AGIRICUTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2015 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:

Bill Flott, Bob Young, Justin Goembel, Daryl Holt and Bill Peterson.

Absent:

James Carley and Paul Ritter.

Committee Chair Flott noted the agenda and it was noted a wrong day was noted on the agenda. Daryl Holt then moved, seconded by Justin Goembel that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the June 2, 2015 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Justin Goembel moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

ETSB Report:

ETSB Chair Mike Ingles reviewed a printed ETSB Report for July 2015, of which copies had been handed out to the committee members, and a copy of this report is attached to these minutes. In replying to questions pertaining to this report, Mr. Ingles replied that if Streator would join LivCom, they would be paying a user fee.

Considerations pertaining to the review of the proposed Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy Project Special Use:

It was explained that the draft special use conditions relating to potential motions regarding the Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy Project Special Use, will be attached to and sent with the County Board meeting packets when they are send out. A final draft of these conditions has not been completed at this time. Carolyn Gerwin inquired as to what property value guarantee version would be included in the conditions. The committee chair related that it is preferred that conditions be discussed at the county board meeting if need be. Committee chair Flott mentioned that the condition suggestions were considered as these draft conditions were drafted.

Review of Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-1-15:

The report provided to the committee pertaining to this zoning case was acknowledged. This report included a copy of the application and language regarding this proposed zoning case. This report also noted that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission and the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals are recommending the approval of this proposed three month extension to the existing six month moratorium on the Livingston County Zoning Regulations concerning Wind Energy Conversion Systems, and the filing sWECS special use applications. The committee briefly discussed this proposed moratorium extension.

Bob Young moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that the Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee of the Livingston County Board recommend to the County Board that the County Board should approve the proposed zoning text amendment to Chapter 56, Schedule VIII, Code of Ordinances Livingston County, Illinois, proposing a three month extension of the six (6) month moratorium on Livingston County, Illinois, delaying the processing or acting upon any special use application for the construction and operation of a wind energy conversion system. This motion passed by a voice vote of all ayes.

Solid Waste Report:

A copy of a planning commission monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The monthly information synopsis relating to Livingston Landfill focused on report copies pertaining to CAAPP and NPDES monitoring and reports. The extended review time requests for the IEPA to take action on some of their landfill permits was mentioned, along with methane gas surface monitoring results that reflected that well X311 had high methane results. An updated post closure cost estimate was also mentioned, along with correspondence regarding well monitoring values. Reports about the landfill cell area constructed this year were also noted, along with reports on the landfill gas system.

Information on the Streator Area Landfill relating to the continuation of gas well X-309 having measured high methane levels was discussed, and repairs need to be made to the system to bring this well into compliance. Also in regard to this Streator Area Landfill synopsis report copies of a biennial well survey, an updated post closure update were mentioned.

Copies of pages from the most recent IEPA Annual Landfill Capacity Report were also presented to the committee members. This report reflected that Livingston Landfill has about 23 years of remaining capacity.

Host fee information from the last two months was also presented to the committee.

Continuing the Process of Reviewing of the County's Wind Energy Ordinance:

The discussion on the Continuation of the Process of Reviewing the County's Wind Energy Ordinance was started by Committee Chair Flott. Mr. Flott expressed his hope to reschedule a daylong meeting to continue this process. Members of this process committee were asked which day worked best for them for this rescheduled meeting. It was concluded that this committee will meeting on July 22, 2015 in this Historic Courthouse with the meeting beginning at 9 am and concluding at 4 pm. A second meeting was then tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2015.

The committee was then informed on scheduling issues in reviewing text amendments in relation to the moratorium. The committee was given a draft time line for the process to approve a text amendment or to extend the wind energy moratorium on processing any special use applications for the construction of WECS. In August the committee and county board may consider another extension of this moratorium to allow enough time to allow for the wind energy text amendment process to be completed.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

Public Comment:

Public Comment focused on the Harvey Zehr's comments on rights including property rights for all. Several comments were then made about nonbinding referendums pertaining to wind energy projects. These comments pertained to townships voting on their opinion on wind energy facilities, and how the wording on such referendums should be carefully considered. It was pointed out that references to referendums are part of the comments about the wind energy regulations review, and this issue may be reviewed as part of the wind energy regulations review.

Review and Approval of Bills: None

Adjournment:

Then Bob Young moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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July, 2015 Report

From: Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB)
To: Agriculture, Zoning, and Emergency Services Committee

This report is submitted as per the Governance agreement between ETSB and Livingston County.

June 5, 2015

Personnel

- 6/5- We are currently budgeted for 12 dispatchers, and have 10 on staff. Resumes have been received and interviews are scheduled for later this month to identify 2 additional hires.
- 7/8-Note: 11 dispatchers are budgeted. We are still waiting to schedule interviews.

Finances

- 6/5- Currently, spending is on target compared to the budget.
- o 7/8-No change.
- Capital Project Total Budget=\$3,000,000
 - Phone System (Intrado)
 - 6/5-The entire system is installed, operational, and in use. Minor issues are being addressed. Functionality proves to be far better than expected.
 - 7/8-A service call is scheduled for 7/28 to resolve a printer problem, the lone remaining open issue.

Radio System (StarCom)

- 6/5-All wiring has been installed by Supreme Radio. T-1 line is installed and is currently being tested. Consoles (for Dispatch Center) are installed downstairs and are being used to test T-1 line. After successful testing, Dispatcher training will begin. Currently defining unique needs for the mounting hardware for various vehicles. Fairbury PD is the only group yet to submit vehicle list. Vehicle installs will be done to the 3 PD's, and then the Sherriff's vehicles. The plan is to install 2/day, and be completed by July 1. The work will be done in the jail's sally port.
- 7/8-Console installation has started, scheduled to complete mid-July. Training
 is scheduled for July 9. All portables are configured and ready for distribution.
 Vehicle installs are scheduled to begin July 22, to be completed by mid-August.
- CAD System (Spillman)

- 6/5-Reviewing the hardware and operating system requirements will review various proposals with Spillman before purchases are made to insure compatibility. Currently finalizing ESRI mapping software (used by Spillman) contracts. Randy Wittenberg, Al Lindsey, and 2 Dispatch supervisors attended the annual Illinois user conference in Effingham on May 28. Reaction by all was very positive and information gained very useful. On July 7, Spillman will be here and offer 2 hour demonstrations to users and elected officials. Details and times for 4 proposed sessions will be announced shortly.
- 7/8-After the Effingham user group, it was discovered that installation on Linux Red Hat servers were much more cost effective, and will provide capacity for other departments within the County. Spillman was here on 7/7 to load software, and provide demo's to users and elected officials. Configuration training for users is scheduled for mid-August.
- State effort to consolidate dispatch operations
 - Over the past months, there has been a group (Candi Bradshaw has participated) that has been addressing surcharges and the need for a uniform system for responding to 911 calls throughout the State.
 - 6/5- Last Friday SB 96 was passed and awaits action by the Governor. All indications are that he will sign. Highlights include:
 - Funding to be set at \$.97 for all phones. Although that is a reduction from our \$1.50 surcharge on land lines, the increase over the \$.73 on cell phones appears to not reduce our overall income.
 - Consolidation will require a single center in each county. While this is not the case in most, Livingston County is already meeting this!
 - Funding for various activities is not clear, but we expect some additional income for required activities.
 - 7/8- Note: the above mentioned fee of \$.97 was a typo, should have been \$.87. The Governor recently signed SB 96 with amendments. We are currently waiting on specifics, especially if we are able to retain our \$1.50 land line surcharge. We have had several discussions with City of Streator about joining us, and are initiating discussions with an adjoining county in the spirit of the new legislation.