request from Section 20-6.2.1.1.b of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 40-acre minimum lot size in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to divide 1 acre from an existing 5.002 acre parcel in order to construct a single-family dwelling. The parcel is located in Brimfield Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommending approval. The Land Use Committee concurs.

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

2. Case 032-19-U, Petition of Anita and Justin Davis. A Special Use request from Section 20-6.2.1.1.b of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use when a proposed land split does not meet the 40-acre minimum lot size in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The petitioners propose to divide 6.82 acres from an existing 60.00 acre parcel in order to divide an existing single-family dwelling from the farmland. The parcel is located in Logan Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval. The Land Use Committee concurs.

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

3. Case W03-19, Petition of Allison Hahn. 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 is proposing to serve a 2-lot subdivision with private well. The parcel is located in Brimfield Township.

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

4. Case W04-19, Petition of Brenda Matthews. 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 is proposing to serve a 1-lot subdivision with private well. The parcel is located in Radnor Township.

Member Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Member Pastucha seconded. Member Elsasser mentioned that the Unified Development Ordinance created a way to get water to those that live in the country and that it is a viable, feasible, and protective solution. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

5. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a 2.1% increase in the Peoria County State’s Attorney’s salary, effective July 1, 2019, for the FY 2020 salary of $173,744.77. (Deferred from July 11, 2019 County Board Meeting)

Member Rosenbohm moved to approve the resolution and Member Fennell seconded. Member Rosenbohm identified that the resolution was deferred to get a clarification on the percentage increase from the State. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.
6. Executive Session – Pending Litigation

Chairman Rand announced that there is no need for Executive Session.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Blair thanked the Board for a warm welcome, providing great information, and said she looks forward to serving her constituents.

Member Allison invited all to attend a town-hall meeting with Senator Dave Koehler August 19th at the Operator's Hall on Plank Road.

Member Rieker welcomed Member Daley and expressed that he will miss Member Parker because he knew right away that her word is something he could trust. He brought up that he is proud to serve in an organization has given the last five appointments to women.

Member Williams thanked the Board for their work on the appointments and noted that it works very well together. Member Pastucha and Member Rosenbohm thanked Chairman Rand for his hard work and Member Rosenbohm remarked that the Board works well together.

Member Parker discussed that the experience of the appointment is one she thought she would never have and that she appreciates it. She detailed that she will do the best job that she can, and she hopes the folks in the office will rally around her to keep it the way that it has been going.

Member Fennell explained that he will miss Member Parker and that he appreciates what she has contributed to the Board.

Member Dillon highlighted the talent in Peoria County, pointing out that ten members will be serving their first term. He emphasized that he is proud of the candidates for the positions and the future for the County.

Member Elsasser reported that Member Parker makes the best cakes in the area and that previous Board member Bob Baietto’s wife passed away recently.

Chairman Rand congratulated all that were named to positions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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