

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF January 12, 2017 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
(Revised)

OPENING

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

The invocation was presented by Pastor Tom Goodell of the First United Methodist Church in Pontiac. James Carley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, Zoning Administrator-Chuck Schopp, Sheriff’s Department Chief Deputy - Earl Dutko and Recreation Committee member-Ed Lipinski

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Young called for approval of the December 5 and December 15, 2016 meeting minutes. *Motion by Weller, second by Bunting to approve the December 5 and December 15, 2016 meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:
 - a) **Michael Fogarty** (Resolution #2017-01-01) - Odell Nevada Drainage District, term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2019.
 - b) **Mike Ingles** – Joint Authority Board (Temporary Appointment)
 - c) **William Flott** – Joint Authority Board (Temporary Appointment)
 - d) **Robert Young** – Alternate, Joint Authority Board

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

FINANCE

County Clerk Semi-Annual Report - Clerk Masching presented an overview of the various fees collected and dispersed in her department for the last six months of 2016. She noted that of the \$245,121.51 collected in the daily cash account; \$30,781 was collected and sent to Springfield for state imposed fees. Redemption taxes that

were collected for the same time period amounted to \$362,267.33. *Motion by Shafer, second by Bunting to approve the County Clerk's Semi-Annual Report for the second half of FY 2016.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Steichen, Shafer, Cohlman, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Weller, Goembel, Carley, Mays, Heath, Young and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles, Ritter, Arbogast, Holt, Runyon, Weber and Yoder

HIGHWAY

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented on the following items of interest. Jason reported that the new overweight and oversize spring posting permit process would go live on Monday, January 16. Permits may be applied for, approved or denied and paid for via an on-line process which will make the permit process easier for applicants throughout the county. Jason also noted that Clay had informed him that they would be meeting tomorrow (January 13) to discuss when the spring posting period would commence, depending on week-to-week road conditions.

AG & ZONING

Vice-Committee Chair Justin Goembel stated that at their meeting County Board Chairman Bob Young reported on the evolution of the Vermilion Valley Regional Emergency Communications Authority and its progress. Chuck Schopp reviewed the solid waste report and host fee information. Committee members were provided with copies of the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals, Report and Recommendation, for Application No. ZT-3-16, Zoning Text Amendment to Chapter 56, Article VIII, Wind Energy, Code of Ordinances for their review. A meeting was scheduled for January 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., for further discussion of the text amendment.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Resolution (#2017-01-02): Declaring Excess Property & Authorizing Sale by Auction – Chairman Young reported that Good Samaritan Nursing Home had vacated the property formerly known as Livingston Manor. A sale date of February 11 is scheduled to auction off the remaining county owned contents of the buildings. The resolution authorizes the county to have this sale. It was noted that the sale will be conducted by the Bradleys' and Immke Auction Service and that a sale bill would be posted on the county website. *Motion by Weller, second by Heath to approve the resolution authorizing disposition of surplus personal property owned by the county.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Steichen, Shafer, Cohlman, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Weller, Goembel, Carley, Mays, Heath, Young and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles, Ritter, Arbogast, Holt, Runyon, Weber and Yoder

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chair Kestner reported that they heard the monthly reports, paid the bills that were presented, approved two raffle licenses and reviewed the updated information on the housing income for the Cook County and federal detainees. We are currently housing eighty out-of-county detainees. They briefly discussed transportation and the need of a handicap vehicle which they are currently leasing.

Resolution (#2017-01-03): Authorizing Town Contracts – Alina Hartley-Executive Director, reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Services which had been placed on the board member's desks was with the Village of Odell and included some minor revisions. This contract would provide for a deputy to be on duty a minimum of ten (10) hours a week, and up to twenty (20) hours per week, minus vacation time, holiday, sick time and training at an annual cost of \$20,000., payable monthly. This contract runs on a monthly basis and can be cancelled by either party upon thirty day written notice. Alina also stated that even though this resolution was with the Village of Odell, it also authorized the county to enter into the same type of contract with the other towns who had a contract that ended November 2016 (Chatsworth, Cornell and Flanagan). The Sheriff's Department supports this agreement. *Motion by Kestner, second by Steichen to approve the resolution authorizing the county to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement for Police services with the Village of Odell.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Steichen, Shafer, Cohlman, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Weller, Goembel, Carley, Mays, Heath, Young and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles, Ritter, Arbogast, Holt, Runyon, Weber and Yoder

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Vicki Allen noted the following items of interest. Jon Sear reported that he had spent the majority of the month working on the Employee Self Service followed by Symantec backup. He also purchased a Network Attached Storage (NAS) which would improve redundancy in the backups. The installation of the NAS will allow the county to extend backups from three weeks to three months. Sear has also begun to look at firewalls as the firewall will need to be replaced prior to February of next year, when it will no longer be serviced

PERSONNEL

No report.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Committee Chair Marty Fannin noted that they met before the County Board meeting. They forwarded the appointments which were approved in the Consent Agenda of the board meeting for the following: Michael Fogarty - Odell Nevada Drainage District; Mike Ingles – Joint Authority Board (Temporary Appointment); William Flott – Joint Authority Board (Temporary Appointment); and Robert Young – Alternate, Joint Authority Board.

VETERANS

Committee Chair Joe Steichen stated that they met and paid the bills. He also reported that all of the committee members would be receiving an invitation from the Veterans Commission to attend their meeting scheduled for January 23.

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Young requested that if any board member or anyone in the audience had a pastor or knew of someone who would like to provide the opening prayer of the county board meeting, they should refer that person's name and phone number to either Alina or to Chairman Young and they will follow up with that person.

Chairman Young invited any of the members to ride along to attend any of the informative monthly UCCI meetings in Springfield. This month's meeting is a two-day event with our former Chairman Marty Fannin participating as a panel speaker.

Chairman Young also announced that on February 21 at 5:00 p.m., there would be a goal setting workshop of the county board. He is hoping that it can be completed in one session but if not, they have reserved February 22 for a carry-over meeting.

RECREATION

Joe Steichen introduced Ed Lipinski, a Recreation Committee member who presented past and current information on the committee. Ed reminded the members that the committee had been established by the board about six years ago after one of their goal-setting sessions. It was determined that recreation was an important thing to look at in the future and to develop for the benefit of the citizens of our county since the county didn't have a park or recreation department. The current committee is comprised of seven regular members and five ex-officio members representing many areas of the county. They have discussed recreation in every conceivable form and had narrowed it down to one easily accessible item, the Route 66 multi-use path from Chenoa to Pontiac. They focused on this area since communities to the north and south of us had been working on multi-use paths and people were already utilizing the road in the summer. Farnsworth provided an engineering report (with board approval and funding) to determine the feasibility of this project and what we would need to do to complete it. A grant was submitted last year to the Illinois Department of Transportation with our application being denied. Ed stated that it is a very competitive grant in that it pays 80% of the funding with only 10% of those who apply receiving it. They are continuing to meet, are looking at alternative options and haven't given up on the Route 66 plan. Ed has met with IDOT officials and the Farnsworth Group to see what they recommend we do to improve our grant application and our chance of securing the grant in the future. They are also investigating the use of volunteers to provide work that needs to be done in an effort to demonstrate our commitment to the development of the multi-use path. Ed stated their committee would appreciate it if the board would continue to include their

committee and work in the list of worthwhile goals for the citizens of Livingston County in their plans for the future. Discussion followed. It was noted that grants were awarded to areas throughout the state, not in just one area. The Recreation Committee was an appointed ad-hoc committee comprised of citizens from across the county. Joe Steichen stated that they had discussed revisiting some of the other projects that had been put on the back burner and would report back at a later date.

Housing Authority

Kelly Cohlman noted that their meeting date had changed to the third Thursday of every other month with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Livingston County Housing Authority office in Pontiac.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no participants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m., on motion by Kestner, second by Steichen. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

February 16, 2017
Approved