LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES OF November 12, 2015 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

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

Jim Carley presented the invocation, with William Peterson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk- Kristy Masching, Administrative Resource Specialist-Alina Hartley, Bob Sear-Livingston County Historical Society, State's Attorney-Seth Uphoff, Treasurer-Barbara Sear and Finance Resource Specialist-John Clemmer

AGENDA

Chairman Fannin asked for approval of the agenda. Bill Flott asked that item "3. C. Letter of Intent with Streator" be removed. *Motion by Ritter, second by Bunting to approve the amended agenda*. **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the October 15, 2015 minutes. Carolyn Gerwin asked that more detail about the discussion of the bike path, including the questions and answers that were raised by those in opposition of the path be added. She felt that there should be additional language and asked that the minutes be tabled until this information could be added, in the same detail as Mr. Collins comments. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Runyon to table the October 15 minutes until next month.* Chairman Fannin noted that a "yes" vote was to table until next month and a "no" was not to table. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Weber, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: Arbogast, Holt, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young and Ritter Absent: Weller

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Fannin called for approval of the consent agenda, with Joe Steichen asking that appointments #1. Keith Bahler and #2. Rudy Piskule be acted on together, but separately from appointment #3. Diana Iverson. *Motion by Steichen, second by Holt to approve appointment items #1. Keith Bahler and #2 Rudy Piskule.* MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.

Motion by Steichen, second by Holt to table appointment #3 Diana Iverson until next month. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Steichen noted that this would allow more time to gather information since concerns had been raised about this appointment. Ayes: Arbogast, Mays, Holt, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Flott, Allen, Kestner and Peterson Nays: Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Weber, Gerwin and Fannin Absent: Weller

- A. Approval of Bills
- **B.** Appointments

- 1. **Keith Bahler** Livingston County Regional Planning Commission, four year term commencing November 18, 2015 November 17, 2019.
- 2. **Rudy Piskule** Livingston County Regional Planning Commission, four year term commencing November 18, 2015 November 17, 2019.
- 3. **Diana Iverson** Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals, five year term commencing November 13, 2015 November 12, 2020 **(Tabled until next month)**

HIGHWAY

Committee Chair Holt reported the following notes of interest. The sewer system backed up into the office area and damaged some of the carpeted area. It was also discovered that the heating and cooling ducts needed to be cleaned, not because of the sewage leak but because they contained mold and would need to be remediated. Holt stated that they would be interviewing three of the applicants who had applied for the assistant county engineer position.

POINT OF ORDER

At this time, Chair Fannin noted that the bills hadn't been approved under the consent agenda; action had only taken place on the appointments. *Motion to approve the bills (item A), under the consent agenda by Flott, second by Steichen.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays**: None **Absent**: Weller

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Resolution (#2015-11-55): Contributing funds for repair of Pontiac Monument – Committee Chair Ingles reported that several months ago they had learned that the monument on the southeast corner of the Historic Courthouse square was in dire need of repair. Ingles stated that he had formed a sub-committee of two board members, Kathy Arbogast and Bill Flott, to work with the Historical Society President Bob Sear and local historian David Sullivan on researching what repairs were needed and possible funding sources to complete the repair work. Bob Sear presented information and noted that the monument or "cairn" was erected in 1936 by the Pontiac Historical Society, and the State of Illinois to commemorate Pontiac's Centennial in 1937. He stated that the Historical Society had received an estimate of \$10,000 for the proposed work. The City of Pontiac had committed to fund 25%, not to exceed \$2,500 and the Historical Society had agreed to fund at least 50% of the cost. They were asking the county to fund 25% of the cost, not to exceed \$2,500. *Motion by Ingles, second by* Young to adopt the resolution authorizing the county to fund 25%, not to exceed \$2,500, of the cost to repair and refurbish the "Historical Cairn," located on the southeast corner of Livingston County's Historic Courthouse property. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: Steichen **Absent**: Weller

AG & ZONING

Work Agreement: Diegan & Associates – Committee Chairman Flott commented that the committee recommends approval of the work agreement with Diegan and Associates for landfill inspections since they feel they do a fine job. Their agreement contains minimal increases. *Motion by Flott, second by Holt to recommend approval of the Deigan and Associates Proposal and Work Agreement for 2016.* MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: None Absent: Weller

3. b. Resolution (#2015-11-56) Intergovernmental Agreement: Streator – Dispatch Services and 3. d. Resolution (#2015-11-57) ETSB Backup Agreement with McLean County - Chair Flott also announced that Jim Woolford, Pontiac Chief of Police, is the new chairman of the ETS Board effective today. He replaces Mike Ingles, who presented information on the agreements. Ingles reminded the members that legislation (SB96) had passed earlier this year, requiring a certain degree of consolidation of 911 centers throughout the state. Since Livingston County currently has one county wide answering center or dispatch point, we are not subject to consolidation in the early stages. LaSalle County will have to consolidate its many centers. As a result, the City of Streator approached us about merging with Livingston County. After much discussion, it was decided that

Streator would be a good fit with us, so it will become a member of Livingston County's Emergency Telephone System Board as soon as our new dispatch software system in place, with a proposed target date of April 1, 2016. Ingles explained that they'd like to have all the paperwork completed as soon as possible because at the end of the year, on the state level, the management of 911 is transferred to the Illinois State Police. Therefore, the Intergovernmental Agreement with Streator for dispatch services and the back-up agreement for our ETSB with McLean County will be acted upon tonight. Currently, Streator is our LivCom backup, so once they become a member of our board LivCom will need a new back-up.

Seth Uphoff, our State's Attorney, has been working with Streator's attorney to hammer out the details for all the proposed agreements. Seth presented information on the documents and noted that members of both the ETSB and the Ag & Zoning Committee had the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed documents. He then entertained questions from the board members regarding the proposed documents. Gerwin raised her concern with the indemnification clause (Article 7) of the IGA and the fact that Livingston County and or ETSB would indemnify someone from the ETSB entity if they were sued by someone for something that went wrong, if acting in accordance to their duties; and that the determination of whether the person was acting in good faith or not would be determined by a majority vote of the members of the Livingston County ETSB. Seth responded that there was a statutory indemnification that anything the statutory indemnification didn't pick up then the county would indemnify after that. He thought that the vote taken by the ETSB could be used as a guide by the attorney's handling the case to determine whether they were acting within the scope of what had been authorized by the ETSB. Gerwin also noted that regarding the letter of intent and given our responsibility for the costs, that it would be important that we never have less than a majority vote on the ETSB. Seth then went on to explain that under the new law, by July 2016, all ETSBs will be required to present consolidation plans to the State of Illinois. The state is pushing all the ETSBs to be consolidated, as they move towards regional ETSB centers. The letter of intent indicates that Livingston County and Streator both are under the understanding that going forward into next year, that we're looking to move to a regional ETSB. Once we get to that point, there will be a complete dissolution of this and a complete restructuring, with everything changing at that point in terms of how members are selected and appointed. This intergovernmental agreement is a bridge agreement which will carry us over until we get to the regional ETSBs. Motion by Ingles, second by Goembel to move with approval of the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Streator and the backup agreement with McLean County. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Aves: Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: None Absent: Weller

Letter of Intent with Streator – Removed from agenda

FINANCE

4. a. Resolutions Authorizing Transfer of Deeds for Real Estate (Reading Twp-PIN#01-01-01-130-003, Reading Twp-PIN#01-01-01-303-014, Odell Twp-PIN#10-10-09-228-001, Forrest Twp-PIN#26-26-03-306-007, Chatsworth Twp-PIN#27-27-04-433-012 **and 4. b. Resolution** (#**2015-10-64**) **Authorizing Transfer of title for Mobile Home** (PIN#15-15-800-016) - Treasurer Sear presented information on five real estate property resolutions and one mobile home resolution concerning delinquent property taxes. She noted that the properties were all sold at the sealed bid auction put together by the county trustee and held earlier in the fall. Barb noted that the total amount due for all taxes, penalties and costs was \$7,005. Our share of the bids total amounted to \$9,907. *Motion by Shafer, second by Arbogast to approve Resolutions #2015-11-59 through #2015-11-64 with one roll call vote.* **M OTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays**: None **Absent**: Weller

Resolution (#2015-11-65): FY 2015 Year End Transfers – Finance Resource Specialist John Clemmer reported that this is a statutory housecleaning item. If any department is over their budget for the year, a resolution must be approved to transfer money from contingency to cover the overage. The transfer for FY 2015 occurred in the Finance Department and is a budget item for a retirement payout. *Motion by Shafer, second by Vietti to approve the resolution authorizing the FY 2015 year end transfer of funds.* M OTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: None Absent: Weller

County Levies – Committee Chair Shafer presented the FY 2016 county levies and asked that they be approved with one motion.

County Corporate (General Fund) Levy	. \$2,333,220.
IMRF Levy.	1,265,000.
Tort Judgment & Liability Insurance Fund Levy	380,000.
Unemployment Insurance Fund Levy	10,000.
County Extension Education Fund Levy	149,217.
Social Security Fund Levy	705,000.
County Highway Fund Levy	668,306.
County Aid to Bridges Fund Levy	330,600.
County Federal Aid Hwy Matching Fund Levy	334,153.
Veterans Assistance Fund Levy	154,500.
County Health Fund Levy	375,000.
Tuberculosis Clinic Fund Levy	27,000.

Motion by Shafer, second by Bunting to move for approval of the FY 2016 County Levies. Discussion followed with it being noted that the County Corporate levy is also known as the General Fund Levy. The adoption of the county levies provides the funding and the Adoption of Annual Appropriations authorizes the spending of the funds. The appropriations are the line item budgets worked on with the departments. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: Steichen Absent: Weller

Mental Health Fund Levy & Developmentally Disabled Person Fund Levy —Motion by Shafer, second by Cohlman to move for approval of the FY 2016 Mental Health Fund Levy of \$894,635.91 and the Developmentally Disabled Person Fund Levy of \$410,594.00, and the Developmentally Disabled Person Fund Levy, with one roll call. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: None Absent: Weller

SELCAS Levy – Committee Chairman Shafer asked for approval of the FY 2016 **Southeast Livingston County Ambulance Service** Fund (SELCAS) Levies as follows: Chatsworth \$15,500.; Fairbury \$133,000.; Forrest \$31,000.; Strawn \$1,825.; Rural District \$72,675., for a total of \$254,000. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ingles to move for approval of the FY 2016 SELCAS Levies.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays**: Steichen **Absent**: Weller

Resolution (#2015-11-66) FY 2015 Levies payable in 2016 – Chair Shafer explained that this procedural resolution was for the adoption of the levies which the members had just approved. *Motion by Shafer, second by Holt to recommend and move for approval of the Resolution for Adoption of the 2015 Tax Levies payable in 2016.*MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Yoder, Cohlman, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Gerwin, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson Nays: Steichen Absent: Weller

Resolution (#2015-11-) Adoption of the Annual Appropriations — Chair Shafer noted that action on this resolution would approve the adoption of the budget and associated appropriations which had been on display since last month. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ingles for approval of the Resolution for Adoption of the FY2015 Annual Appropriations (Budgets)*. Board member comments follow. **Gerwin** noted two concerns as to why she would be voting no on the appropriations or would be willing to second a motion to amend the budget: 1) she was opposed to the bike path in the capital budget at this time without public approval; and 2) after having received correspondence from the Judge, with line item changes different from what the draft budget included purporting to meet their target of \$260,000. **Yoder** explained that he couldn't vote in good conscience for this budget for

some of the same reasons cited, as well as the fact that the department heads had all been asked to cut or hold their budgets and then \$100,000 is appropriated for a bike path which he feels is not needed. **Runyon** stated that he would be voting against the budget, as he always does. He complimented Chair Shafer and the Finance Committee for the work they did, and acknowledged the baby steps they took in the right direction, but feels it should be more. **Kestner** realizes that you can't please everybody and thanked the Finance Committee for all their hard work, but doesn't agree with all the cuts in the departments (especially Law Enforcement) and proposed starting the process earlier. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Arbogast, Bunting, Goembel, Carley, Mays, Holt, Weber, Vietti, Heath, Cohlman, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Young, Ritter, Flott, Allen, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays**: Runyon, Yoder and Gerwin **Absent**: Weller

VETERANS

Committee Vice-Chairman Ron Kestner reported that they approved bills and discussed the request for a new van.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

No report

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

No report

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

No report

PERSONNEL

No report

ADMINISTRATION

No meeting

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kelly reported that the next meeting would be held on November 18th at 1:00 p.m. at 903 W. North Street in Pontiac.

RECREATION

Joe Steichen reported that they have a tentative meeting date for November 19.

Statement by Chairman Fannin

At this time, Chairman Fannin presented the following statement in response to Sheriff Childress's press conference on November 6th.

"I would like to take a moment to address some of the concerns that have surfaced since Sheriff Childress's press conference held on November 6th. It is disheartening that the County Board has been labeled as Political Tyrants by Sheriff Childress. As an elected official Sheriff Childress has a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of this County, as does the County Board, and it's unfortunate that Sheriff Childress has chosen to use simple questions raised by board members as a political platform based on presumptions and allegations and not on facts.

It is the responsibility of the County Board to adopt an annual budget that funds the necessary expenses of each department and to do so within the funds available. Revenues for the general fund come primarily from two major funding sources, property taxes and State of Illinois reimbursements. The County Board has made a commitment to not increase the burden on the taxpayers of Livingston County. In order to balance the budget, yes, there was a 5.69% cut in the general fund expenses when comparing 2015 to 2016. Those cuts were across the board to each department including the Sheriff's Department. However, when Sheriff Childress refers to a cut of \$422,000, he fails to mention that \$180,000 of that amount was a one-time allocation granted to the Sheriff's department in 2015 for the purchase of four additional vehicles. The actual budget reduction to the Sheriff's Department was 5%, similar to those incurred by other departments. Sheriff Childress also made reference to an additional \$7,500 in additional stipend money that he was to personally receive that was not paid by to him in 2015. The County Board was given an opinion that it legally could not provide such an increase. To be valid that increase would have needed to be formally approved by the County Board 180 days prior to the

election. Since that did not happen, the increase could not be given. The Board has indicated that should Sheriff Childress provide the statutory reference and case law that supports his claim to pay him the stipend; the board would be willing to revisit the topic. To date he has provided no such legal authority.

Ironically enough, at the time of the agreement to provide the \$7,500 stipend, Sheriff Childress agreed to decrease his staffing levels by one full time officer. Sheriff Childress indicated no risk to public safety at that time. The budgeting process began in June and now for the first time, the Sheriff claims we may need to layoff as many as four deputies to "meet these constraints" created by the budget, and that the Board is jeopardizing public safety. However, throughout the budgeting process, the Finance Committee directed department heads to present any reductions in services resulting from the budget cuts to them for consideration; the Sheriff never made a claim that he would be forced to reduce services. Furthermore, a review of the Sheriff's budget does not show a reduction in salaries that would require the layoff of four deputies. Sheriff Childress alleged that there was a \$55,000 increase given to the State's Attorney for an additional Assistant and further that the County's approval of this "increase" would indicate the Board's favored endorsement of a State's Attorney up for re-election. I'm not certain where Sheriff Childress obtained his figure. There was actually a \$29,678 reduction in the State's Attorneys budget, which also represents a 5% reduction for that department over the previous year, similar to that of the Sheriff's Department. State's Attorney Uphoff was not granted approval to hire an additional Assistant State's Attorney, he was granted approval to maintain the same staffing levels that have been in place for that office since 2008. The County Board did approve an allocation of \$100,000 for the multi-use path, which represents the 20% match needed to obtain a grant up to \$500,000. That allocation is to come from the Enterprise Zone fund which is used for County Enhancements and are not tax dollars. That is a far cry from the \$377,000 over three years indicated by Sheriff Childress. The Sheriff, Jail & License Committee did give notice to the towns with dedicated patrol services that they would need to bear the full cost of a dedicated officer. Currently the County contracts with the individual towns to provide additional police services. However the amount reimbursed to the County is only a small percentage of the actual cost incurred. The patrol services contracted for by the towns are above and beyond normal services. Such specialized service, dedicated to these towns, is a cost that should **not** be borne by all tax payers county wide.

It's a sad day in Livingston County that communication has to be played out in a public forum. Since I have been Chairman, the lines of communication between the Sheriff's Department and the County Board have been open and productive. Those lines of communication did not break down until recently when some tough questions were asked, and were apparently taken personally. The County Board has their responsibilities and the Sheriff has a different set of responsibilities, although we can hope that those responsibilities always coincide, reality is that there will be differences of opinion on occasion. We hope that the Sheriff's Department can appreciate the fact that it is the County Board's responsibility to oversee taxpayers' dollars. The County Board's commitment to public safety has never wavered and we appreciate the hard work of all our officers."

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Childress addressed the members with his response to Chairman Fannin's statement as follows. "Good Evening. First of all, I want to make something perfectly clear. I know each and every one of you on this Board and many of you I've known for many years. I did, and do and always will, hold you in the utmost respect. However, there are a few of you who have challenged me, and came at me personally and my department personally by lying to my officers. So, you know who you are. Hopefully, we can mend fences and move on from here. Some of the things that Mr. Fannin says, at this point could be accurate. I'm not claiming to be perfect when it comes to the numbers. I have people that are much better than me when it comes to numbers who take care or my finances and my budgets of my department. While that is the case, I would say that some things can easily be manipulated, as we have seen when it comes to the numbers. So, hold me accountable for that. That's fine. I have no problem with that. What I do have a problem with is when you take, and you start picking on the children, because I buy candy for them for \$85.00 and then tell me that it's political because I have officers walking in the parade, in uniform, when nothing is farther from the truth. And, I still have yet to get an apology or retraction from anyone who claims that they would go and try to recheck their facts and their sources and get back to us. So once again, I will tell you I may not be perfect, but if you start picking on the elderly and children and lying on my deputies, I will use every resource that I have to take care of that problem. Now, as far as the budget goes, once again, I'm not that great with numbers. Many of you probably are, some of you are probably really great with numbers. But we all know that the numbers can be manipulated. So, I'll leave that be. I'm not here to try to continue this adversarial relationship with a few of you that I have. Because I guarantee you my fight is not with this whole board. Now, it appears to me that facts have been distorted; we all know that sometimes when things come out, when they are said later or printed later, they're not exactly the way that they came out. Once again I want to be perfectly clear; I do not have a problem with the Livingston County Board. It is just a small, certain few of you and you know who you are. And I suppose that in conclusion, it will be up to those of you, those certain few and me to try and come together and mend the fences and do what we need to do

to make for a better Livingston County, and for a better relationship between the Sheriff's Department and the County Board."

John Slagel recognized the Finance Committee, Finance Resource Specialist John Clemmer and Administrative Resource Specialist Alina Hartley for their work in holding the line on the budget and thanked them as a citizen.

Carolyn Gerwin thanked all the department heads that worked hard on their budgets to meet their target budgets. She feels the citizens have some fantastic public servants working for them.

Chairman Fannin also expressed his appreciation

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None
ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
None
COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
None
ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m., on motion by Goembel, second by Carley. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the county board room of the Livingston County Historic Courthouse
Marty Fannin, Chairman
Attest:
County Clerk

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Approved