

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2016 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: Daryl Holt, Justin Goembel, Jason Bunting, James Carley and Steven Lovell.

Absent: Marty Fannin and Paul Ritter.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chairman Bob Young and County Administrative Resource Specialist Alina Hartley, County Finance Director John Clemmer, LivCom 911 Manager of Communications Randy Wittenberg. ETSB Chairman Jim Woolford. Non-committee county board members present were Mike Ingles, Carolyn Gerwin and John Slagel. Several interested citizens of the county were also present at this committee meeting.

New Committee Chair Daryl Holt noted the agenda. James Carley then moved, seconded by Justin Goembel, that the agenda for this meeting be approved. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Holt then referred to the minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting. Then Jason Bunting moved, seconded by James Carley, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Intergovernmental Agreement: Establishing 911 Joint Authority:

Committee Chair Holt commented that he had reviewed the proposed most recent version of the intergovernmental agreement establishing a 911 authority to be known as the "Vermilion Valley Regional Emergency Communications Authority". Mr. Holt related that he had contacted LivCom 911 Manager of Communications Randy Wittenberg about some modifications to this draft agreement, such as noting a need to fill in the December date on page 2, a review of the effective date on page 4, that the Mayor of Dwight, should read the Village President on page 8, and on page 20 Emergency Communications Director only needed to be mentioned once. County Administrative Specialist Alina Hartley remarked that County Finance Director John Clemmer, County Treasurer Barb Sear and herself had also reviewed this document. They have found some sections of the draft agreement that could be modified to reflect current county operational practices, and that some new sections of this draft agreement should be further discussed. Alina Hartley explained that the county representatives noted, Clemmer, Sear and Hartley, along with Mr. Wittenberg are planning on meeting tomorrow to further discuss this version of the draft agreement. Alina Hartley expressed that the county board had previously approved a previous draft of an Intergovernmental Agreement contingent upon final attorney review and approval, of which this motion would allow for the County Board Chairman to assign such an approved agreement.

Randy Wittenberg generally commented on this most recent version of this 911 intergovernmental agreement. Some areas of this most recent agreement that differ from a past draft agreement were remarked about. Since the current draft of this agreement continues to be under review, Alina Hartley noted that this committee does not need to approve this current draft of this agreement but that this committee forward this proposed most recent version of the intergovernmental agreement establishing a 911 authority to be known as the “Vermilion Valley Regional Emergency Communications Authority” to the county board to allow their approval to authorize the County Board Chair to sign this agreement after further consideration and attorney review and approval. Justin Goembel moved, seconded by James Carley, that this committee forward this proposed most recent version of the intergovernmental agreement establishing a 911 authority to be known as the “Vermilion Valley Regional Emergency Communications Authority” to the county board to allow their approval to authorize the County Board Chair to sign this agreement after further consideration and attorney review and approval. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Carolyn Gerwin inquired as to if this proposed agreement would prompt a need to change the county budget. This proposed agreement should note create a need to amend the county budget.

Extension of Moratorium – WECS:

The zoning administrator related to the committee that if the committee and the county board would like to maintain an option of extending the moratorium relating to the processing of any special use application(s) pertaining to the construction of a wind energy conversion system (WECS), special use application(s) pertaining to the construction of a wind energy conversion system (WECS), then they should consider beginning the process of extending this moratorium this month. For such a moratorium option the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals would need to conduct a public hearing on a moratorium text amendment in January 2017, and then the county board could consider their option on approving or denying this moratorium extension in February 2017, in that the current moratorium expires on February 28, 2017. The zoning board of appeals has a meeting set for December 20, 2016 at which it is hoped they will finalize their recommendation to the county board regarding amendments to the zoning ordinance text amendment. After which this committee and the county board can begin their review of the text amendment relating to wind energy. If this review is concluded by February then the county board could act it. However if more review of the wind energy regulations text amendment is needed then the county board may want the option of extending the moratorium at that time. The committee members discussed this option of a moratorium extension. County Board chair Bob Young remarked that this committee could have extra meetings to conduct this review if need be, instead of having a special county board meeting. Justin Goembel moved, seconded by James Carley, that this committee recommend to the County Board that they proceed with processing the option of extending the moratorium relating to the processing of any special use application(s) pertaining to the construction of a wind energy conversion system (WECS) for three months. Mr. Goembel explained that they should maintain an option to take the time to complete this review to their satisfaction considering how long this review has already taken. This motion was approved by a voice vote, with Mr. Bunting voicing a no vote.

Other Business as Needed:

A printed copy of the Treasurer's Monthly Report on Host Agreement Funds information was presented to the committee.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

Public Comments: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$ 6,521.50 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from September 29, 2016 to November 11, 2016 relating to landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area Landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting service to Livingston County was submitted and explained to the committee. Jason Bunting moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that the committee approve the

Adjournment:

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission