

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF September 14, 2017 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

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

The invocation was presented by Pastor Jan Ambrose of Judah Ministries. Mike Ingles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf and State’s Attorney Randy Yedinak

AGENDA

Chairman Young asked for approval of the agenda as presented. *Motion by Steichen, second by Weller to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Young called for approval of the August 17, 2017 meeting minutes. *Motion by Holt, second by Ingles to approve the August 17, 2017 meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:
 - a) **Neil Turner** – appointment to the Emington-Campus Fire Protection District (to fill Scott Wyllie unexpired term), term expiring May 2019.

Chairman Young called for approval of the consent agenda. *Motion by Bunting, second by Steichen for approval of the Consent Agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Steichen, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Weller, Goembel, Carley, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Weber, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ritter and Arbogast

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Jason Bunting reviewed the **Action Agenda Item** as follows:

- a) **Letting Results:** September 1, 2017 equipment letting (skid steer)
- b) **Resolution (#2017-09-35) & Agreement: Enbridge Energy, Line 78 Project** - Clay Metcalf explained that this was the final settlement agreement between the County and Enbridge for the Line 78 project (from Pontiac up the east side of the county to Reddick). The monetary settlement of \$175,000 is for repairing and maintaining the sealcoats of county roads that were used and damaged within the footprint, and is the final release for the work that was done. Clay noted that most of the work was done on private property with our share occurring where Enbridge crossed the roads via underground borings for the

carrier pipe as well as entrances for their equipment. Clay stated that Enbridge or their subcontractors did the repair work on our sections. State's Attorney Randy Yedinak noted that typically you would see a double indemnification (the county would hold Enbridge harmless and Enbridge to the county), but in this case he explained that the county was going to indemnify (hold harmless) Enbridge for any claims that might be made by subcontractors. Randy noted that after speaking with Clay and other representatives, he came to the conclusion that there was nothing for Enbridge to indemnify us against. There was a one year waiting period where we waited for all the work to be completed and Enbridge to be moved out of the area before any repair work would commence, with the \$175,000 to be used for the repair work that needed to be done. The agreement is for the road use and the damage to the road. The private property work is between Enbridge and the land owners. Clay stated that this agreement was patterned after the road use agreements used for the wind farm projects.

- c) **Resolution (#2017-09-36): Extending Temporary Agreement of Exhibit A, Resolution No. 2016-11-65** – County Highway Engineer Clay Metcalf reminded the board that they had passed a resolution last November to charge fees for oversized and overweight vehicles. After hearing concerns raised by local livestock producers that some of the weight restrictions within the fee schedule were detrimental to their operations, some concessions were made that were agreeable to all parties and a revised schedule was put into effect on a temporary basis, with an expiration date of September 30, 2018. Clay requested that the board approve the proposed amendment which would extend the temporary fee schedule agreement for another year, which would allow his department to continue their review of the extent of the damage done to the roads during the spring posting period. He noted that they will assess the damage for a few years before adopting a permanent fee schedule.
- d) **Bridge Petition:** Germanville Road District – Replace existing culverts with 2, 60" x 42' ERS pre-coated steel culvert pipes @ 020 N, 3200 East Rd, Section 17-12000-00-AB. Estimated cost = \$12,000.

Motion by Bunting, second by Runyon to approve all four of the Highway Action items with one roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Steichen, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Weller, Goembel, Carley, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Weber, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ritter and Arbogast

Committee Chairman Jason Bunting reported that they had completed the hiring process for early retirement replacements with Travis Sancken filling the Maintenance Foreman vacancy.

FINANCE

Committee Chairman Tim Shafer reported that they were working on the FY 2018 budget and were hoping to present their recommendations to the board after their special committee meeting next week.

AG & ZONING

Committee Chairman Daryl Holt commended Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp on the minutes and noted that they were on-line for anyone wishing to read them. Daryl reported the following items of interest: Cell D, on the south side of the landfill was being capped; a new cell to the northwest of Cell D being opened for garbage; reviewed two proposals for the Livingston County All Hazards Mitigation Plan and asked Chuck to further investigate one of the proposals; were presented a status update on Zoning Case ZT-3-17 (windfarms); and reviewed draft text language for a Livingston County Spiller Pays Ordinance, made revisions and will review new draft at their next meeting.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Committee Chairman Marty Fannin noted that his committee had recommended the Consent Agenda appointment approval of Neil Turner to the Emington-Campus Fire Protection District.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chairman Mike Ingles reported that Facility Services Manager Chad Carnahan had submitted an additional capital budget request for roof repair work on the historic courthouse. Abraham Masonry of Pontiac will begin masonry and resealing work on the historic courthouse.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chairman Ron Kestner reported the following items of interest from their committee meeting: heard the monthly department, Pro-Active and Animal Control reports; were informed that Deez 4 Corners restaurant had relinquished their liquor license due to the closing of their business; and learned that the jail was currently housing a total of 145 detainees, from the federal North District (39), the Federal Central District (10), Cook County (35), and Livingston County (60).

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chairman Young stated that he appreciated all the hard work, extra meetings and hours put in by the board members at their committee meetings, on behalf of the citizens of the county.

PERSONNEL

Vice-Committee Chairman Jack Vietti (in the absence of Kathy Arbogast), reported the following: health insurance representative Jeff Gilmore reviewed the health insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield offering a decrease from last year of 0.03%; heard from Linda Daniels that the early retirement incentive will result in an estimated annual savings of \$334,379.29, with it taking less than three years to recoup the cost of the incentive (\$960,000).

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chairwoman Vicki Allen reported that they met with Jon Sear. Vicki highlighted his report as follows: Jon has met with 3-4 companies regarding the jail cameras; his department has completed the electronic recycling for this year; the Financial Edge accounting system has been installed; and he has been working on the remote access apps for the Public Health, Mental Health and Highway Departments.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

No report

RECREATION

Joe Steichen reported that they did not meet this month.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

John Slagel reported that they would be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on September 19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Slagel noted that Paul Ritter had appeared on the television show Garage Squad, where they went to his garage and restored his grandfather's 1950 Ford F3 pickup truck.

Carolyn Gerwin invited everyone to Pontiac's Play Park on Saturday, September 16 for the 7th annual Vermilion River Clean-Up Day hosted by the Livingston County Environmental Association.

County Clerk Kristy Masching reminded the members that per diems were due in her office by 10:00 a.m., Friday morning in order to meet the board payroll date of September 22.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Chairman Young reminded the members that the following committees would be meeting next week: Sheriff, Jail & License; Property and Finance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., on motion by Mays, second by Carley. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

October 12, 2017
Approved

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