

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF June 12, 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.

Jack Vietti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** John “Jack” Vietti, Joan Bullard, Tim Shafer, Robert F. Weller, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, 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, Ronald L. Kestner and William H. Peterson **Absent:** Kathy Arbogast, Paul A. Ritter and Joseph D. Steichen (arrived at 6:05pm)

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Cathy Blunier-U of I Extension, Adam Dontz-GLCEDC, Collins Miller-Ad-Hoc Recreation Committee, County Highway Engineer-David Winters and Chuck Schopp-Zoning Administrator

AGENDA

Chairman Fannin asked for approval of the agenda with the addition of Adam Dontz-GLCEDC to Appearances. *Motion by Yoder, second by Holt to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the May 15, 2014 minutes. *Motion by Runyon, second by Cohlman to approve the May 15, 2014 minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

Cathy Blunier-University of Illinois 4H Youth Program Educator, presented information on the activities of the 4-H Community Club and Clover Bud Programs. She reported that there are 391 youth participants, which is a slight increase over last year’s membership. In an effort to reach more youth, they are offering one-day outreach activity programs this summer at different sites throughout the county, such as Humiston Woods. She invited everyone to the “100th Anniversary Celebration” of the Extension Program at the U of I Extension Office on Thursday, June 19th, from 4-6:00 p.m. She also invited them to come and visit the Livingston County 4-H Fair and Show at the Fair Park, July 14-17, which showcases the work of the youth participants in the 4H programs.

Adam Dontz: Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council – Adam reported that twelve of the fourteen participants from the last Workforce Training Program session are employed. He stated that some of the top employers have agreed to meet with GLCEDC on a quarterly basis, for roundtable discussions on topics of importance to them. Adam also commented that Altofer, an agricultural parts supplier for Caterpillar has located a store in Dwight. They currently have two employees but have the potential for expansion. He is also in negotiations with a Livingston County employer who wants to enter into the proposed incentive agreement with GLCEDC.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments

- a) **Kelly Cochran Cohlman** – Reappointment: Livingston County Housing Authority, five-year term commencing May 23, 2014 – May 23, 2019.
- b) **James Patten** – Reappointment: Livingston County Board of Review, two year term commencing June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2016.
- c) **Charles Clark** – Reappointment: Long Point Fire Protection District, three year term commencing May 5, 2014 – first Monday in May, 2017.
- d) **Chris Schneider**-Reappointment: Flanagan-Graymont Fire Protection District, three year term commencing May 5, 2014 – first Monday in May, 2017.
- e) **William G. Ommen**- Reappointment: Cullom Fire Protection District, three year term commencing May 5, 2014 – first Monday in May, 2017.
- f) **Charles Ehrhardt** – Reappointment: Saunemin Fire Protection District, three year term commencing May 5, 2014 – first Monday in May, 2017.
- g) **Leonard Haberkorn** – Reappointment: Chatsworth Fire Protection District, three year term commencing May 5, 2014 – first Monday in May, 2017.

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

FINANCE

Resolution (#2014-06-17): Funding Recreation Committee Route 66 Master Plan – Chair Shafer reported that the committee had proposed the financing of a two phase study to see what grants or funding was available for the Route 66 Master Plan. The proposed cost is \$29,000, with the sentiment of the majority of committee members being to fund it through the enterprise zone. Revenue for the enterprise zone was generated from activity with the wind farms. Collins Miller, Chairman of the ad-hoc Recreation Committee addressed the group and explained that they had received proposals from two companies for the study. He commented that the committee would review presentations from both companies to assess which proposal would best meet their needs, once the Board decided whether or not to allocate funding for the study. Alina stated that the resolution was to allocate funding not to exceed \$29,000. She also explained that before any contract can be entered into, it will have to be presented to the Board for final approval. Those members **in support of funding the proposed plan** cited the following reasons. Highway committee will be conducting a survey to see what would need to be done, as well as Finance proposing to fund the additional study. This path offers a recreational opportunity, available to all county residents and is an investment in our quality of life. Community hours and corporate sponsorships could be used to help maintain the path in the future. The grants, funded by taxes, are available for any community to apply for; our county might as well be reaping their fair share of some of the benefits offered rather than the funds going outside of the county. Those members **against funding the proposed plan** cited the following reasons: Didn't know after hearing the information whether they could justify voting yes to fund the study as there were too many unknowns, and wondered if their district would reap any benefits in the end from the multi-use path. It is not mandated by law, is not a core duty of our government and is not in the budget. There are other projects the county subsidizes, which should be weighed against the bike path. In other communities, grants have been awarded to pay for some parts of the bike paths, but there would be additional on-going expenditures for the county. Grant funding also comes from taxpayers. Some feel that there should be a referendum held to see if residents want tax money funding this type of activity. *Motion by Shafer, second by Weller to approve the expenditure up to \$29,000 for the Route 66 Master plan from the Enterprise Zone.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Weller, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Flott, Fannin and Peterson **Nays:** Steichen, Yoder, Gerwin, Runyon and Kestner **Absent:** Arbogast and Ritter

Ordinance (#2014-06-18): Prevailing Wage - *Motion by Vietti, second by Shafer to approve the annual prevailing wage ordinance.* Some discussion followed. The act governs that the wages paid by a contractor to laborers, mechanics and other workers employed for construction or demolition work on public work projects, must be paid no less than the prevailing rate. It provides a level playing field for all contractors bidding on government projects. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Weller,

Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Runyon **Absent:** Arbogast and Ritter

AG & ZONING

Resolution (#2014-06-19): Zoning Case SF-1-14 M&S Subdivision (Martin Mackinson) - Chuck Schopp, Zoning Administrator stated that this case was for the approval of a final plat of subdivision (with waivers), for a 1.7 acre tract of land located in Section 36 of Rooks Creek Township. This proposal would divide a residential lot area off of the larger farm property for re-financing purposes, to avoid having the residential area of the property in two school districts. This has been reviewed and approved by the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission, the Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee as well as the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals. *Motion to approve the consent agenda by Young, second by Weller.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Weller, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Arbogast and Ritter

Other items: The 2013 annual report extended the estimated closure date for the Livingston Landfill to 2039 due to a decrease in the number of loads being dumped as well as an increase in the compaction rate. Enbridge is withdrawing their remaining requests for Special Use and Variance application in Livingston County and is re-evaluating their needs with regards to their property east of Route 23. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a special use permit for one pump station for the Southern Access Extension Pipeline Project.

HIGHWAY

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

1. **LETTING RESULTS:** June 3, 2014
2. **BRIDGE PETITION:**
 - a. **Esmen Road District** - replace an existing 14' x 8' x 36' Plate Arch Pipe Culvert with a Reinforced Concrete Box culvert @ 2265N, 1400E Rd, Section 14-09115-00-DR. Est. Cost = \$80,000.00
 - b. **Charlotte Road District** - replace an existing single span bridge @ 3270E, 1000N, Section 14-05000-00-00-AB. Est. Cost = \$80,000.00
3. **AGREEMENT:**

Resolution # 2014-06-20 and Enbridge Southern Access Extension Road Use Agreement

Winters commented on the Enbridge Southern Access Extension Road Use Agreement. He noted that this agreement is similar to the one negotiated last summer. Work is scheduled to begin July or August 2014. The agreement protects the county highways, has an upfront administrative fee of \$12,000., and requires a \$2 million surety bond. Road crossing permits will not be issued until the surety bond and certificate of insurance have been received by the highway department. Legal counsel for both sides have worked on and approved the final document. *Motion by Weber, second by Holt to approve County Board Action items #1- #3, with one roll call vote.* Discussion followed on the traffic impact. He stated that the traffic wouldn't be much different than what was experienced with the first pipeline. Most of the heavy equipment travels the pipeline, but I55 and Rte 23 will experience most of the road traffic. Language was included to allow for the amending of the agreement if additional road usage is needed. The county has the authority to levy monetary fines for violations. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Weller, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Allen, Mays, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Pass:** Campbell **Absent:** Arbogast and Ritter

PERSONNEL

Personnel Policy Revisions – Chair Holt asked that this item be tabled until next month, as he had been contacted by department heads that had concerns with some of the proposed amendments to the policy. He invited all department heads, board members and press to the Personnel Committee's July meeting to discuss the

policy. Motion by Holt, second by Steichen to table the Personnel Policy Revisions until the July meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

No report

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Chair Borngasser reported that they had discussed a K9 Unit, Animal Control and a proposal to install additional security measures to the back of the first and second floors of the Law & Justice Center. Refer to minutes for details.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

No report

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report

VETERANS

Chair Steichen reported they are on target with their budget, but would be bringing a resolution next month to transfer \$10,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the VAC.

RECREATION AD-HOC

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Young congratulated Board member Daryl Holt and his wife Betty on their 50th anniversary.

Joan Bullard asked for a moment of silence in memory of Brian Blossom, who was the long-time director of Future's Unlimited.

Joe Steichen, a member of the Board of Health reported that they were concerned with the proposed 14% across the board funding cuts proposed by the state.

Judy Campbell, a member of the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging had provided a handout to the members which provided details from their conversation meeting held last November in Pontiac. These meetings held throughout their region, were to help provide input for the organization's new three-year plan, regarding services for the disabled and seniors age 60 and older.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fannin reminded the members to sign up for the "Respect and Professionalism in the Workplace" training seminars to be held during the months of June & July.

Clerk Masching asked that all per diems be turned in before 10:00a.m. Friday (13th), with the pay date being the 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Kestner. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

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

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

Approved

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