

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF February 13, 2014 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
(Revised per March 13, 2014 meeting)

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.

Paul Ritter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** John “Jack” Vietti, Joan Bullard, Tim Shafer, Robert F. Weller, Paul Ritter, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Joseph D. Steichen, Carl Borngasser, G. Michael Ingles, Stanley R. Weber, Earl A. Rients, Judy Campbell, Vicki Allen, William Mays, Bob Young, Carolyn Gerwin, William G. Flott, Mark Runyon, Marty Fannin, Ronald L. Kestner and William H. Peterson **Absent:** Kathy Arbogast (arrived at 6:15pm), Daryl N. Holt and John L. Yoder

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Glen Ludwig, Kelly Allsup & Aimee Ingalls-University of Illinois Extension Office, Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp, County Highway Engineer-David Winters, Treasurer Barbara Sear and Adam Dontz-GLCEDC

AGENDA

Chair Fannin asked for approval of the agenda as presented. *Motion by Steichen second by Cohlman to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the January 16, 2014 minutes. *Motion by Bullard, second by Ritter to approve the January 16, 2014 minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Independent Map Petition –Glen Ludwig – Glen presented information on the push to put the Illinois Independent Redistricting Amendment before the voters on the November 4, 2014 ballot. This constitutional amendment would establish an 11-member Independent Redistricting Commission to draw the legislative maps. The current process allows politicians to alter boundaries in order to gain unfair political advantages in elections (gerrymandering). He stated that 300,000 validated signatures are needed by early April in order to place the amendment on the November 4, 2014 ballot. He commented that volunteers are needed to circulate petitions and asked that anyone interested in doing so, contact him for further information.

APPEARANCES

University of Illinois Extension - Kelly Allsup & Aimee Ingalls – **Kelly Allsup** presented background information on herself as well as her responsibilities with the U of I Extension office. She is the Horticulture Educator for the three counties. She provides horticulture programming and education for residents of all ages including the Master Gardener program, entomology, floral and vegetable gardening. She also connects the U of I to Livingston County, currently through research projects (two invasive insect species trapping projects). These projects help to identify invasive insect species dangerous to organic as well as corn and bean programs throughout the county. Some of her goals are to help the Master Gardener start school enrichment programs and establish a Master Gardener training class in Livingston County. **Aimee Ingalls** is the Community and Economic Development Educator. She focuses on organizational and leadership development, community and economic development and community participatory planning. She is working on a “Community Swap” reciprocal visit with the community leaders of Grand Ridge and Saunemin. She will be offering Real Colors Leadership classes, as well as customer service classes at the Heartland Community College Pontiac campus. Future goals include a Barn Quilt Tour, Poverty Simulation and local government webinars. A complete listing of all their programs may be found at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lmw>.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

B. Appointments

a) **Indian Grove Drainage District**

- John V. Hartman - Temporary Commissioner
- Jay B. Nussbaum - Temporary Commissioner
- Glen P. Steidinger - Temporary Commissioner

b) **Livingston County Regional Planning Commission**

- Dean Wahls – four year term commencing February 15, 2014 and expiring on February 14, 2018.
- Jerry Gaspardo - four year term commencing February 15, 2014 and expiring on February 14, 2018.
- Verne Taylor - four year term commencing February 15, 2014 and expiring on February 14, 2018.

c) **Emergency Telephone System Board (all commencing February 13, 2014)**

- ~~Alvin Lindsay, LC Sheriff – expiring November 30, 2014~~
- ~~Jim Woolford, Pontiac Police Chief – 3 year term expiring January 1, 2017~~
- ~~Al Metzke, Dwight EMS Director – 2 year term expiring January 1, 2016~~
- ~~Mike Frickey, Fairbury Police Chief – 1 year term expiring January 1, 2015~~
- ~~Mike Ingles, LC Board Member – 1 year term expiring January 1, 2015~~
- ~~Tina Diemer, Duffy Ambulance – 3 year term expiring January 1, 2017~~
- ~~John McGlasson – Temporary~~
- ~~Robert Meiner – 2 year term expiring January 1, 2016~~
- ~~Delores (Dee) Woodburn – 1 year term expiring January 1, 2015~~
- ~~John Tibbs – 3 year term expiring January 1, 2017~~

(See March 13, 2014 meeting minutes for ETSB Appointment Revisions)

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

Chairman Fannin stated that there was no public comment at this time as they would entertain comments during each committee report if needed.

AG & ZONING

Intergovernmental Agreement ETSB: – Chair Young explained that since last month the document has been modified. He feels that concerns expressed by some members have been addressed and that the modified document is well within the scope of what everyone that was concerned wanted it to cover. We are covered in that it does not necessarily have an automatic annual renewal, but does include an out clause. *Motion by Young, second by Steichen to approve the 911 Intergovernmental Agreement. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson *Nays:* None
Absent: Holt and Yoder

Resolution (#2014-02-05) Zoning Case: ZM-1-14 (Alloy Specialties, Inc.-Coonan) -

Chuck Schopp explained that this was a petition to change the zoning classification on this parcel located in the southwest corner of Section 3 of Sunbury Township (junction of route 17 and 170), from an AG, Agricultural District to an I2, General Industrial District. This would allow for the expansion of the Coonan's business which makes components which sit on Vactor truck beds. The ZBA recommended approval of this case after holding a public hearing with the only interested parties present being the Coonans and their attorney. The Ag & Zoning Committee also recommended approval. Chuck noted that he is to notify residents within a half mile area, but he

notifies residents within a mile area. *Motion by Young, second by Ingles to approve Zoning Case: ZM-1-14 (Alloy Specialties, Inc.-Coonan).* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Holt and Yoder

Chair Young stated that their committee was working on a Recognition Program to acknowledge major accomplishments attained by Livingston County high school students. Chuck Schopp explained that this idea had come up after the Pontiac FFA team had achieved national recognition. He gave a brief overview of how the proposed three step process would work.

HIGHWAY

Chair Weber introduced David Winters- County Highway Engineer, who reviewed **County Board Action Items** as follows:

I. Local Agency Agreements for Federal Participation

- A. **County Highway 16 - FAS 355-Gridley-Flanagan Rd** (Section 10-00149-02-RS), Est. Cost \$1,600,000., 80% STR \$1,440,000., Lump Sum State Match \$42,000., Balance Livingston County \$278,000.
- B. **TR 195 & 65B, Pike Rd District** – (Section 11-20115-03-BR), 899E 1100N & 1105N 900E, Est. Cost \$630,000., 80% STP-BR \$504,000., 20% Pike Rd District and Livingston County \$126,000.
- C. **TR 61, Long Point Rd District** (Section 11-14111-04-BR), 345E, 2550N, Est. Cost \$275,000., 80% STP-BR \$220,000., 20% Long Point Rd District and Livingston County \$55,000.
- D. **TR 111, Nebraska Rd District** (Section 11-15127-00-BR), 180E, 2000N, Est. Cost \$268,000., 80% STP-BR \$214,400., 20% Nebraska Rd District and Livingston County \$53,600.
- E. **TR 145, Pike and Rooks Creek Rd Districts** (Section 11-20117-03-BR & 11-24133-00-BR), 1180E 1500N, Est. Cost \$400,000., 80% STP-BR \$320,000., 20% Pike & Rooks Creek Rd Districts and Livingston County \$80,000.

II. Bridge Petitions

- A. **Forrest Rd District** – (Section 14-11108-01-BR) Replace existing culvert at 2448E, 700N. Est. Cost = \$175,000. TBP FY 15-16.
- B. **Dwight Rd District** – (Section 14-07102-03-BR) Replace Structure #053-3100 over Gooseberry Creek, 2610E, 3100N, Est. Cost = \$250,000. TBP FY 16.
- C. **Esmen Rd District** – (Section 12-09101-04-BR) Replace Structure #053-3271 over Wolf Creek, 2190N, 1710E, Est. Cost = \$350,000. STP-BR FY 17.
- D. **Owego Rd District** – (Section 13-19136-00-BR) Replace Structure #053-3254 over Felky Sough, 2360E, 1900N, Est. Cost = \$300,000. STP-BR FY 18.

III. Architectural Agreement (Middleton & Associates)

- A. **Resolution (#2014-02-06)** approving and authorizing the County Engineer to execute an Architectural Services Letter of Understanding for rehabilitation of restroom facilities at the highway department.

Winters explained that Middleton & Associates is a firm out of Normal who was used by the county for the addition on the old county jail as well as for the construction of the Public Safety Complex. He explained that their fee, based on \$100,000 would be 6.75% for blueprints through the bidding process, with construction supervision bringing it up to an 8% fee and anything exceeding the \$100,000 mark would be calculated at 6% of the additional expenditure. The work is for a complete revamp of the restroom facilities in both the office and the maintenance garage. There are cracked sewer pipes underneath the slab which need to be replaced as well as work to bring the bathroom facilities up to ADA compliancy, since the building was constructed in 1978. The State's Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement. *Motion by Weber, second by Weller to approve*

County Board Action items #1 - #3, with one roll call vote. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson *Nays:* None *Absent:* Holt and Yoder

Winters also said that they've reached their maximum limit for salt purchases under the state contract. They have about one-third of their supply left and feel that at this time they will be able to make it through the winter. He also noted that they were favorably impressed with the new auditors, at their first meeting earlier this week.

FINANCE

Chair Shafer requested that item d. Proposal: DevNet, be presented by Treasurer Sear right after item a. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Annual Report – Treasurer Sear noted that this year's report followed the same format as in past years, with a comparison between FY2012 and 2013 receipts and expenditures. This report is on a cash basis and represents all the accounts her office is responsible for reconciling. The General Fund ended up with a healthy balance due in part to the state being prompter in distribution of sales tax and salary reimbursements. Expenditures were down slightly for all departments. The housing of Cook County inmates generated a total of \$968,000., with Cook County being up to date with their payments. The Pontiac Host Agreement receipts were up slightly, construction expenditures down, with the largest expenditure being the transfer to the general fund. She stated that her office distributed about \$59 million, collected from real estate taxes to 209 taxing districts and 14 county funds. She explained that the Working Cash Fund was established in the mid-1970s. Taxing bodies were able to levy taxes to feed this fund for a period of only three years. This fund serves in a lending capacity to other county funds which may be running short, with loans having to be repaid by the end of the fiscal year.

Proposal: DevNet – Treasurer Sear presented information on a contract with our real estate tax software vendor to provide public record tax and redemption information via the internet. She explained that her office as well as the Assessors and County Clerk's offices maintain on-site public work stations where tax searchers and bankers may research tax and redemption information. Tax information would be uploaded on a daily basis, from our system to our vendor's server and provide it on the internet for easy access by lending institutions, banks and tax searchers. This contract is for four years with the initial set-up fee running about \$4, 000, with the \$1,350.00 annual fee, each of the next three years, being split between the three offices. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shafer, second by Runyon to recommend approval of both the Treasurer's Annual Report and the proposal with DevNet with one roll call vote. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson *Nays:* None *Absent:* Holt and Yoder

Circuit Clerk Semi-Annual Report – Chair Shafer presented the Circuit Clerk's Semi-Annual Report for approval. Chairman Fannin commented that a new report had been placed on the member's desks, as some changes had been made to the report since the committee meeting. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ingles to approve the Circuit Clerk's Semi-Annual Report. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson *Nays:* None *Absent:* Holt and Yoder

Resolution (#2014-02-07) GLCEDC Annual Funding –Adam Dontz of the GLCEDC was present to request funding for the Manufacturing Work Force Training Program. The request is for a maximum of \$7,500., or 80% less than the original funding amount. This reduction is due to re-negotiating with Heartland Community College, utilizing federal and state funding sources via the Grundy-Kankakee-Livingston County's Work Force Board and dedicating the proceeds from the GLCEDC golf outing for this program. There are thirteen individuals undergoing the screening process for the new class scheduled to begin March 3. A prominent local manufacturer

will be hosting the program. They are working with the LACC on hosting a number of other programs. *Motion by Shafer, second by Rients approving the Resolution authorizing the funding, not to exceed \$7,500., for the GLCEDC Manufacturing Work Force Training Program. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.*
Ayes: Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, ~~Gerwin~~, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** *Gerwin*
Absent: Holt and Yoder

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Liquor License Application: Indian Creek Golf Club - Chair Borngasser asked for approval of the application which was due to a change in the directors. *Motion by Borngasser, second by Ritter to approve the liquor license application for Indian Creek Golf Club. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.*

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chairman Fannin commented on a request by a board member inquiring about what services provided by the county departments are state mandated versus what are discretionary. He reported that paperwork regarding this issue, which had been compiled some time ago, was distributed and reviewed at their meeting. That information was supplied to each member on their desk for their review. Fannin asked that members review the information and get back to him with questions or concerns regarding the discretionary services provided.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

No report

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Chair Arbogast reported that they had interviewed five candidates for the part-time IT position. They are waiting on a response from the candidate they offered the position to.

PERSONNEL

No meeting was held.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Chair Runyon reported that the commemorative plaque for the Historic Courthouse had been installed on the southwest wall of the rotunda.

VETERANS

Chairman Steichen reported that they have been hit with an influx of fuel/heating bills due to the extreme cold weather. He feels that they are doing well with their budget for this time of the year.

RECREATION

Judy Campbell stated that David Winters presented information on a concept plan, currently under review, for rerouting turning traffic for the high speed railway. This would affect their plans for the bicycle trail, for the unused portion of old Rte 66.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Clerk Masching noted that information regarding voting for the March 18th General Primary election had been placed on their desks. All of this information can be found on the county website as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Arbogast. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES ON VOICE VOTE.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Board Room.

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

March 13, 2014
Approved as Revised

Minutes Bd 02-13-14.R.A