PEORIA COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 10, 2022
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, Reneau, Rieker, Rosenbohm, Salzer, Watkins, Williams, and Windish, with Member Reliford absent.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   • Approval of October 13, 2022 County Board Meeting Minutes

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
   • A proclamation recognizing Brimfield Grade School Softball Team on their 2021 and 2022 IESA Class 1A State Championships
   • A proclamation recognizing Aaron Broomfield for his winning Peoria County Flag design
   • A proclamation recognizing November 26, 2022 as Small Business Saturday
   • Proclamations for outgoing County Board Members

III. CITIZENS’ REMARKS

Stephen Morris addressed the Board with regard to Item C9. Mr. Morris congratulated the Board on moving forward with the initiative. He complimented Dr. Justin Brown, stating that his veterinary skills are only outmatched by his compassion for animals. He expressed that the Board members have made this board one of the finest public bodies in the State and that they should be proud. He congratulated the new members and thanked the members who were leaving for their service. He specifically recognized Members Fennell and Rand.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (including reports to be filed)
   C1. The Treasurer report consisting of the Bank and CD’s Portfolio for the month of
September 2022 and Revenue & Expenditure Reports for the month of August 2022.


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 November 10, 2022, and any transaction between the parties involved not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

C4. A resolution from the Executive Committee recommending adoption of the flag design submitted by Aaron Broomfield as the official flag of Peoria County.

C5. A resolution from your Public Safety and Justice Committee recommending approval of a Police Service Agreement between Peoria County and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for the period December 1, 2022 through and until December 1, 2024.

C6. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of the transfer of ownership for property commonly referred to as 17520 N. River Lane, Chillicothe, IL, 61523 from the County of Peoria to Chillicothe Township.

C7. A resolution from your Land Use Committee recommending approval of the transfer of ownership for property commonly referred to as 14449 N. River Beach Drive, Chillicothe, IL, 61523, from the County of Peoria to The Chillicothe Park District.

C8. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of a one (1) year contract extension with the Peoria County Veterinary Medical Association for veterinary services and to serve as the Deputy Administrator for PCAPS.

C9. A resolution from your County Operations Committee recommending approval of a three (3) year contract, with the option for two additional one (1) year terms, with Dr. Justin Brown and Brown Animal Hospital to provide veterinary services and Deputy Administrator responsibilities for PCAPS.

C10. A resolution from your County Health Committee recommending approval of amendments to Chapter 10, Food Safety Ordinance, of the Peoria County Code, effective January 1, 2023.

C11. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the replacement of the Gordon Piatt burner on the Kewanee steam boiler at the Peoria County Courthouse by Ruyle Mechanical Services, via the Ameren Public Sector Natural Gas Incentive.

C12. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of the lowest responsible bid of Stark Excavating, Inc., Bloomington, IL, in the amount of $739,762.93 for replacement of Bridge Structure Number 072-4804 on Dickison
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C13. A resolution from your Infrastructure Committee recommending approval of a Joint Funding Agreement for State-Let Construction Work with the Illinois Department of Transportation for reconstruction of Old Galena Road.

C14. Chairman Appointments.

Member Blair moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Member Duncan seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

V. ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Case #ZBA-2022-040, Petition of EDPRNA DG Illinois Development, LLC. A Special Use request from Section 20-5.2.2.2.h of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use in the “A-2” Agriculture Zoning District for a Solar Energy Generation Facility, provided that the conditions in Section 7.17 (“Ground Mounted Solar Energy Equipment”), of these regulations are met. The parcel is located in Medina Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval with restrictions. The Land Use Committee concurs.

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

2. Case #ZBA-2022-042, Petition of Lisa Rogers. A Special use request from Section 20-5.2.1.1.c which allows for Overnight Accommodations, provided that they meet the requirements set forth in Section 7.8 (Overnight Accommodations) and provided that no more than 5 rooms or suites of rooms are rented, and rooms are not rented for a period of more than 14 days. The petitioner proposes to provide overnight accommodations on a short-term rental basis in the “R-2” Medium Density Residential Zoning District. The parcel is located in Medina Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval with restrictions. The Land Use Committee concurs.

Member Dillon moved to approve the ordinance and Member Williams seconded. Member Dillon reported there were no objectors or proponents for the request. The ordinance passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

3. Case #ZBA-2022-044, Petition of Ryan McIntyre. A Special Use as required in Section 20-5.2.2.1.e of the Unified Development Ordinance. This section allows for a special use for a mobile home in the “A-2” Agriculture Zoning District, when all towing apparatus, wheels, tongue, and hitch are permanently removed, and the structure is attached to a permanent foundation and assessed as real property. The petitioner requests a special use to install a mobile home on a 2.178-acre tract of land in the “A-2” Agricultural District. The parcel is located in Rosefield Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval with restrictions. 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.

4. A resolution from your Rules Committee recommending approval of amendments to the 2021-2022 Peoria County Board Rules of Order. (Pending Committee Approval)
Member Dillon moved to approve the resolution and Member Williams seconded. Member Dillon explained that a rule needed to be amended because the Chair and Vice-Chair were both stepping off the Board. He summarized the amendment, stating that an appointment would be made for someone to start the next meeting. He mentioned that he asked for other suggestions, but none were made. He stated that the new board would still need to adopt the new rules.

Member Fennell noted that during a prior discussion, he suggested leaving the language that allows the Vice-Chair to start the meeting if they were still a member of the Board. He stressed that he would vote no because that language was not included. Member Rieker observed that the new Board could still amend the rules after reviewing them. Chairman Rand commented that adjustments are often made accordingly after review. Member Dillon clarified that the rules currently allow for public comment during committee meetings with the committee chair’s approval. Member Elsasser confirmed that committee chairpersons have always allowed public comments during the meetings he has attended. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Fennell voting nay.

5. Appointment of Jennifer Groves Allison as Peoria County Board Presiding Officer.

Member Williams moved to approve the appointment and Member Reneau seconded. The appointment was approved by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 1 abstention, with Member Groves Allison abstaining.

6. SUSPENSION OF RULES

Member Fennell moved to suspend the rules and Member Pastucha seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 16 ayes and 1 nay, with Member Windish voting nay.


Member Watkins moved to approve the resolution and Member Blair seconded. The resolution passed by a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 3 nays, with Members Elsasser, Rosenbohm, and Windish voting nay.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Pastucha thanked the Board and wished them a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Member Reneau recognized Gretchen Pearsall, Director of Strategic Communications, for her work on the Peoria County Flag Design Contest. He thanked Ms. Pearsall and Chairman Rand for respecting his son during the process.

Member Blair mentioned that Travis Rosbach, the founder of Hydro Flask, was the distinguished speaker for the Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation. She said Mr. Rosbach was excited about the things happening in the entrepreneurial community in Peoria County.

Member Groves Allison thanked the retiring Board members for everything they’ve taught her over the years.
Member Fennell emphasized that he had a great time serving on the Board and is proud of the Board, administrative staff, and elected officials.

Member Dillon remarked that it is an honor to sit on the Board with everyone. He commented that one of the most rewarding things about serving on the Board is the friendships you make. He conveyed that the retiring members made a positive impact no matter how many years they may have served on the Board.

Member Elsasser wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

Member Salzer observed that as a member of the infrastructure committee, Member Pastucha was always prepared and asked good questions. He discussed that he was apprehensive at first about Member Fennell coming on the Board, but after getting to know him, he found him to be knowledgeable and fair. He commented that Chairman Rand helped clarify financial issues when they arose. He stressed that Chairman Rand is a skillful individual who has led the Board through difficult times.

Member Daley said the Board would miss Member Fennell’s kind and congenial nature. She declared it had been a pleasure getting to know and serve with Member Pastucha. She noted that Chairman Rand and herself have not always agreed on everything but that his ability to grasp issues will be sorely missed.

Member Dillon brought up the Circuit Clerk’s new app that allows people to make payments and view court dates.

Chairman Rand thanked the Board for allowing him to be their chairperson.

Member Elsasser moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and Member Blair seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 17 ayes.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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