

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF April 29, 2014 SPECIAL 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.

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

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Attorney Tom Blakeman and Sheriff Al Lindsey

AGENDA

Chair Fannin called for approval of the agenda. Joe Steichen asked that the agenda be amended by adding “reconsideration of Highway vote taken at the April 17, 2014 County Board meeting”, just before Public Comment. Fannin said that a reconsideration of vote wouldn’t take place at this time. It would be added as, item C. Discussion of Highway Vote. *Motion by Holt second by Borngasser to approve the agenda as amended.*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.

Attorney Tom Blakeman stated that there wasn’t going to be any consideration of the contract with Court Services tonight. They did not meet Monday, April 28 to ratify their contract, but will be meeting Friday May 2.

Update on Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services Liability Adjustment – Attorney Blakeman reported that the \$48,603.67 liability claim received from Healthcare and Family Services had been checked by Glenda Tannahill-Good Samaritan Pontiac Administrator and her staff. They verified the claim to be legitimate, since the information sent by HFS matched their records for that time period. This claim is for reimbursement of overpayments made to the County by the State and needs to be paid back. There is no appeal process. He noted that the county has a contingency fund in place to cover issues like this. *Motion by Young, second by Kestner to proceed with payment to the Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services, for the \$48,603.67 liability claim adjustment.* (As this is a contractual obligation, a roll call vote is not mandated.) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

Status of Animal Control Program

Ordinance (#2014-04-16) Amending Livingston County Animal Control Ordinance – Chairman Fannin noted that changes would be made to sections, 8-1 Definitions-Administrator and to 8-23 Administrator position created. We are amending our Ordinance by adopting a portion of the state statute regarding the administrator of an animal control program, in that the administrator doesn’t have to be a veterinarian. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Cohlman to adopt the proposed changes amending the Livingston County Animal Control Ordinance.*

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

Reorganization of Animal Control – Chairman Fannin reported that after Dr. Albright withdrew her proposal to administer Animal Control, he was contacted by Sheriff Lindsey and Chief Deputy Childress. They have volunteered to take animal control under the Sheriff’s Department effective May 1. Their department is working on an agreement with the Humane Society for the housing of the animals. The Sheriff will name an animal control administrator. Sheriff Lindsey stated that he had vetted this idea with the members of the department, with all of them supporting the plan. During his research for this proposal, he found out that there were only two other counties (out of 102) who administer their animal control through their Sheriff Departments. He is unable

to give a definitive answer as to the cost of the program since it will take a few weeks to determine what all they will need. Some expenses to be considered will be: the purchase of a vehicle large enough to hold animal cages (SUV); other miscellaneous equipment for the transport vehicle; training on animal control paperwork and requirements; and deputy training on the handling of the animals. The 24-hour a day answering service citizens may call for animal control, is 815-844-7171. A patrolling deputy will have animal control capabilities to answer the calls. Discussion followed. Carolyn Gerwin commented that she had provided her research regarding equipment needs and cost estimates. She also stated that the Dwight Veterinarian Clinic had provided a price list of services they would provide at animal shelter rates and are willing to be consulted as needed for medical decisions. Sheriff Lindsey said he would be meeting with all of the veterinarians in the county to discuss the program. Earl Rients reiterated the need for reorganization of the animal control program by citing a recent incident in which a Pontiac woman was attacked by three pit bulls. Sheriff Lindsey stated that the program would be run by current staff; no additional staff would be needed. Chairman Fannin asked, as a part of the re-organization process, for the board's approval to purchase a vehicle to be used for animal control. An SUV type vehicle is being considered so that it can be equipped as a patrol car as well as an animal control vehicle. *Motion by Campbell, second by Holt to approve the re-organization of the Livingston County Animal Control Program as proposed and authorize the purchase of a vehicle.* Gerwin offered an amendment to include the authority of the State's Attorney to negotiate a lease with the Humane Society for other kennel facility. Chairman Fannin commented that that item doesn't need to be included in the motion because the Sheriff can negotiate the lease on his own. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ritter, Allen and Yoder

Gerwin questioned how the financial part would work since animal control expenses were budgeted for in the Public Health Department and now would come from the Sheriff's Department in the General Fund. Alina Hartley said at this time the thought is to let MaLinda Hillman and the Sheriff work on the transition together and if something technical arises, it will be brought before the Board for approval.

Discussion on Highway Vote (from April 17, 2014 Board meeting) - Joe Steichen said this item had to do with a job awarded to Eppel for repair work on CH#3 for \$30,000., using Motor Fuel Tax Funds. He felt that it should have gone out for bid due to the amount and the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds. After speaking with David Winters, Joe felt that the matter had been handled inappropriately and would like to change his vote. He would like to have this issue go back to the committee for further discussion. Chair Fannin said they would take it back to committee and Board meeting for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:44p.m. on motion by Holt, second by Kestner. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Board Room.

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

May 15, 2014
Approved

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