

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF June 14, 2018 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 Rod Kodavatikanti of the River of Life Outreach Church. Jack Vietti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** John “Jack” Vietti, Jason Bunting, John Slagel, G. Michael Ingles, Patrick D. Killian, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, Carolyn Gerwin, Steven Lovell, Vicki Allen, Kathy Arbogast, Robert F. Weller, Linda Ambrose, James A. Carley, Daryl N. Holt, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Stanley R. Weber, Bob Young, John L. Yoder and Marty Fannin **Absent:** Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer (arrived at 6:30pm) and David W. Heath

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, Sheriff-Tony Childress, Assistant County Board Engineer-Trent Ruestman and Human Resources Director-Ginger Harris

AGENDA

Chairman Young stated that the May 17 and May 30 meeting minutes were not ready for tonight’s meeting but will be approved at the July meeting. *Motion by Ritter, second by Bunting to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 17 and May 30, 2018 meeting minutes will be approved at the July meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Officer Commendations presented by Sheriff Childress – Sheriff Childress was on hand to present Letters of Commendation to a number of members from his department as well as from the Dwight Police Department and Illinois State Police for their heroic acts of service. The honorees were:

- **Deputy Emily Anderson** for her part in the apprehension of the three murder suspects in Dwight, IL. All three suspects were involved in a murder earlier in Streator, IL on May 22, 2018.
- **Deputy Dan Myers** for his part in the apprehension of the three murder suspects in Dwight, IL. All three suspects were involved in a murder earlier in Streator, IL on May 22, 2018.
- **Dwight Police Officer Mark Scott** for his part in the apprehension of the three murder suspects in Dwight, IL. All three suspects were involved in a murder earlier in Streator, IL on May 22, 2018.
- **Deputy Ryan Donovan** for his part in life saving efforts administered to a 2 year old child on May 8, 2018.
- **Officer Rodney Alexander** for his quick thinking that potentially saved Officer Melvin’s life when he administered the Heimlich maneuver on a fellow employee who was choking on May 25, 2018.
- **Officer Bryan Kuhl** for his quick thinking that helped to eliminate contraband being introduced into the Public Safety Complex facility on October 27, 2017.
- **Illinois State Police Master Sergeant Jeff Enderli** for his part in the apprehension of the three murder suspects in Dwight, IL. All three suspects were involved in a murder earlier in Streator, IL on May 22, 2018.

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:

- a) **Rose Smith** –reappointment to the Livingston County Mental Health 708 Board, four-year term commencing June, 2018 and expiring May, 2022.
- b) **Debbie Studnicki** – reappointment to the Livingston County Mental Health 708 Board, four-year term commencing June, 2018 and expiring May, 2022.
- c) **Mark Donovan** - reappointment to the Livingston County Mental Health 708 Board, four-year term commencing June, 2018 and expiring May, 2022.
- d) **Vicki Day - reappointment** to the Livingston County Mental Health 377 Board, three-year term commencing June, 2018 and expiring May, 2021.

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

APPEARANCES

None

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Jason Bunting and Assistant County Board Engineer-Trent Ruestman (in the absence of Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf) reviewed the **Action Agenda Items:**

- a) **Letting Results:** June 5, 2018 Letting
- b) **Engineering Agreement:** Nevada Road District – Section 18-16110-03-FL (3250N, 1950E), - Railroad Crossing Safety Project per Illinois Commerce Commission, Hampton Lenzini & Renwick (HLR) Cost not to exceed \$10,000
- c) **Quarterly Report:** 2nd Quarter FY18

Motion by Bunting, second by Runyon to approve the Highway Action Agenda items (with one roll call vote). **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Weber, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Steichen, Shafer and Heath

AG & ZONING

Committee Chairman Holt reported the following items of interest: no action items; learned that the volume is up slightly at the landfill; working on the agreement with Republic; the water run-off issue has improved at the Streator landfill; and the ZBA will meet on June 19 to discuss two solar farm proposals. The Sheriff’s Department will be delivering a letter from the State’s Attorney’s Office to the residents of Campus who are running a port-a-potty and bus business out of their homes, notifying them of a deadline to take action to remedy the situation. The committee also learned that a large hog farm is being considered on a farm near Blackstone. Holt stated that the proposed slaughterhouse near Cayuga is on hold.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Resolution (#2018-06-28) Approving Election Polling Place – Committee Chairman Marty Fannin explained that the resolution was for a change in location of the polling site in Forrest. County Clerk-Kristy Masching explained that the Village Hall was relocating from the Forrest Public Library to the former Catholic Church building on the south east side of Forrest. Their village clerk is the person who works with our office in setting up for elections there. It is easily accessible and has plenty of room and parking for the voters. *Motion by Fannin, second by Carley to approve the relocation of the polling site in Forrest Precinct#1101 from the Forrest Public Library to the Forrest Village Hall (formerly the St. James Catholic Church), 323 S. William Street, Forrest, Illinois.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Weber, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Steichen, Shafer and Heath

Committee Chairman Fannin reported that they had a lively discussion about the possible resolution supporting the second amendment rights. He also stated that another lively discussion ensued regarding committee restructuring. They discussed reducing the current number of ten committees down to five committees. They will continue to discuss these possible changes for the next census and change in the board.

PERSONNEL

Resolution (#2018-06-29) Amending Salary Schedule and Policies Effective January 1, 2019 – Committee Chairwoman Kathy Arbogast presented the resolution which would amend the salary schedule and policies effective January 1, 2019. Human Resources Director-Ginger Harris noted that the only official change in the salary schedule from the May meeting was for an employee in an office who was brought in too low for the classification she was in. After reviewing the job description and the other documents based around that particular job, it was determined that the job was in the wrong classification. *Motion by Arbogast, second by Vietti to approve the amendments to the Salary Schedule and Policies which will go in effect January 1, 2019.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Shafer, (arrived at 6:30) Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Weber, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** None **Absent:** Steichen and Heath

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chairman Ron Kestner reported the following from their June 5 meeting: heard the Probation Department quarterly report, the monthly department report, the Pro-Active Report and the Animal Control Report; approved a liquor license application; one raffle license; approved the 2019 Holiday Calendar; and received gross income from all sources of \$175,327. The committee learned that the jail was currently housing a total of 135 detainees from the Federal North District, the Federal Central District, Cook County and Livingston County. *Motion by Kestner, second by Weller to approve the 2019 Holiday Calendar.* It was noted that the calendar is set by the Judiciary. **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of Travel Expenses – Chairman Young explained that he and few board members and Ms. Hartley would be attending the UCCI Annual Conference in Galena, as they had done many times in the past. Since they will be over the allotted travel amount, they will need board approval. Ms. Hartley noted that the net cost for the hotel would be \$64.00 less (per night for 2 nights), after the reimbursement from UCCI. *Motion by Ritter, second by Holt to approve the travel expenses for the UCCI Annual Conference.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Ambrose, Carley, Holt, Runyon, Weber, Young, Yoder and Fannin **Nays:** Gerwin **Absent:** Steichen and Heath **Abstain:** Weller and Mays

FINANCE

Resolution (#2018-06-30) Adopting Prevailing Wage Ordinance – Committee Chairman Shafer stated that local governments across the state are required each year to adopt a Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Regardless of whether you approve it or not it will happen. *Motion by Shafer, second by Lovell to adopt the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.* It was questioned as to what the rates were that we were voting on and noted that there were no recent rates released by the Department of Labor. (The last prevailing wage rates released by the Department of Labor were from June 5, 2017.) **MOTION FAILED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weber and Young **Nays:** Bunting, Slagel, Gerwin, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Yoder and Fannin **Absent:** Steichen and Heath

Discussion took place with concerns voiced about having to approve something that hadn't been set. It was noted that any state money towards local projects will be withheld if this ordinance is not in place. Ms. Hartley stated that the statute says that the ordinance must be passed in June and if the Department of Labor hasn't established new rates then the rates from June of the previous year are in effect. Members commented that the failure to pass the ordinance on the first motion has happened in the past. Ingles noted a point of order in that a motion to reconsider a vote has to come from the prevailing side which in this case is the negative votes. If someone who voted no wants to make a motion to reconsider, we could revote. *Motion by Bunting, second by Weller to*

reconsider adopting the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Ingles, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Ritter, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weller, Holt, Weber, Young and Yoder **Nays:** Slagel, Gerwin, Ambrose, Carley, Runyon, Mays and Fannin **Absent:** Steichen and Heath

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chairman Ingles reported that a sewer line plugged at the H&E Building. It was a line running adjacent to the building rather than one lying underneath the parking lot. They located the spot which was about ten feet below the surface and were able to perform the repair work. He also stated that thanks to Sheriff Childress and the Property Committee they were able to establish a maintenance crew for the entire county. A manager's position was posted internally with Don Verdun being promoted to fill the Facility Manager's position after going through the interview process.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Committee Vice-Chairman John Yoder (in the absence of Joe Steichen) reported that their commission continues to serve veterans under budget.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chairwoman Vicki Allen reported that they met with Jon Sear. Vicki highlighted her report as follows. Jon had spent the majority of the month was preparing for the phone system upgrade. He has been working on expanding the network to accommodate the system. He also redid the server room, so it's a lot cleaner. He hopes to have the public safety complex switched over within the next couple of days and then he will start working downtown. He stated that once this project is complete he will begin the camera project at the jail. He also reported that the lockdown system software was upgraded as well as the pipe system. He note that there were a few Spillman issues with the mapping system. Sear commented that there were some computer replacements and updates throughout the month as well.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

John Slagel reported that they didn't meet this month but will next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark DeKeersgieter, the Executive Director of CIRBN (Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network) and a member of the GLCEDC. He officially thanked the board for their continued support of the GLCEDC organization and the grant money.

Dale & Crystal Middleton who are residents of Blackstone. They were present to voice their concerns about having a proposed hog farm built near their home.

Alcha Corban-Extension Education/4H Youth and Sara Attig-Extension Program Director/4H Youth Development were in attendance to invite the members to the Livingston County Agricultural Fair to be held July 18-21 and to thank the board for their continued support of the Extension Programs and 4H.

Ann Defenbaugh, a land owner residing in the county in an area near the proposed hog farm. She also voiced her concerns about having this development near her property.

Carolyn Gerwin announced that she'd be holding a Town Hall meeting at 1:00 p.m. on July 15 at the Pontiac City Hall.

County Clerk Kristy Masching reminded the members to review their per diem sheets and turn in any changes to her office by 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Pay date will be Friday, June 22.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

CLOSING CEREMONY

County Clerk Kristy Masching reported that

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m., on motion by Kestner, second by Ritter. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

July 19, 2018
Approved

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