

## AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE September 8, 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, James Carley, Justin Goembel, and Daryl Holt.

Absent: Paul Ritter and Bill Peterson.

Additional County Reps: County Board Chair Marty Fannin, County Administrative Resource Specialist Alina Hartley, State's Attorney Seth Uphoff, Non-Committee County Board Members Mike Ingles, Vicki Allen, Kathy Arbogast and Mark Runyon.

Committee Chair Flott noted the agenda, with a plan to address agenda item 2d first under business. Justin Goembel then moved, seconded by Daryl Holt that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the August 4, 2015, the August 10, 2015 and August 13, 2015 committee meetings were referred to the committee. Bob Young moved, seconded by Justin Goembel, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Update on the Continuation of the Process of Reviewing the County's Wind Energy Regulations:

Committee chair Flott asked that State's Attorney Seth Uphoff update the committee on his review of this matter after the last committee and county board meetings. Mr. Uphoff related that he has formally requested an opinion from the Illinois Attorney General's office regarding the Indian Grove Township resolution requesting the county board to include Indian Grove specific WECS setback distances in the county zoning regulations. Mr. Uphoff remarked that the attorney general's office has informed him that they will not expedite this request and that it is in their review pipeline. The attorney general's staff hopes to have draft comments on an opinion done in 90 days, after which it will need to go through an administrative review for which no time line has been given.

Mr. Uphoff then commented on his review of the hearing officer and hearing facilitator proposals that have been discussed at past committee meetings. Zoning ordinance text language from Lee County was mentioned, and how Livingston County may consider similar language if Livingston County decides to pursue a hearing facilitator. Comments were then made as to how an applicant would pay for but not select such a hearing facilitator. Lee County mentions the ZBA requesting a hearing facilitator, with the state's attorney and zoning administrator determining who will act as the hearing facilitator. However, the county board can recommend different wording. A qualification for a hearing facilitator would that the facilitator would be required to be an attorney. The committee will further review this matter in the future.

Committee Chair Flott then remarked on the options on proceeding with amending the county wind energy regulations. Mr. Flott mentioned that they can consider moving forward without the setback proposals, while waiting for the attorney general opinion or that they can continue to work on the proposed amendments but wait to formally proceed until that have completed their work on proposing wind energy amendments as a whole.



The consensus of the committee was to not piece meal the proposed amendments and to forward all of the proposed amendments for formal hearing(s) at one time. The committee believes that this would be a more efficient use of time and funds. A discussion then followed on the wind energy issues that had been mentioned previously in this meeting.

Committee Chair Flott then commented about the Indian Grove Township, WECS setback resolution that was sent to the county board. He noted that the request for an attorney general opinion has been completed as a result of the discussions at the last county board meeting. Mr. Flott pondered as to what options the committee has on proceeding with the review of the Indian Grove Township resolution. A discussion also took place on a previous committee meetings discussion on "Let the Voters Decide" referendum. This conversation included comments on whether to wait on the attorney general's opinion, wording of a referendum, continued review of the proposed WECS ordinance amendments, and the continuing legal review of proposed WECS ordinance amendments. Remarks on a non-binding referendum ballot question, potential multi township options, and the possibility of including language for the waiver of setback distance requirements. A follow up remark on the waiver issue was made to attempt to keep proposals as black and white as possible. As this discussion continued the timing of any proposed referendum was questioned, with the possibility of waiting until the November election. The Indian Grove WECS setback resolution and future action on this resolution was further conversed about. Having State's Attorney Uphoff provide his opinion on this referendum was then discussed. Then Bob Young moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that this committee keep pursuing the WECS regulation amendments while seeking the State's Attorneys opinion on timing and language of a potential referendum pertaining to WECS, with the intent to seek the opinion of the entire county board on the committee's process of moving forward with potential WECS related regulations amendments. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. The state's attorney will continue his review of the proposed wind energy regulation amendments, including property value guarantees.

#### ETSB Report:

ETSB Chair Mike Ingles reviewed a printed ETSB Report for September 2015, of which copies had been handed out to the committee members, and a copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Mr. Ingles explained that that the new details of this report are the comments under each section dated 9/8, and it is these 9/8 dated areas on which Mr. Ingles focused his review. Mr. Ingles discussed his report with the committee members.

#### Review of Livingston County Zoning Case ZM -1-15

The zoning administrator reviewed his report regarding a review of a proposed zoning map amendment for the purpose of amending the zoning classification on the subject property from a R2, Low Density Multiple Family Residence, District to a C1, Local Business, District. The subject property in this zoning case is Lots 9, 10 and 12 of Block 13, Village of Vermillion City in Section 2 of Reading Township, as part of the unincorporated area of South Streator. After this review, Bob Young moved, seconded by James Carley, that this committee recommend the approval of this zoning case to the entire county board. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

#### Review of Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-2 -15

The zoning administrator reviewed his report in regards to a review of a proposed text amendment to the County Code of Ordinances, Livingston County, Illinois, Chapter 56 Zoning for the purpose of changing the text of Sec 56-292, Special Uses, in the C1, Local Business, District by adding (10) Rental Service and (11) Shooting Range, Indoor.

This proposed text amendment is a result of Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals Review of Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-1-15. Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-1-15 pertains to a proposal to change the zoning classification on three lots in unincorporated South Streator, from a R2, Low Density Multiple Family Residence, District to a C1, Local Business District. In view of the fact that some of the adjoining property to the property in question in zoning case ZM-1-15 is zoned as C1 and is developed with commercial uses the zoning board appeals is recommending the approval of that zoning case.

However, as part of that review it was presented that the applicant has plans to use the property for uses not specifically outlined in the Livingston County Zoning Regulations. Consequently, the zoning board of appeals also recommended that the proposed uses be incorporated into the county zoning regulations as special uses. Therefore this zoning text amendment case is being presented to you for your review. After this review, Bob Young moved, seconded by James Carley, that this committee recommend the approval of this zoning case to the entire county board. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Solid Waste Report:**

A copy of a planning commission monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members and discussed. Host fee information from the last month was also presented to the committee.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

**Public Comment:**

Public comments related to the how the attorney general's opinion may affect the timing of any potential referendum.

Review and Approval of Bills: None

**Adjournment:**

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.



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# **E911**

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### **September, 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.

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- **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.
  - 8/4-No changes
  - 9/8-No change
- **Finances**
  - 6/5- Currently, spending is on target compared to the budget.
  - 7/8-No change.
  - 8/4-No change
  - 9/8-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.
    - 8/4-Printer problem resolved, fully functional.
    - 9/8-No change
  - **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.
- 8/4-All units in the dispatch center installed. User training is complete. Dwight and Fairbury PD mobile units are 100% installed, Pontiac PD 80%, Sheriff 50%. Portables scheduled to be issued August 12.
- 9/8-All radios issued. Some coverage issues in Dwight are being addressed. Randy is meeting Friday, 9/11 with Motorola to determine if the issue is training, infrastructure, or radios.

- 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.
- 8/4-Linux servers installed in dispatch center and Spillman software installed. Clients running in training environment, training started 8/4.
- 9/8- Admin. Training complete except mapping. Users have been trained to build configurations. Full user training will be done in Jan.

- 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.

- 8/4- Still waiting on a definitive answer on the \$150 vs. .87 question. Randy is meeting with the ICC to get answers about consolidation.
- 9/8- ICC informs us we will be "held harmless", income will be no less than 2013. Discussions with Streator continue. ICC will send us information on consolidation with other entities.

- Other

- 8/4-Alarm system for generator has been installed. It will send text messages when generator is running.
- 8/4-Dwight Fire Chief Paul Johnson has volunteered to coordinate an effort to seek grants for fire and EMS to upgrade to StarCom radios and a digital paging system.
- 9/8-Sam Smidgall (head of MABUS) and Pontiac Chief Runyon have agreed to work with Chief Johnson on grants for Fire Dept's.