

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, September 10, 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, Reneau, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, and Williams, with Member Windish absent.

I. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Member Blair moved to suspend the rules to allow for remote participation, to hold the meeting without the public's presence, and to suspend the section for citizens to speak in person; Member Fennell seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of August 13, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of August 21, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes

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

III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A proclamation recognizing September as National Preparedness Month

IV. CITIZENS' REMARKS

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



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

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of July 2020 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of June 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 easements; items 4, 5, 16, 18, 21-23 conveyances; items 6-15, 17, 19 surrenders; item 20 reconveyance; item 24 defaulted conveyance) 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 September 10, 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 Vehicle Agreement between the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and Peoria County for the provision of a 2020 Lenco Bearcat.
- C5.** A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Sheriff's Office budget for overtime expenses related to ILEAS (Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System) training.
- C6.** A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of River City Demolition, Peoria, IL, for demolition and asbestos remediation services for property located at 10228 W. Powdermill Road, Edwards, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$10,800.00.
- C7.** A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval to refund the Raffle License application fee for up to one year from the date of the original issue date, if event did not take place due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- C8.** A resolution from your Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of a Program Development and Administrative Services Agreement with The Illinois Energy Conservation Authority, NFP, Oak Brook, IL, to develop Peoria County's commercial PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program.
- C9.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval to allow service credit in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to members placed on authorized leave of absence without pay, not to exceed twelve (12) months.
- C10.** A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a supplemental appropriation from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 for construction of the Alpha Park Library Wall.
- C11.** Chairman Appointments.

Member Blair moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Groves Allison seconded.



Member Pastucha asked to pull Item C8. The Consent Agenda, except for Item C8, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

C8. A resolution recommending approval of an Agreement to develop Peoria County's commercial PACE Program.

Member Pastucha moved to approve Item C8 and Member Fennell seconded. Member Pastucha inquired about the interest of the vendors as the proposals were submitted in January. Sustainability and Resource Conservation Director Karen Raithel explained that due to the pandemic, collaboration has been difficult in selecting a vendor, but both are still active. Member Elsasser asked about the potential cost to the County, and Ms. Raithel described that the vendor makes its share as an administration fee in a loan.

Member Pastucha brought up that the administrative fee could be a barrier for the use of the program and suggested the use of Keystone funds to reduce the cost. Mr. Sorrel informed that the Board could monitor the program and make a policy decision if a barrier exists. Member Rieker noted that the administration fee would be charged to a property owner, but that there will be a burden to the County in the form of adding a Special Assessment. He reported that the terms are not final and that the Treasurer has been part of the conversation.

Member Elsasser asked about how the program would be used, and Mr. Sorrel detailed that a property owner can use the program for energy efficiency projects and pay back the cost through property taxes over time. He highlighted that there is no cap for a project other than the value of the property. Item C8 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

VI. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Chairman Rand 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 Watkins moved to suspend the rules and Member Salzer seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

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

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

VII. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Salzer inquired about employees working from home, and Mr. Sorrel reported that there is not a substantial number. He identified that those working from home are doing so for childcare or contact quarantine.

Member Reneau announced that Representative Gordon Booth is hosting a Census gathering at Martin Luther King Jr. Park Saturday, September 12th, from 9 am to 3 pm. He thanked County Engineer Amy McLaren for the repair work performed on several roads within the



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Member Pastucha expressed condolences for the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. She said that thoughts and prayers are with them.

Chairman Rand discussed the September 11th anniversary. He thanked the first responders and the leaders of organizations. He detailed that all leaders should work for peace so that it does not occur again.

VIII. 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: September 10, 2020

TO: Peoria County Board

RE: Citizen Remarks

FROM: Elizabeth Cashman

Dear Members,

I realized I have not thanked you in my previous letters for your service. It seems disingenuous of me to bombard you with concerns on one topic without commending your commitment to your honored positions.

I finally accepted that it is unrealistic of me to expect you to answer why you voted to close Heddington Oaks. That is unfair of me. After reviewing the past years of County Board minutes, I am able to gather that you knew you were going to take such action for a long time and did not formally address the topic *or* you decided quickly when you realized that you could not financially sustain the facility. Either way, all our lives were affected.

Even though I have accepted this fact, while listening to the Peoria City Council wrestling with the closure of fire stations, I considered their concern about the possibility of the loss of life because of the increased response time. Yet, we were notified of moving our family members within one month of their transition to a new home during a pandemic. These are not definitive numbers but of the total number of residents (150+?) transferred to other facilities, approximately fifty have passed away since May. This is a loss of life.

Thank you again for your time,

[REDACTED]

Elizabeth Cashman

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