

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF December 14, 2017 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

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

The invocation was presented by Pastor Jan Ambrose of the Judah Ministries. Steve Lovell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf and Finance Director-John Clemmer

AGENDA

Chairman Young asked for approval of the agenda. He noted that there would not be an Executive Session. *Motion by Bunting, second by Yoder to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Young called for approval of the November 16, 2017 meeting minutes. *Motion by Fannin, second by Ingles to approve the November 16, 2017 meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:
 - a) **Michael Fogarty** – re-appointment to the Odell-Nevada Drainage District, term expiring the first Tuesday, September 2019.
 - b) **Michael Dwyer** - re-appointment to the Odell-Nevada Drainage District, term expiring the first Tuesday, September 2020.

Chairman Young called for approval of the consent agenda. *Motion by Ritter, second by Ingles for approval of the Consent Agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Lovell, Allen, Goembel, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** Gerwin **Absent:** Steichen, Arbogast, Weller, Carley and Weber

FINANCE

Resolutions (#2017-12-59): Authorizing Year End Transfers – Finance Director John Clemmer explained that there were two additional end of the year transfers from the Contingency Fund. The transfers had been approved by the Public Property Committee for Courthouse and Public Safety Complex repairs. The Historic Courthouse repairs of \$6,243 were for the power inverters with the PSC repairs of \$20,384 for the HVAC system. The Contingency Fund would still be under budget with these additional transfers. *Motion by Shafer, second by*

Gerwin to approve the resolution authorizing the two additional end of year contingency transfers for FY 2017.
MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Goembel, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Steichen, Arbogast, Weller, Carley and Weber

Resolutions (#2017-12-60): Authorizing Tort Immunity Working Cash Loan – Finance Director John Clemmer explained that the Tort Judgment and Insurance Liability Fund would not have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the 2018 insurance premiums owed to the Counties of Illinois Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) prior to the receipt of the first tax distribution. Therefore, a loan of \$100,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Judgment and Insurance Liability Fund would be necessary and would be reimbursed back upon receipt of the distribution of taxes. *Motion by Shafer, second by Fannin to approve the resolution authorizing a \$100,000 loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Immunity Fund.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Goembel, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Steichen, Arbogast, Weller, Carley and Weber

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Jason Bunting reviewed the **Action Agenda Item** as follows:

- i. **Resolution (#2017-12-61): County Maintenance Resolution** appropriating \$804,000 from County MFT Fund for estimated 2018 highway maintenance expenses.
- ii. **Agreement for Engineering Services:** Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Springfield, IL – Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for the replacement of S.N. 053-3122 in Long Point/Amity Road District Section 17-14152-00-BR / 17-01122-00-BR, at 2501N, 600E. Cost for basic services not to exceed \$27,000.00 except that ROW, environmental coordination, and any necessary land surveying at schedule of chargeable rates. TBP Program FY 18-19.
- iii. **Quarterly Report:** 4th Quarter FY17

Motion by Bunting, second by Runyon to approve the three aforementioned action agenda items with one roll call vote. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Goembel, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Steichen, Arbogast, Weller, Carley and Weber

Resolution (#2017-12-62): Appropriating MFT funds for 2018 County Engineer Salary – County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf explained that approval of his salary had to go through IDOT because his salary was subsidized with MFT funds. The County Board had previously elected to place Metcalf into IDOT's County Engineer Salary Program. This program is evaluated annually by IDOT and issues what the percentage increase should be for the county engineers. Clay noted that for the past two years that recommendation has resulted with no increase in his salary. Committee Chairman Jason Bunting stated that after much discussion, the Highway Committee recommended Metcalf receive a 1.3% increase (\$1,500) which was the recommended rate for the program. *Motion by Bunting, second by Goembel to approve the Resolution Appropriating MFT funds for the 2018 County Engineer Salary, with an increase of 1.33% (\$1,500).* Discussion highlights follow: salary the past two years was \$112,600; county ranking system used by IDOT; and noted that a sizeable salary increase was approved for Metcalf when they joined IDOT's program. *Motion by Bunting, second by Goembel to approve Resolution (#2017-12-62): Appropriating MFT funds for 2018 County Engineer Salary.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Lovell, Allen, Goembel, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young and Fannin **Nays:** Gerwin and Yoder **Absent:** Steichen, Arbogast, Weller, Carley and Weber

AG & ZONING

Committee Chairman Daryl Holt reported the following highlights from their meeting. Republic is installing additional wells at Livingston Landfill to correct issues that have arisen. Republic will also be in charge of the gas system at the Streator Landfill once the contract with the current gas company expires at the end of 2017.

They have plans to install a gas burner to burn off excess gas. Holt also noted that he and Chairman Young had toured areas in the northwest part of the county, following up on complaints received from residents regarding properties in need of cleaning up.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Committee Chairman Marty Fannin noted that his committee recommended the Consent Agenda appointments of Michael Fogarty and Michael Dwyer to the Odell Nevada Drainage District.

Resolution (#2017-12-63): Adopting Identity Protection Policy – Chairman Marty Fannin stated that this policy is required by state statute. This proposed ordinance was drafted using most of the language from the state statute. Fannin noted that this policy has been reviewed by the State’s Attorney. *Motion by Fannin, second by Holt to approve the resolution adopting the Identity Protection Policy Ordinance.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chairman Mike Ingles reported that routine maintenance work was being performed in both buildings, five diseased trees had been removed and were replaced with twice as many ornamental type trees.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chairman Ron Kestner reported the following items of interest from their committee meeting: the jail housed a total of 146 detainees, 38 from the federal North District, 11 from the Federal Central District, 35 from Cook County, and 62 from Livingston County; noted that the FY 2017 out-of-county program generated \$1,786,742.36 in revenue; and approved a raffle license for the Dwight Country Club.

PERSONNEL

Vice-Chairman Jack Vietti (in the absence of Kathy Arbogast) stated that Human Resources Director-Ginger Harris reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield and OSF had come to an agreement with OSF remaining an in-network provider. Vietti noted that twenty-four individuals who had signed up for the early retirement incentive hadn’t retired and that all of the union contracts had been signed.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Vice-Chairman John Yoder (in the absence of Joe Steichen) reported that they had purchased a van and that they are still under budget.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Vice-Chairman Bill Mays reported that they met with Jon Sear. Mays reported that they heard his monthly report; reviewed end of year purchases that were all within his budgeted department amounts; learned that Sear saved \$9,000 by price shopping when replacing switches to separate the phone system from the network; and by purchasing Microsoft Exchange for hosting email, he eliminated an approximate \$11,000 annual Google cost for hosting the email.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report

HOUSING AUTHORITY

John Slagel reported that they didn’t have a meeting this month. Their next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18 at 903 North Street in Pontiac.

RECREATION

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daryl Holt noted that the ZBA had met and would be referring their recommendation regarding ZT-3-17 to the Ag and Zoning Committee.

County Clerk Kristy Masching stated that the county board per diems were due in her office with paychecks to be issued on December 22. She noted that she had placed information from the ballot placement lottery for the March 20 General Primary on their desks. Ms. Masching also reminded the members that the County Christmas Luncheon would take place on Friday, December 15.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

CLOSING CEREMONY

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m., on motion by Ritter, second by Mays. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

January 11, 2018
Approved

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