

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF April 23, 2015 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

Chairman Fannin called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., in the Pontiac Township High School Gymnasium, 1100 Indiana Avenue, Pontiac, Illinois.

Marty Fannin presented the invocation, with Jason Bunting leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Administrative Resource Specialist-Alina, Zoning Administrator-Chuck Schopp, County Highway Engineer-David Winters, Public Health Administrator-MaLinda Hillman, Environmental Health-Donnie Simmons

AGENDA

Chairman Fannin stated that public comment would be two minutes per person, with the session to last up to forty-five minutes. He asked for approval of the agenda as presented. *Motion by Holt, second by Young to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the March 12, 2015 minutes. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ingles to approve the March 12, 2015 minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Approval of Bills**
- B. **Appointments**
 - a. **Jeanne Elliott, RN** – Livingston County Board of Health, three year term commencing June 2015- June 2018.
 - b. **Katherine Austman, MD** – Livingston County Board of Health, three year term commencing June 2015- June 2018.
 - c. **Dale Sass** – Long Point Fire Protection District, three year term commencing first Monday of May, 2015 and expiring first Monday of May 2018.
 - d. **Denny Rich** – Saunemin Fire Protection District, three year term commencing first Monday of May, 2015 and expiring first Monday of May 2018.
 - e. **Charles J. Wheeler** – Flanagan-Graymont Community Fire Protection District, three year term commencing first Monday of May, 2015 and expiring first Monday of May 2018.
- C. **Classification Change**
 - a. M1 to P4 – Network & Computer System Administrator

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Shafer, second by Arbogast. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer,

Ingles, Young, Flott, Allen, Fannin and Peterson
Gerwin and Kestner

Nays: None

Absent: Goembel, Carley, Weller, Ritter,

HIGHWAY

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

1. **April 7, 2015 Letting**
2. **Charlotte Road District** - repair of timber substructure, Est. Cost \$20,000.

Motion to approve Highway Action items #1-#2 with one roll call vote by Holt, second by Runyon. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Flott, Allen, Fannin and Peterson **Nays:** None
Absent: Goembel, Carley, Weller, Ritter, Gerwin and Kestner

Other Items: Chair Holt reported that both positions had been advertised and they were working on the interview process with Linda Daniels.

AG & ZONING

Chuck Schopp (Zoning Administrator) noted that two more Pleasant Ridge hearings would be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 27th and April 29th, at the Historic Courthouse. They would be focusing on the rebuttal presentation by the applicant, Invenergy; schedule more meetings after that and work towards finishing up the project.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Alina Hartley presented information on the proposed agreement with Sear Computer Services. This is for work during the interim period of hiring an Information Technology Specialist. The agreement provides for up to 30 hours a week of service and includes a 10% discount off his hourly rate. There is a need for this service at this time since the County is in the middle of a number of projects, such as the network consolidation which needs to be completed by the middle of June. *Motion by Allen, second by Cohlman to approve the agreement with Sear Computer Services.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Flott, Allen, Fannin and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goembel, Carley, Weller, Ritter, Gerwin and Kestner

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Resolution (#2015-04-21) Amending the County Code of Ordinance: Authorizing & Regulating Home Kitchen Operations – MaLinda Hillman was present to explain her request for the adoption of the resolution, which amends the county ordinances with regards to home kitchen operations. It is in response to a change in the state law. Without this ordinance, no one would be able to sell baked goods by home kitchen operations. She stated that this sets up criteria for a home kitchen operation, a complaint process and procedures for the Health Department to follow in the event of a disease outbreak. Upon passage, this ordinance would allow churches and organizations to sell non-potentially hazardous baked goods and food. *Motion by Steichen, second by Flott to approve the resolution amending the Livingston County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 – Health and Sanitation – Article II. Food and Food Service, with the addition of “Authorizing and Regulating Home Kitchen Operations”.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Flott, Allen, Fannin and Peterson **Nays:** None **Absent:** Goembel, Carley, Weller, Ritter, Gerwin and Kestner

PERSONNEL

No report

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Clerk Masching reported that the county oversees twelve liquor license openings and two Mobile Home Park licenses. There were eleven liquor license applicants for the FY2016 year, which commences May 1, 2015 and expires April 30, 2016. The liquor and mobile home park applications have been reviewed and approved by the State’s Attorney’s Office. *Motion by Yoder, second by Heath to approve the liquor license and mobile home park licenses.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

PUBLIC PROPERTY

No report.

FINANCE

Chair Shafer noted that they are in budget season and had been presented with information from the auditors regarding the FY 2014 audit.

VETERANS

Chair Steichen noted that the medical marijuana plant in Dwight is expecting to hire 600 people.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kelly Cohlman highlighted the following from their March 18th meeting: smoking will be prohibited in all of their facilities per HUD; the summer lunch program is growing, for additional information or to contribute to the program, contact 815-791-9142; work will be commencing on the St. James place project; and the next meeting is Wednesday, May 20th at 9:00 a.m. at 903 West North Street, Pontiac.

RECREATION

Collins Miller reported that the Farnsworth proposal for the multi-use path from Chenoa to Pontiac is being submitted to IDOT for their review and approval. Once the state approves the plan, the Committee will return to provide the Board with detailed information such as costs. With regards to Phase II, the county-wide bike path, he announced that an informational meeting had been set for May 19th at the Historical Courthouse from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and is an idea exchange meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from many union members (IEA, AFSCME, Local 150 and carpenters) voicing their objections to Governor Rauner’s Turnaround proposal. Some concerns voiced follow: should wait until courts decide if resolution is constitutional or not; right-to-work is an illegal concept; the motive behind the board’s decision to remove the resolution from the agenda; attacking unions won’t solve the state’s problems; the negative impact of doing away with prevailing wage; won’t provide for decent living wages; revenue loss to local businesses; and if you cut wages, you cut productivity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steichen, second by Young to move into executive session pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) Acquisition of Property. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Flott, Allen, Fannin and Peterson
Nays: None **Absent:** Goembel, Carley, Weller, Ritter, Gerwin and Kestner

There was a break from 6:45p.m. to 6:50p.m. Executive Session commenced at 6:50p.m., open session resumed at 7:25 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m., on motion by Young, second by Holt. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Board Room.

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

May 14, 2015
Approved

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