

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF March 13, 2014 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.

Mark Runyon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Public Health Administrator-MaLinda Hillman, County Highway Engineer-David Winters

AGENDA

Chair Fannin noted that Executive Session and Action Resulting from Executive Session would be removed from the agenda. *Motion by Arbogast second by Ritter to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the February 13, 2014 minutes. Clerk Masching stated that since the February 13th meeting, the ETSB appointments and terms had been revised. It would be noted on the February minutes, to see the March 13, 2014 County Board minutes for the final restructured appointment terms. Carolyn Gerwin also noted that she had voted “nay” on the GLCEDC Annual Funding Resolution #2014-02-07, with the minutes reflecting that she had voted “aye”. *Motion by Young, second by Weller to approve the February 13, 2014 minutes with the inclusion of the two revisions.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Public Health: FY2013 Annual Report – Administrator MaLinda Hillman highlighted the report. Her department is comprised of 36 full-time and 11 PT/PRN employees. The TB Clinic Fund ended with a November 30th balance of \$46,863., with local tax support being \$29,399. There were no cases of TB reported this past year. She explained that local tax support to the Public Health Department was \$382,707 or 17% of her budget. Some of the programs subsidized with this funding are: Maternal Child Health, Senior Services, Environmental Health, Animal Control, rent, Communicable Diseases, School Vision and Hearing Clinics. She stated that the financial report is figured on a cash basis. She noted that her department is highly dependent upon grant funding and had experienced reductions in state grants due to the economic distress of the state. She reviewed the various revenue sources and stated that personnel and insurance comprised 70% of their expenditures. At the end of FY2013, the state owed the department \$191,183. The Livingston County Community Health Care Program was implemented to help keep residents in their homes and out of nursing homes prematurely. Last year they served 122 individuals with 3,643 homemaker visits and 927 public health nurse visits. *Motion to approve the FY2013 Annual Public Health Report by Steichen, second by Ritter.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.**
Ayes: Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin and Peterson
Nays: None **Absent:** Kestner

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

B. Appointments

- a) **Rick Meyers** – Reading Community Fire Protection District
- b) **David Roth** – Gridley Fire Protection District
- c) **Emergency Telephone System Board**

- ~~William Flott~~

- **William Peterson** – (replaces John McGlasson – term expired) expiring May 1, 2016

(The following terms were revised since the February 13th meeting approval, per Chairman Fannin's March 13th memo.)

- **Alvin Lindsay**, LC Sheriff expiring November 30, 2014
- **Jim Woolford**, Pontiac Police Chief – 2 year term expiring May 1, 2016
- **Al Metzke**, Dwight EMS Director – 2 year term expiring May 1, 2016
- **Mike Frickey**, Fairbury Police Chief –expiring May 1, 2014
- **Mike Ingles**, LC Board Member –expiring May 1, 2015
- **Delores (Dee) Woodburn** –expiring May 1, 2015
- **Joe Stock** - expiring May 1, 2015
- **Robert Meiner** – (replaces Cindy Knight 5-1-2014) expiring May 1, 2017
- **John Tibbs** – (replaces Jeremy Stoller 5-1-14) expiring May 1, 2017

Chair Fannin noted that the appointment of William Flott to ETSB should have been removed under agenda approval. *Motion to approve the amended consent agenda by Ingles, second by Holt.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin and Peterson
Nays: None **Absent:** Kestner

AG & ZONING

Chair Young commented on information received from Carolyn Gerwin concerning pending legislation which would transfer local control of wind farm sites to the state, under the Department of Agriculture. It was suggested that members should talk to Farm Bureau members and legislators in opposition of this action. Another item he thought they should be staying on top of was fracking, as Iroquois County has shown interest in this subject.

Mike Ingles reported on ETSB. He explained that the idea behind the recent appointment restructuring, was to have geographic balance with representation from each of the three county board districts. The Sheriff is an automatic member (by county ordinance), with statute requiring three emergency service personnel and one public consumer. He also reported that they are reviewing two major items: 1) amount and the timing of any increases in dispatch fees if needed, and 2) what to do with the current radio communications system (currently evaluating digital systems).

Chair Young stated that Enbridge had presented information on their current expansion project relating to Livingston County and their Rte 23 site. It was noted that Enbridge will submit their application for a pump station and expansion of 215 acres on the east side of Rte 23, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval. It doesn't require committee or board approval. Enbridge has invested in specialized training, as well as equipment for local emergency responders.

HIGHWAY

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

- I. **March 4, 2014 Letting**
- II. **FY 2014 1st Quarter Report**

Motion by Weller, second by Weber to approve County Board Action items #1 & #2, with one roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin and Peterson **Nays:** Steichen **Abstain:** Campbell **Absent:** Kestner

Winters stated that they started posting county roads this week. David also reported that he has had a number of meetings with Enbridge and other county engineers regarding road use agreements and road damage assessments. Pipeline construction will take place over the next three years. David also noted that they had received \$12,000.00 from GAMESA for road damages incurred with the Minonk Wind Farm. This payment was through October 2013. They owe \$2,000/month from that point, until all road issues have been resolved.

FINANCE

No report

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Proposal: Middleton & Associates - Chair Runyon reported that this proposal was for architectural engineering work for the proposed maintenance storage building. They decided to hire a professional when potential bidders asked for additional information regarding the scope of the work, which was not included in the RFP. *Motion to approve the proposal from Middleton & Associates and authorize Chairman Fannin to sign any contracts which would be necessary with Middleton, by Runyon, second by Weber.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Chair Vietti reported that the committee had approved Bill Peterson as a member of the ETSB and had released an RFP for Animal Control.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

No report

PERSONNEL

Chair Holt reported on the success of the employee health fair. The committee will need to look into other funding options for this endeavor since the grant will no longer be available, due to switching insurance providers. All employees will be required to attend training programs regarding bullying and harassment. The following items of concern were voiced at the employee rep meeting and are being checked into: issues with the vents in the bathrooms in both the LJC and Historic Courthouse; automatic blinds on west side of LJC; and reprogramming the server so that LJC doors unlock at 8:00a.m.

VETERANS

No report

RECREATION AD-HOC

Judy Campbell stated that David Winters had filed his comments and the committee's concerns with IDOT, regarding their plan for road crossings on the high speed rail path. The proposal was to move traffic to the south bound lane at certain busy intersections to allow for more trucks to be staged prior to crossing the tracks, which would interfere with bike trail plans. Construction is anticipated in 2015; however that doesn't look probable as there is no high speed rail money to pay for the project. Their group will have representation at the League of Illinois Bicyclists, with the keynote speaker being Ann Schneider, Secretary of Transportation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Rients presented information on a meeting which was held at the Law & Justice Center earlier this week on Alternatives to Jail, Prison and Death Problem Solving Courts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Clerk Masching noted that board per diem information needed to be handed in to her by 10:00a.m., Friday, March 14th for their payroll. She also stated that Early Voting will end on Saturday, March 15th, with Absentee voting going through Monday, March 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48p.m. on motion by Viitti, second by Steichen. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Board Room.

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

Approved