

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, January 14, 2021
6:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL BY THE COUNTY CLERK**

County Clerk Rachael Parker took attendance via teleconference. The following members of the Board were present: Members Blair, Bryant, Daley, Dillon, Duncan, Elsasser, Groves Allison, Fennell, Pastucha, Rand, Reliford, Reneau, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, Williams, and Windish.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of December 10, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of December 16, 2020 Special County Board Meeting Minutes

Member Salzer moved for approval of the minutes, Member Rosenbohm seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

II. CITIZENS' REMARKS

There were no citizens' remarks submitted.

III. CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)

- C1.** The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD's Portfolio for the month of November 2020 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of October 2020.
- C2.** The Auditor's report of expenditures from Accounts Payable system is accessible at www.peoriacounty.org/auditor/transparency.
- C3.** A resolution from your Finance, Audit, and Legislative Affairs Committee recommending approval of FY 2021 Legislative Initiatives.
- C4.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending settlement authority in an amount not to exceed \$74,000.00 be approved to settle Worker's Compensation Case No. 010015-006163-WC-01.



- C5.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Peoria County, Peoria City/County Health Department and AFSCME Council 31 Local #3586.
- C6.** A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Peoria County and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) – Lieutenants.
- C7.** A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of an Agreement of Understanding for Maintenance and Construction with the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- C8.** A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Plocher Construction, Highland, IL, in the amount of \$1, 459,000.01 for the replacement of Structure Number 072-3095 on Kickapoo Creek Road.
- C9.** A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Construction Engineering Agreement with Millennia Professional Services for the replacement of Structure Number 072-3095 on Kickapoo Creek Road, at a cost not to exceed \$181,500.00.

C10. Chairman Appointments

Member Daley moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Salzer seconded. Member Elsasser asked to pull Item C3. The Consent Agenda, except for Item C3, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

C3. A resolution recommending approval of FY 2021 Legislative Initiatives.

Member Elsasser moved to approve Item C3 and Member Duncan seconded. Member Elsasser informed that the legislature is considering a bill that would ban police officers from serving in schools. He contended that removing officers would risk the safety of students and teachers. Mr. Sorrel informed that the bill had not made it out of committee and may have been pulled. Member Elsasser moved to amend the legislative initiatives to include that the Board opposes the provision. The motion was not seconded.

Chairman Rand detailed that a resolution from the Board covering the whole bill would be more appropriate and could be done later, and Member Elsasser agreed. Sheriff Brian Asbell reported that the legislature has pulled the bill related to school resource officers. Item C3 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

IV. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

- 1.** A resolution from your Executive Committee recommending approval of Intergovernmental Agreement and Designating Ordinance Amendment #7 for Peoria Urban Enterprise Zone.

Member Blair moved to approve the resolution and Member Fennell seconded. Member Williams explained that she would vote no due to the prevailing wage threshold. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 17 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Williams voting nay.



2. A resolution (items 1-5 conveyances; item 6 surrender; item 7 defaulted reconveyance) 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 January 14, 2021 and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void. *(Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C)*

Member Rieker moved to approve the resolution and Member Duncan seconded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

3. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval to execute the first Amendment to two existing Ground Lease Agreements between Peoria County and Trajectory Energy, LLC for a Community Solar Project on a portion of the County Farm property. *(Poll Vote per Rules of Order, Article V, Section 18C)*.

Member Williams moved to approve the resolution and Member Salzer seconded. Member Salzer detailed the original agreement with Trajectory and noted that the 5-year extension would increase the lease payment to \$2,000 a year. He conveyed that if the company is not awarded the project, the farmer will continue using it. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

4. A resolution from your Finance, Audit, and Legislative Affairs Committee recommending approval of a contract award for Property Brokerage and Consulting Services for the Sale or Transfer of Heddington Oaks. *(Pending Committee Approval)*

Member Fennell moved to approve the resolution and Member Blair seconded. Mr. Sorrel described the processes of selecting a broker and the future service contract to be negotiated. Member Elsasser inquired about a potential commission for a sale, and Mr. Sorrel noted that both firms responded. The resolution passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

5. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of the extension of Emergency Paid Sick Leave and Expanded FMLA for COVID-19 related absences through March 31, 2021. *(Pending Committee Approval)*

Member Reneau moved to approve the resolution and Member Duncan seconded. The resolution was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 18 ayes.

6. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Assistant State's Attorney Jennie Cordis Boswell explained that the declaration must be reapproved each month to receive repayment because the governor continues to renew the State's proclamation. Member Pastucha moved to suspend the rules to consider the following item that did not come through committee and Member Watkins seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 17 ayes and 1 nay with Member Windish voting nay.

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

Member Pastucha moved to approve the resolution and Member Daley seconded. The



resolution passed by a roll call vote of 17 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Windish voting nay.

V. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Pastucha welcomed Member Windish back and shared her excitement to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Sheriff Asbell thanked all for the support through the passing of the State's police reform bill and expressed a commitment to serving the community.

Member Daley discussed her interest in helping with Medicare applications from Heddington Oaks.

Member Reneau stressed that all should be done to collect Heddington Oaks outstanding debts, and Chairman Rand outlined actions to get Member Daley the information needed. He recognized Member Daley for her help in the past regarding Medicare payments.

Member Williams acknowledged Member Daley's expertise and highlighted the need for repayment.

Chairman Rand mentioned that the positivity rate has been declining and that there is an option to reopen the Courthouse. Public Health Administrator Monica Hendrickson explained that the region is heading to Tier 2 and brought up that the use of Heddington Oaks has allowed for an average of 250 vaccinations a day.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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