

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2017 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Daryl Holt, Justin Goembel, James Carley, Marty Fannin.

Absent: Jason Bunting, Steven Lovell and Paul Ritter.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chairman Bob Young, non-committee County Board member John Slagel and County Executive Director Alina Hartley. Interested citizens of the county were also present at this committee meeting.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt noted the agenda for this June 6, 2017 meetings. Justin Goembel then moved, seconded by Marty Fannin, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt then referred to the minutes of the May 2, 2017 committee meeting. Then Justin Goembel moved, seconded by James Carley, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Review of Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-1-17 – Dollar General:

The committee chair remarked about the reports, meeting minutes and documents that the committee had received pertaining to this zoning case. Then Marty Fannin moved, seconded by Justin Goembel, that this Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services recommend to the whole Livingston County Board the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-1-17, in which the zoning classification on the subject property being changed from a R2, Low Density Multiple Family Residence, classification to a C1, Local Business District, classification. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

Solid Waste Report – Review of a synopsis of solid waste documents and host fee information:

Printed copies of a report for Deigan and Associates and a copy of the planning commission monthly synopsis were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports focused on landfill gas monitoring reports and updated closure and post closure cost estimate documentation. Monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the county. Remarks were made about the committee Livingston Landfill visit that took place earlier in the day.

Review of the Illinois Noxious Weed Law:

The committee members were informed that the Livingston County Board chair had received a letter from the Illinois Department of Agriculture regarding certain requirements of the county's authority pertaining to the Illinois Noxious Weed Law. A comment was made that several counties in Illinois have received a similar notice. Mention was made about references to the statute and associated regulations pertaining to the Illinois Noxious Weed Law. Dialogue about the status of the current noxious weed control program in Livingston County then took place. The designated noxious weeds in the State of Illinois were mentioned, along with an Illinois Department of Agriculture certification process. The committee advised that this matter be further researched and that reports be made back to the committee as necessary.

Consideration on the Update of the Livingston County All Hazards Mitigation Plan:

The committee members were informed that the county needs to consider working on a five year update of the Livingston County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The purpose of this plan was related to the committee, and a copy of this All Hazards Mitigation Plan was provided for the committee members to review. This plan was developed with a grant administered through IEMA, and one of the consultants that helped develop that plan is willing to assist Livingston County in developing a Request For Proposals as part of the process for additional grant funding for the update of this all hazards mitigation plan. An importance of this plan is that with the county having such a plan it may assist in seeking disaster mitigation funding. The committee agreed that the county can work with the consultant in developing all hazards mitigation plan update, as long as no county funds are spent on this project at this point.

Committee update on the status of Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-3-17, which is focusing on the results on the Advisory Referendum on wind turbine setback distances and how these results may be incorporated into the wind energy zoning regulations:

Mention was made to the committee members that the Zoning Board of Appeals has a scheduled public hearing on June 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm to review this zoning case.

Evaluation of a Spiller Pays Ordinance:

Committee member Paul Ritter has proposed a Spiller Pays Ordinance for Livingston County. In that Mr. Ritter is absent at this meeting, it was agreed to review this proposed ordinance at a future meeting at which Mr. Ritter is present.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

Committee chair Daryl Holt inquired as to any updates on the Payton property condition along the river southeast of Streator. The Livingston County State's Attorney has and is reviewing this matter and that office is planning on sending a letter to the property owners regarding this matter. The Sun Trucking property has showed limited improvement and work will continue to reduce the waste on this property.

Public Comments:

James Reihl, is a resident living in the area of the proposed Dollar General Development, who is opposed to the commercial development of the subject property in the Dollar General zoning map amendment case. Mr. Reihl related that he believes that the county should take time to continue to research this proposal prior to the Livingston County Board taking action on this zoning case. Mr. Reihl still has concerns about the traffic in the area and the appearance of Dollar General Stores.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$9,904.75 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from March 6, 2017 to May 9, 2017 relating to landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area Landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting service to Livingston County was submitted and explained to the committee. Justin Goembel moved, seconded by Marty Fannin, that this committee approve the payment of this invoice. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session Pursuant to 5/ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) – Litigation: None

Adjournment:

Then Marty Fannin moved, seconded by James Carley, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission