

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF November 14, 2013 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

**OPENING**

Chairman Fannin called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

William Mays led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** John “Jack” Vietti, Joan Bullard, Tim Shafer, Kathy Arbogast, Paul Ritter, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Joseph D. Steichen, Carl Borngasser, G. Michael Ingles, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, Earl A. Riens, Judy Campbell, Vicki Allen, William Mays, Bob Young, John L. Yoder, Carolyn Gerwin, William G. Flott, Mark Runyon, Marty Fannin, Ronald L. Kestner, William H. Peterson  
**Absent:** Robert F. Weller

**Also Present:** County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Chris Studebaker-AMVETS, June Slagel-Finance Resource Specialist and Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp

**AGENDA**

Chair Fannin requested that item II. A. Certificate of Excellence – Pontiac FFA, be removed until next month. *Motion by Campbell second by Ritter to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Fannin called for approval of the October 17, 2013 minutes. *Motion by Young, second by Cohlman to approve the October 17, 2013 minutes. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.*

**PRESENTATION**

Certificate of Excellence – Pontiac FFA - (Removed from agenda until next month)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Bills**

**B. Appointments**

- **Richard Myers** – Reading Community Fire Protection District appointment, to fill unexpired term (Ron Losey) three year term expiring first Monday of May, 2014.

*Motion to approve the consent agenda by Weber, second by Ritter. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Riens, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson      **Nays:** None      **Absent:** Weller

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ACTION ITEMS**

None

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**Resolution (#2013-11-60): Authorizing Placement of War Memorial on Historic Courthouse lawn** - Chair Runyon reported that they had received information regarding a request to place a war memorial honoring the Iraqi and Afghanistan servicemen, on the Historic Courthouse lawn. The committee granted approval at last month’s meeting, contingent upon their request that the design and placement of the monument be brought back for their final review. Chris Studebaker (AMVETS) presented detailed information on the proposed memorial. The memorial would be placed on the northwest quadrant of the Historic Courthouse, with the cost projected to be between \$12 and \$19,000. Funding would be generated from donations/fundraisers, with construction commencing as soon as enough money was raised. *Motion by Runyon, second by Riens to approve the resolution authorizing placement of a War Memorial honoring Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans on the Historic Courthouse lawn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE. (Absent: Weller)*

**FINANCE**

**FY 2012 Year End Transfers** – Chair Shafer explained that this would be acted on at next month’s meeting due to November being a three payroll period month. Final figures wouldn’t be available until the fourth week of November.

**County Levies** –The Finance Committee estimates that the amount necessary to raise by taxation for **Livingston County General Revenue** purposes for the year December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 and recommend the appropriations and levying of the sums of money for the respective purposes as follows:

- County Corporate Levy (in General Fund) to be \$1,930,457.;
- Tort Judgment & Liability Insurance Fund Levy to be \$300,000.;
- Unemployment Insurance Fund Levy to be \$00.;
- County Extension Education Fund Levy to be \$139,459.;
- Social Security Fund Levy to be \$801,220.;
- County Highway Fund Levy to be \$667,636.;
- County Aid to Bridges Fund Levy to be \$333,818.;
- County Federal Aid Hwy Matching Fund Levy to be \$333,818.;
- Veterans Assistance Fund Levy to be \$151,300.;
- County Health Fund Levy to be \$391,884.;
- Tuberculosis Clinic Fund Levy to be \$29,500.

*Motion by Shafer, second by Campbell to approve the county levies.* June Slagel-Finance Resource Specialist was present to explain the increase/decreases in individual fund levies over last year. She noted that there was an overall rate increase of 2.98%, based on an estimated EAV, as the final EAV won’t be available until after first of the year. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Gerwin **Absent:** Weller

**IMRF Levy** - The Finance Committee estimates that the amount necessary to raise by taxation for Livingston County General Revenue purposes for the year December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 and recommend the appropriations and levying of the sums of money for the **Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Levy** to be \$1,445,000.00. *Motion by Shafer, second by Weber for approval of the IMRF Fund Levy.* Discussion followed with Slagel reporting that money had been transferred from the working cash to the IMRF fund due to the fund having a lower fund balance and also to an increase in salaries. The rates are set by IMRF. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Weller

**Mental Health Fund Levy & Developmentally Disabled Person Fund Levy** - The Finance Committee estimates that the amount necessary to raise by taxation for Livingston County Mental Health service purposes for the year December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 and recommend the appropriations and levying of the sums of money for the **Mental Health Fund Levy** to be \$894,871., and for the **Developmentally Disabled Persons Fund Levy** to be \$402,543. *Motion by Shafer, second by Vietti to move for approval of the Mental Health Fund Levy and the Developmentally Disabled Person Fund Levy, with one roll call.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Gerwin **Absent:** Weller

**SELCAS Levy** - The Finance Committee estimates that the amount necessary to raise by taxation for Livingston County South-East Livingston County Ambulance Service purposes for the year December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 and recommend the appropriation and levying of the sums of money for the **Southeast Livingston County Ambulance Service Fund (SELCAS) Levy** to be: Chatsworth \$19,200.; Fairbury \$121,790.; Forrest \$30,000.; Strawn \$1,825.; Rural District \$43,049. for a total of \$215,864. *Motion by Shafer, second by Borngasser to move for approval of the SELCAS Levies.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients,

Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson      **Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Weller

**Resolution (#2013-11-61) FY2013 Levies payable in 2014 - Motion by Shafer, second by Ritter to recommend and move for approval of the Resolution for Adoption of the 2013 Tax Levies payable in 2014.** Chair Shafer commented that this was a formal adoption of all the preceding levies as a total. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson  
**Nays:** Gerwin      **Absent:** Weller

**Resolution (#2013-11-62) Adoption of the Annual Appropriations - Motion by Shafer, second by Vietti to recommend and move for approval of the Resolution for Adoption of the 2014 Annual Appropriations (Budgets).** It was noted that the appropriations are the estimated expenses budgeted for the year. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Allen, Young, Flott and Fannin      **Nays:** Steichen, Rients, Campbell, Mays, Yoder, Gerwin, Runyon, Kestner and Peterson      **Absent:** Weller

**FY 2013 Audit Proposal: Mac & Associates** – Chair Shafer explained that an RFP had been issued for audit proposals. Two proposals were received, with the committee recommending the Grundy County firm of Mac & Associates, with a bid of \$74,950. *Motion by Shafer, second by Steichen to recommend and move for approval of the FY 2013 audit proposal from Mac & Associates.* Discussion followed as to whether the use of a new firm would help to eliminate some of the findings (segregation of duties and preparation of financial statements) as sited in prior year audits. The new firm’s bid was \$10-\$15,000 less than what was currently being paid for audit services. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson      **Nays:** None      **Absent:** Weller

Chair Shafer explained that the next three resolutions were to set the salary for the County Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer positions. The salaries need to be set at least 180 days prior to the commencement of the new term (December 1, 2014).

**Resolution (#2013-11-63) Setting County Clerk Salary – Motion by Shafer, second by Campbell to approve the resolution increasing the County Clerk’s salary by \$1,000 each year of the four year term, effective December 1, 2014.** Discussion followed. Some **members in favor of the resolution** cited the following reasons. Unions protect their employees and negotiate their increases. These women are highly thought of, but the board as management and elected officials pay the price for poor performance and since the county hasn’t performed well it has to start somewhere. Some **members against the resolution** cited the following reasons. The clerk and treasurer’s increase should be the same percentage increase that all the other employees received (2.5%). Last year, the Board approved a 1.5% increase to non-bargaining employees, and then paid them an extra 1% retroactive to first of year, after the unions negotiated 2.5% increases. The elected positions received less since their salaries were set. It was noted that they were setting salaries for the positions, not the people. The board has been dealing with a deficit budget for a while but hasn’t experienced a reduction in employees. The clerk and the treasurer salaries will be increased by \$1,000 each year of the four year term. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Shafer, Cohlman, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson      **Nays:** Vietti, Bullard, Arbogast, Ritter, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Allen, Mays and Young      **Absent:** Weller

**Resolution (#2013-11-64) Setting Treasurer’s Salary – Motion by Shafer, second by Runyon to approve the resolution increasing the Treasurer’s salary by \$1,000 each year of the four year term, effective December 1, 2014.** **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Shafer, Cohlman, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson      **Nays:** Vietti, Bullard, Arbogast, Ritter, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Allen and Mays      **Absent:** Weller

Sheriff Lindsay stepped forward and thanked the Board for their positive support and commented that the first two weeks had been tough, with the loss of Officer Kohlmeier.

**Resolution (#2013-11-65) Setting the Sheriff's Salary** – Motion by Shafer, second by Vietti to approve the resolution setting the Sheriff's salary at \$73,000 for the years 2014-2018, commencing December 1, 2014. Discussion followed on the following. The current salary is \$67,100., with the proposed salary set at \$73,000., with no increase for the duration of the four year term (8% increase). A comment was made that since four great candidates were running for the position at the current salary, the salary shouldn't be raised. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Young, Yoder, Flott, Runyon, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Mays, Gerwin and Fannin **Absent:** Weller

#### HIGHWAY

No report

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

**Proposal: CIRMA – Property, Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance** – Chairman Fannin asked that action on this item be delayed so that ample time would be allowed for review of an intergovernmental agreement, which was tagged on to the proposal at the last minute. A thirty day extension has been acquired from our current carrier, the McSherry Agency. It was noted that this is a self-insured plan with eleven other counties at a substantial net reduction of \$113,494 from last year's cost. A motion was made, and then withdrawn as action couldn't be taken since approval for the delay wasn't on the agenda. Consensus of the board is to delay action on the CIRMA proposal for thirty days in order to allow time for further review.

#### SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

No report

#### AG & ZONING

Chair Young reported that a number of people attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Hoosier Energy system at Livingston Landfill on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that once all three turbines are fully functional, electricity for nine thousand homes will be produced.

#### ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

No Report

#### INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

No Report

#### PERSONNEL

Chair Holt reported that Linda Daniels has been working with the employees on the open enrollment for the health insurance program. There was a good turnout for the employee representative meeting.

#### SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

No report

#### VETERANS

Chairman Steichen reported that the \$60,000.00 borrowed from the Working Cash fund had been repaid leaving their fund with a cash balance of about \$46,000. They anticipate having to borrow about a third again this year, but later in the year.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting recessed at 6:57 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Arbogast. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.*

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Board Room.

**Marty Fannin, Chairman**

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching  
County Clerk

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Approved

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