

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF August 14, 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.

Bob Weller 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, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Joseph D. Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, Earl A. Rients, Judy Campbell, Vicki Allen, William Mays, Bob Young, Carolyn Gerwin, William G. Flott, Marty Fannin, Ronald L. Kestner and William H. Peterson **Absent:** Paul A. Ritter, G. Michael Ingles, John L. Yoder and Mark Runyon

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, County Highway Engineer-David Winters and Chuck Schopp-Zoning Administrator

AGENDA

Chairman Fannin asked for approval of the agenda, with the addition of Joe Steichen to “Presentations”. *Motion by Steichen, second by Borngasser to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the July 17, 2014 minutes. *Motion by Holt, second by Steichen to approve the July 17, 2014 minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Joe Steichen reported that the kids who attended the I-4 Camp in early August, had a great a time. Enbridge sponsored twenty kids from the Boys and Girls Club for this event as well as another affiliate event. Plans are in the works to hold a youth event at Rooster Haven.

At this time, Chairman Fannin thanked those who had contacted him and other members of the board regarding their thoughts on placing a moratorium on wind farms on tonight’s agenda. He received many e-mails and phone calls on this request and stated that he did not make his decision without a great deal of contemplation. He explained that his decision not to place the moratorium on the agenda had nothing to do with his personal feelings on wind farms. He has not worn his feelings on his sleeve and will weigh the evidence that will be presented by both sides during the hearings. This decision was made solely on the processes the board follows, ensuring that those processes are followed. His feeling that by placing this on the agenda was comparable to Congress not moving an item and the President issuing an executive order. It circumvents the process. He stated that it was not an easy decision and he weighed both sides heavily. He noted that everyone would be given the opportunity to have their voice heard through the proper process. He urged every board member to attend the hearings so that they could make an informed decision when the time came to cast a vote on this matter.

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments
 - a) **Robert McCarty** - Reappointment: Livingston County Mental Health 377 Board, three-year term commencing August 14, 2014 – August 2017.

- b) **Laura Leslie** – Reappointment: Livingston County Mental Health 708 Board, four year term commencing August 14, 2014 – August 2018.
 - c) **Paul Gray** – Reappointment: Northeast Sullivan Mona Drainage Protection District, three year term commencing first Tuesday in September 2014 – first Tuesday in September 2017.
 - d) **Diana Trout Iverson**-Appointment: Zoning Board of Appeals, (replacing Don Ford) unexpired term commencing August 14, 2014 – September 15, 2015.
- C. Part Time Accounting Assistant - Bookkeeping

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution (#2014-08-23): Requesting Legislators Act to Secure Border – Chairman Fannin stated that a resolution requesting our legislators act to secure the borders of the United States had been presented to the board for their consideration last month, with action to be taken at tonight’s meeting. Stan Weber read the resolution. *Motion by Weber, second by Arbogast that the board approves this resolution.* Earl Rients explained why he would be voting present on this resolution. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Steichen, Borngasser, Holt, Weber, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Flott **Absent:** Ritter, Ingles, Yoder and Runyon **Present:** Cohlman and Rients

HIGHWAY

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

1. **BRIDGE PETITION:**

- a. **Owego Road District** - replace existing 2-48” ERS x 74’ long pre-coated CMP’s with 2-48” ERS x 74’ long pre-coated CMP’s @ 1600N, 1900E, Section 14-19000-01-AB. Estimated Cost = \$16,000.00
- b. **Germanville Road District** - replace existing 60” x 34’ long RCCP with a 60” x 40’ long pre-coated CMP @ 215N, 3400E, Section 14-12000-00-AB. Estimated Cost = \$6,000.00
- c. **Charlotte Road District** - replace or repair timber piles as determined by the County Engineer @ 1130N, 3500E, Section 14-00227-00-BR. Estimated Cost = \$60,000.00
- d. **Dwight Road District** - replace or repair timber piles as determined by the County Engineer @ 2930N, 2800E, Section 14-00227-00-BR. Estimated Cost = \$60,000.00
- e. **Sullivan Road District** - replace or repair timber piles as determined by the County Engineer @ 1430N, 3500E, Section 14-00227-00-BR. Estimated Cost = \$60,000.00

2. **ENGINEERING AGREEMENT:**

- a) **Willett Hofmann & Associates, Dixon, IL** – Timber Pile analysis and repair plans for Structure Numbers 053-3413 Charlotte Road District, 053-3359 Dwight Road District and 053-3410 Sullivan Road district. Cost not to exceed \$19,549.70.

Motion by Weber, second by Weller to approve the Highway Action items #1 & #2, with one roll call vote. Discussion followed on potential cost savings of combining the three bridge structures together for the timber pile analysis study. Winters fielded questions regarding the contract, explaining that the contract is on a standard IDOT MFT form, modified for bridge engineering agreements. They have not gone to the State’s Attorney for review during David’s tenure, and are reviewed by the Highway Committee **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ritter, Ingles, Yoder and Runyon

FINANCE

Contract for Auditing Services: Mack & Associates – Chair Shafer reported that the committee had recommended extending the contract with Mack & Associates, who were contracted to perform the audit for the first time last year. He commented that the final year of the three year contract, was less than what we were paying our previous auditor. *Motion by Shafer, second by Weller to approve the three year contract for auditing services with Mack & Associates.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Mays, Young, Gerwin, Flott, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ritter, Ingles, Yoder and Runyon

PERSONNEL

Personnel Policy Revisions – Chair Holt reported the following: heard an update from June Slagel on the time clock project; received positive feedback from the Professionalism workshop; and HR working on job description updates.

AG & ZONING

Chair Young reported that no wind farms had applied for a permit at this time. Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp commented that Invenergy could be ready to apply by the end of August. The Eberdrola-Deer Run has no intention to file in the next 2-3 months, and may not at all. The K4 project plans to move forward under new ownership in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, with the rest of the project (Ford & Livingston Counties) under review.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

No report

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Chair Borngasser reported that the county is housing Cook County inmates and has received \$642,000.00 this year.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

No report

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

No report

VETERANS

Chair Steichen reported that the VAC had been contacted by a company who want to locate a medical marijuana farm near Dwight and employee Veterans.

RECREATION AD-HOC

Judy Campbell informed attendees that the committee would meet on Monday August 18 at 9:30 a.m., in the committee room for a work session with the Farnsworth Group to discuss Phase 1, Task 1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Removed from agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from many attendees voicing their concerns regarding a potential Invenergy wind energy development in District #3. Some concerns follow: health and safety impact on citizens within footprint; not a sustainable business, wind farm companies reliant upon government subsidies; decommissioning costs; who

absorbs costs if company goes bankrupt; decline in property value; the need to update zoning ordinance to keep up with turbine changes; and the imposition of a six month moratorium until ordinance can be reviewed and updated.

Chairman Fannin acknowledged those in attendance for coming and thanked those who spoke. It was also requested that those who spoke, provide the county board office with a copy of their presentation so they can be copied and distributed to the board members.

Gerwin announced that a special meeting could be petitioned for with the signatures of eight board members, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/2-1002. She had prepared and circulated a petition, signed by twelve board members requesting a Special Meeting of the County Board to be held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Board's regular meeting room in the Livingston County Courthouse. The proposed agenda would consist of: 1) Call to Order; 2) Pledge of Allegiance; 3) Approval of Agenda; 4) Public Comment on Agenda Items; 5) 90-Day Moratorium on Acceptance of Wind Energy Permit Applications; 6) Establishment of a process for review of the County's Wind Energy Ordinance; 7) Public Comment; and 8) Adjournment. This would allow for discussion of whether there should be a 90-day moratorium on the acceptance of applications for new wind farms.

Young asked that consideration be given to holding the meeting at another venue with a larger capacity to hold more attendees, as we were about to capacity at tonight's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16p.m., on motion by Vietti, second by Kestner. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Board Room.

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

September 11, 2014
Approved

Minutes Bd 08-14-14.A