

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF April 14, 2016 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

Chairman Marty Fannin called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

Daryl Holt presented the invocation, with Jack Vietti leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** Kathy Arbogast, Jason Bunting, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, John “Jack” Vietti, David W. Heath, John L. Yoder, Kelly Cochran Cohlman (left at 7:30 p.m.), Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, G. Michael Ingles, Bob Young, Paul A. Ritter, Carolyn Gerwin, William G. Flott, Vicki Allen, Marty Fannin, Ronald L. Kestner and William H. Peterson **Absent:** Justin Goembel

Also Present: County Clerk, Kristy Masching; Administrative Resource Specialist, Alina Hartley; Dwight High School Boys Track Relay Team; Tawnya R. Mack & Lauri Pope, Auditors-Mack & Associates; Enbridge Representatives-Cheryl Harvey, Scott Clark and Mike Moeller; County Highway Engineer, Clay Metcalf; Zoning Administrator, Chuck Schopp; Streator Mayor, Jimmie Lansford; Streator City Manager, Scot Wrighton; State’s Attorney Seth Uphoff; and Assessor-Shelly Renken

AGENDA

Chairman Fannin asked for approval of the agenda as presented. *Motion by Young, second by Ritter to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the February 11 and March 17, 2016 meeting minutes. *Motion by Weller, second by Holt to approve the February 11 and March 17, 2016 meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Resolution (#2016-04-13) Recognizing Dwight High School Boys Track Team - Chairman Fannin congratulated the Dwight Township High School Boys’ Coop Track and Field Team for their outstanding indoor track season that ended with their Indoor State Championship wins in the 4x800 meter relay and the 4x400 meter relay. He then read the resolution in their honor. *Motion by Weller, second by Holt to approve the resolution recognizing the Dwight High School Boys Track Team for their outstanding season and their Indoor State Championship wins in the 4x800 meter relay and 4x400 meter relay.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Mack & Associates – FY 2015 Annual Report - Tawnya Mack presented highlights of the FY2014 audit report. She recommended the members read the Management’s Discussion and Analysis section (page 4) as this section provides a snapshot of the county’s financial position for the year. The Statement of Net Position (page 14), which includes government and business-type activities, showed the county’s assets ending the year at \$90.9 million, deferred outflows of resources at \$11.3 million, liabilities \$3.3 million and deferred inflows of \$8 million, for a total year end net position of \$90.8 million. Tawnya noted that the Statement of Activities (pg 15) indicates whether program revenues generated by a program’s services cover the expenditures of the specific functions of the county and stated that there was a shortfall in the governmental activities, which relies upon general revenues, state and local property tax dollars. She commented that this was the first year for the inclusion of GASB 68 in the financial reports for reporting of pension benefits. The Balance Sheet (pg 16) shows the Governmental Funds end-of-year assets at \$35 million, deferred property taxes at \$8 million, liabilities at \$1 million, deferred property taxes of \$8 million, with a fund balance of \$33.9 million, which was down from last year’s ending balance of \$34.5 million. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances (pg 18) reflect end-of-the year revenues at \$23.3 million, down about \$35,000 from last year. The end-of-year expenses ended up at \$23.9 million, up from \$21.3 million for last year, with the main increase in capital outlay. The Nursing Home Funds (pg 21) show end-of-year cash on hand of \$536,847, with total assets (including structure and land) of \$1.9

million. Tawnya pointed out that the summary of long-term debt which included compensated absences and pension obligations as well as more detailed information on IMRF was found on page 43. The summary of the General Fund (pg 74) showed year-end revenues of a little more than \$14 million (up from \$13.2 million), expenditures of \$15.4 million (up from \$11.8), with an ending balance of \$26.2 million (down from \$27.3 million). The five year summary of property taxes (pg 166) showed assessed valuation and rate for 2010 at \$642,827,668 with a tax rate of 1.14748, and for 2014 being \$657,428,296 with a tax rate of 1.19288. She also noted that this year's report included one finding (pg 175) pertaining to the Financial Statement preparation. The County's personnel do not prepare the County's financial statements, related disclosures or the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards but engages the external auditors to assist in preparing these reports. She explained that they were working with the Finance Resource Specialist to rectify this issue and felt that this would not be a repeat issue in the future. *Motion to approve the FY 2015 Annual Report by Shafer, second by Cohlman.*
MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goemmel

APPEARANCES

Enbridge – Enbridge representatives Cheryl Harvey, Scott Clark and Mike Moeller were on hand to provide information on their activities. **Cheryl Harvey** provided some insight into Enbridge's mission and core values. She stated that they are dedicated to connecting people to the energy they need to fuel their quality of life. Enbridge operates more than 14,900 miles of liquid pipelines in the United States and Canada. Their #1 priority is the safety of their pipelines and the protection of people and the environment. They are also creating and investing in energy, in renewables or green energy, such as the sun and wind. They do everything with integrity, a deep commitment to safety and with the utmost respect for communities and the environment. Cheryl thanked the board members for meeting with her individually to build their stakeholder relationship and to Adam Dontz (GLCEDC) for helping to arrange these meetings. **Scott Clark**, the Director of Mainlines and Terminals and the project manager for the Line 78 and Southern Access Extension (SAX) pipelines, provided an update on the status of these significant pipeline projects. Scott explained that SAX was a \$900 million capital investment project which opened for operation in December 2015. It is a 168-mile, 24-inch diameter pipeline, with the capacity to carry 300,000 barrels of crude oil per day, extending south from Pontiac to Patoka, Illinois. Scott noted that Enbridge had an approximate \$74,000 community investment associated with this project. He appreciated the professional working relationship they've experienced with this board. Line 78 was a \$541 million capital investment project which opened for operation in November 2015. It is an 80-mile, 36-inch diameter pipeline, with the capacity to carry 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day, extending north from Pontiac to Griffith, Indiana. There was about \$85,000 community investment in scholarships and grants associated with this project. He noted that the biggest construction challenge they faced last summer was the extremely wet conditions from all the rain. An extensive network of plastic drain tile systems were put in place, with drain tile maps given to local land owners and farmers as well as filed with the local Farm Bureaus. Final clean-up and restoration work on the sixteen mile stretch left in Livingston County will resume after July 4th. Farmers and landowners will be compensated at 100% for crop loss on right-of-way that was disturbed. **Mike Moeller**, the Senior Director for all of Enbridge's mid-continent assets, provided an update on the Flanagan terminal operations and on-going maintenance. Safety is his number one job priority. He explained that they take numerous safety measures to protect the people, the communities and the environment around their assets. Starting with the supply chain: they buy good high quality steel with a good robust coating; cathodic current protection on the pipeline which impresses a current on the pipeline to detect a coating defect; 24 hour manned monitoring system; numerous technologies on the pipe to monitor the pressures, flows and overall pipe condition. The pipeline markers, visible from the road, include an 800 telephone number that is answered 24/7 in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Routine aerial patrols are scheduled for weekly flyovers, looking for anything unusual in the ground patterns. Scott stated that they have a large integrated emergency response contingency plan approved by their regulators (the EPA and the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) which require them to have their personnel trained-up and a cache of equipment ready to go in the unlikely event of an emergency response. He provided the following information on the Flanagan Terminal: purchased in 2005; including land on east side of highway, encompass about 230 acres; 16 above ground tanks hold crude oil as well as Line 61 (SAX) coming in and the five pipelines leaving this site; workforce has increased from 6 to 40; and no current plans for pipeline expansion other than a permanent office building on the east side of Highway 23. Discussion took place with highlights following: proposed building will be white metal office and conference area with a large shop area for equipment repairs and maintenance; steps to minimize light pollution; emergency management team includes 40 responders in and

around Flanagan Terminal as well as cache of equipment on site; and the solvent used to clean empty tanks is contained in frack tanks and hauled to a licensed facility for disposal. Gerwin commented that she had expressed her concern for the residents of the Whispering Oaks Subdivision to Enbridge representatives, but wasn't happy when Enbridge's response was essentially not to do anything for the residents other than to comply with law. She felt that since this was becoming such an industrialized area, Enbridge could be a truly good neighbor who's interested in integrity, safety and respect and could put that into action and take care of the land owners. She felt that the county should do whatever it could to support and protect the residents through enforcement of existing laws and being vigilant in backing them up should they need to make complaints. Cheryl told the members that Enbridge had sponsored two Livingston County teachers for the environmental training program at the Keystone Institute in Colorado and plans were in the works for \$10,000 in scholarships for Livingston County students.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

B. Appointments:

- a. **Debbie Studnicki** – appointment, Mental Health 708 Board, unexpired term expiring August 2018 (replaces Laura Leslie).
- b. **Robert Turner, Jr.** – appointment to ETSB, representing City of Streator.
- c. **Dr. James Day** – re-appointment to the Livingston County Board of Health & TB Board, three year term commencing June 2016 and expiring June, 2019.
- d. **Patricia Platz** – re-appointment to the Livingston County Board of Health, three year term commencing June 2016 and expiring June, 2019.
- e. **Bill Rich** – re-appointment, Saunemin Fire Protection District, commencing 1st Monday in May, 2016 and expiring May, 2019.

Chairman Fannin called for approval of the consent agenda. *Motion to approve the consent agenda by Young, second by Arbogast. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goemmel

At this time, Chairman Fannin asked that the Administrative Committee Report be moved before the Highway Committee Report, with no objections being voiced.

ADMINISTRATION

Intergovernmental Agreement: City of Streator – Smith Douglass – *Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Streator for the Smith Douglass site by Ingles, second by Kestner.* Streator City Mayor Jimmie Lansford, as well as City Manager Scot Wrighton were present to discuss the agreement. Discussion highlights follow. Scot explained that the city had to go through a lengthy statutory process of hearings and notices with action scheduled to take place at their meeting on April 28. The TIF is a larger project on the south side of Streator with this property being the largest and most contaminated site in Streator. The TIF district would allow this property to be eligible for federal funding for remediation of the site. They will apply for the TIF district regardless of whether this property is in the district. Scot noted that it would be technically possible to add this area to the TIF District later, but it would very lengthy and expensive. Their intention is to remediate the entire project by whatever means they can, but believed that not all of the seven parcels which make up the Smith Douglass site were contaminated. It has been derelict for thirty years. Their first step is to acquire the property because they can't solicit brownfield program money unless the city owns the property, and it can't be in the TIF unless it's annexed. There is no potential buyer and they don't have a clean-up plan in place because the first steps have to be in place. Potential funding sources available to them include brownfield grants and TIF funding, if the property is in the TIF district. It was noted that attorneys for both sides have reviewed the document with all of their concerns having been met. State's Attorney Uphoff stated that at the A&Z committee meeting several legal issues were raised that concerned Tom and him, discussion was held with Streator's attorney and mayor, adjustments were made to the IGA, with all their legal concerns being addressed. Wrighton noted that part of their legal review was with the title company indicating to them that they would be able to obtain a clear title once the process was completed. Newtown Township wasn't in favor of the project because they felt there could be a reduction in tax money collected for the township and increased taxes for their property owners. Scot noted that at the Review Board meeting for the TIF, Newtown Township representatives voted for it at that time and expressed no opposition to annexation. He also noted that the Smith Douglass

property is the only property being annexed (no residential property) and that it hadn't generated any taxes for thirty years. The IDPH has found that there is no public health hazard associated with this site, just an environmental hazard. Some members thought that the proposed process should have been brought to the board's attention sooner and that it should have been a cooperative development between the county and the city. Scot commented that this was the first step to a potentially lengthy process and that they wish to have open dialogue and an agreement, making the county an integral part of the development. Chairman Fannin expressed his appreciation to Streater for taking the initiative to start the process to get this site cleaned up. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Yoder and Gerwin **Absent:** Goemmel

2016 Strategic Plan Summary – (Includes Minutes of Work Sessions: 01-21-16, 02-25-16, 02-29-16 and 03-10-16) - Motion to approve the 2016 Strategic Plan Summary, including the work session minutes by Flott, second by Holt. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Steichen **Absent:** Goemmel

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Daryl Holt introduced Clay Metcalf - County Highway Engineer, who reviewed the **Action Agenda** items as follows:

- a) **Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation:** Federal-Aid Agreement for replacement of Structure No. 053-3271 in Esmen Road District. Estimated division of cost = \$280,000 FHWA, \$70,000 split 50-50 to Livingston County and Esmen Road District. Includes **Resolution (#2016-04-14)** appropriating \$70,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Funds for Local Agency share of cost.
- b) **Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation:** Federal-Aid Agreement for replacement of Structure No. 053-3331 in Eppards Point Road District. Estimated division of cost = \$352,000 FHWA, \$88,000 split 50-50 to Livingston County and Eppards Point Road District. Includes **Resolution (#2016-04-15)** appropriating \$88,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Funds for Local Agency share of cost.

Motion to approve Highway Action items a-b (with one roll call vote) by Holt, second by Runyon. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goemmel

AG & ZONING

Zoning Case: SF-2-16 & V-5-16 Re-subdivision of Richwood Estates (Resolution # 2016-04-16) – Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp reported that this proposal is a request for the approval of a final plat of re-subdivision of Lots 14 and 15 in Richwood Estates (Russel & Robert Rich), located in Section 25 of Rooks Creek Township. The proposal is to re-divide two larger existing lots into five smaller lots. Chuck noted that at this time there were no objections to the proposal from any of the property owners who live in Richwood Estates. The residents have reviewed the re-subdivision of the property and have worked to redo the covenants on the property, so that all the owners within the subdivision now have a say in the future development of the property. The Planning Commission, as well the Ag & Zoning Committee has recommended approval of this proposal. He also noted that the ZBA was set to review the variances for the lot widths, but were unable to due to the lack of a quorum at their last meeting. Therefore, any Board approval would have to be contingent upon the Zoning Board of Appeal review of the lot variances. *Motion by Flott, second by Arbogast to approve Zoning Case: SF-2-16 Re-subdivision of Richwood Estates, contingent upon the Zoning Board of Appeals review of the lot variances. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goemmel

Zoning Case: ZT-1-16 (Resolution #2016-04-17) WECS Moratorium Extension – Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp reported that the proposed text amendment to Chapter 56, Schedule VIII, Code of Ordinances, Livingston County Illinois was for a 230-day extension of the moratorium on the wind regulation. It would be effective April 15th and extend until November 30, 2016, the end of the term of the existing County Board members. He commented that the Board had authorized moving forward with this amendment; hearings were held before the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, with both recommending approval; John Slagel testified in support of the extension at the ZBA hearing, representing the Indian Grove Planning Commission; and the Ag & Zoning Committee recommended approval. *Motion by Flott, second by Young to approve Zoning Case: ZT-1-16 WECS Moratorium Extension.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Yoder, Cohlman, Shafer, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Bunting, Weller, Heath, Steichen and Ingles **Absent:** Goembel

Other items of interest – Committee Chairman Bill Flott commented that residents from the Whispering Oaks Subdivision had been in attendance and had voiced their concerns about possible expansion of the Enbridge pumping station. Their ultimate wish is that Enbridge would purchase all of their homes, as they do have some environmental concerns. The Committee also discussed changes to the wind energy ordinance and have scheduled a meeting for April 26 at 4:00 p.m. to further discuss these changes and, hopefully, come to an agreement. The landfill company has crews cleaning up the debris that has accumulated in the fences along Interstate 55 and Rte. 66 due to the windy weather our area has recently experienced. Flott reported that delayed funding from the state is a real concern to the Livingston County 911 center. Livingston County will begin dispatching services for the City of Streator on April 26.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kelly Cohlman reported that the 2015 results from the Public Housing Assessment System were reviewed with it being noted that they received a slight deduction from their normal outstanding certification, due to a longer than normal occupancy turnover rate, stemming in part from the implementation of the non-smoking policy. Pre-applications for low-income housing at St. James Place may be made at the Housing Authority Office located at 903 W. North Street in Pontiac or by telephoning them at 815-844-6013. They are on target for occupancy in July. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority office at 903 West North Street in Pontiac.

FINANCE

Intergovernmental Agreement for GIS Services: City of Streator - Assessor Shelly Renken stated that this agreement would allow Streator access to the county's GIS services and is the same as the one approved at last month's meeting for the City of Pontiac.

Resolution (2016-04-18) Authorizing the Livingston County Assessor to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements for GIS services not to exceed \$5,000 – Finance Chairman Tim Shafer explained that many other entities are interested in contracting with us for our GIS data. Therefore, this additional agreement was developed allowing the assessor to enter into these agreements as requested, and would eliminate the necessity of her coming before the board each time for approval, as long as they do not exceed \$5,000. Chairman Shafer asked that both the IGA with Streator, as well as this resolution be approved with one roll call vote.

Motion by Shafer, second by Weller to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for GIS Services with the City of Streator and the Resolution (2016-04-18) Authorizing the Livingston County Assessor to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements for GIS services not to exceed \$5,000 (with one roll call vote). **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goembel and Cohlman (left at 7:30 p.m.)

Resolution (#2016-04-19): Authorizing Capital Funds for Repair/Replacement of Bridge #053-3804, County Hwy 1, 3100 E 2700 East Rd - Clay Metcalf, the County Highway Engineer, presented background information on the emergency closing of a bridge located west of Campus. He explained that a significant

amount of settling had occurred around the bridge in March, necessitating its closure. This structure was on their list for repairs which they thought would extend its life for another 10-15 years, but since learned that those repairs wouldn't have been extensive enough to save it. The dilemma is that they do not have funds available in their current budget to match state or federal funds, and if they wait for funding to become available, the bridge could be closed for up to three years. The aggressive repair approach would cost \$96,000 to \$120,000, with an anticipated lifespan of 10-15 years. He stated that a new bridge would be designed with a lifespan of up to 75 years, at a cost of \$350,000. (includes the design engineering). The Highway Committee felt that a new bridge would be the best course of action to pursue. Shafer reported that at the Finance meeting held prior to the Board, it was decided to recommend replacing the bridge at a cost of up to \$350,000, with funding coming from the Pontiac Host Agreement Fund. Metcalf noted that since this bridge is less than twenty feet it doesn't qualify for federal funding, and because it's on a county highway, it doesn't qualify for Township Bridge funding. He also noted that the hydraulic study would qualify the size of the new bridge. *Motion by Shafer, second by Young to approve Resolution (2016-04-19) Authorizing Capital Funds for Repair/Replacement of Bridge #053-3804, with funding coming from the Pontiac Host Agreement Fund.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goembel and Cohlman (left at 7:30 p.m.)

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Liquor License Renewals – Clerk Masching reported that the county oversees twelve liquor license openings and two Mobile Home Park licenses. There were nine liquor license applicants for the FY2017 year, which commences May 1, 2016 and expires April 30, 2017. The liquor and mobile home park applications have been reviewed and approved by the State's Attorney's Office. The Sheriff's Department performs the background checks on managers for renewal applicants. She noted that if it is a new applicant or if a renewal has a new manager, their fingerprints are sent to the Illinois State Police for a background check. *Motion by Yoder, second by Weller to approve the liquor license renewals and mobile home park licenses.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.** (**Absent:** Goembel & Cohlman)

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Resolution (2016-04-20): Amending Standing Rules – Timeline for submitting Committee Assignments - Committee Chairman Jack Vietti explained that this resolution would amend the standing rules for the time table for submitting committee assignments. He stated that at the organizational meeting in December, the Chairman is elected on Monday and then comes back on Tuesday with the Committee Assignments. This amendment would move it back one day to Wednesday. *Motion by Vietti, second by Arbogast to approve Resolution (2016-04-20) Amending Standing Rules – Timeline for submitting Committee Assignments.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Carley, Weller, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goembel and Cohlman

Vietti also noted that they had recommended approval of the appointments approved by the Board under the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Chairman Mike Ingles reported that an acid wash had been performed on the cooling towers to remove the calcium buildup from the current water system. The wash failed to remove a significant amount of the scale, so county personnel is moving forward with the replacement of the two cooling tower cores. This should increase the efficiency and reduce the level that they run, which should reduce the noise level. Ingles stated that a hackberry tree had been removed from the northwest corner of the Historic Courthouse lawn after high winds had split its trunk. They will be looking into having the rest of the trees inspected for deterioration and look towards replacing some that have already been removed. They also discussed the disposition of the Livingston Manor (Good Samaritan) building upon its vacancy. They are moving forward with a request for proposals seeking developers who might be interested in the building. If none are received, then they will move forward with cost estimates for demolition of the structure.

PERSONNEL

Committee Chairman Kathy Arbogast reported that the committee received an update on the implementation of the new Employee Self Service Module which will likely take place in July or August of this year. Implementation of this program will result in cost reductions related to materials, labor and travel. Upon implementation, those employees still receiving a physical check (approximately 14% of county staff) will need to pick up their payroll check personally prior to the close of business on Friday or the checks will be placed in the mail.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Chairman Vickie Allen reported that Jon Sear, the Network & Computer Systems Administrator reported that there are ongoing issues with the implementation of the Spillman system and its connectivity to the Morpho system. Sear reported that 911 and the Sheriff's Department have continued to work with the agencies to resolve the issues. The Committee also discussed the ongoing issues with employee access to social media sites such as Facebook. Jon Sear is in the process of reaching out to department heads to request they monitor employee usage. Should there not be significant improvement, social media sites may be prohibited for those employees who do not have a direct business purpose.

VETERANS

Committee Chairman Joe Steichen reported they would begin working on their FY2017 budget.

RECREATION

Chairman Fannin reported that they had discussed the "Live Livingston County" website compiled by the GLCEDC and the possibility of the Recreation Committee working with them to create an interactive map which would include events and recreational sites such as bike trails.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gravestone Project Update - Paul Ritter noted that they have completed the placement of the seven tombstones in the Union Cemetery for the Civil War veterans who were previously unidentifiable. A ceremony honoring the Civil War veterans will be held on May 11 at 7:50 a.m., at the Pontiac Township High School.

Alina Hartley asked that board members not wishing to keep their audit book after tonight's presentation drop them off at her office.

Mark Heil, a resident from the Whispering Oaks Subdivision voiced his concerns about their property values, health and safety issues pertaining to the Enbridge Flanagan Terminal. He noted that Enbridge stated in their presentation that their number one concern was to protect people in their environment and hoped that the Board's agenda would be to protect its citizens, their safety and well-being, too. Mark stated his concerns regarding the following: oil spills that have occurred even with the 24-hour computerized pressure monitoring systems; lighting and odor issues emanating from the development; and future plans for expansion such as a pipeline to rail station near Cayuga. He commented that based on Enbridge's entire project value of \$2.1 billion, a buyout of their seven homes, with a fair market value of approximately \$1.7 million would be a miniscule amount for them to pay to ensure the residents' well-being. He feels that Enbridge has set precedents with regard to buyouts because they are and have been paying farmers 100% for crop losses as a result of their pipeline expansions.

Charlotte Ford, also a resident from Whispering Oaks Subdivision commented on the fact that Enbridge met with all the board members but not one resident from their subdivision. She asked that the board listen to their concerns as they were the ones who were the most affected by the growth and construction. Some of her concerns were: potential danger of their health and property values; Enbridge paid for crop loss but won't talk about buyouts for their homes; deteriorating home values while Enbridge's profits increase; no emergency training for the residents; 800 number in Canada if problems detected; setback distance of holding tanks from homes; and Enbridge bought 230 acres, why not seven more homes; and no personnel on site 24/7.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m., on motion by Ritter, second by Mays. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

May 12, 2016
Approved

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