

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF September 13, 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 Denise Plenert, Principal of the Pontiac Christian School. John Yoder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf, Zoning Administrator-Chuck Schopp, GLCEDC CEO-Adam Dontz

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Young called for approval of the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Due to a machine malfunction, the August 16 minutes will be approved at the October meeting. *Motion by Holt, second by Runyon for approval of the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

APPEARANCES

None

PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Young presented Service Recognition awards to the following people for their dedicated service to the county: Human Resources Director-Ginger Harris, 15 year recognition; Zoning & Planning Director-Chuck Schopp, 35 year recognition; and County Clerk-Kristy Masching, 35 year recognition.

APPEARANCES

Chairman Young asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak at this time regarding any of the items on the agenda. No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:
 - a) **Merle Jehle** - Commissioner reappointment to the Northeast Sullivan Mona Drainage District, three year term commencing September 13, 2018 and expiring the first Tuesday in September, 2021.
 - b) **Jason Wolf** - Trustee appointment to the Odell Fire Protection District (fill the vacancy of Tom Doran), three year term commencing May 1, 2018 and expiring the first Monday in May, 2021.

Chairman Young called for approval of the consent agenda. *Motion by Bunting, second by Heath for approval of the Consent Agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Steichen,

Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young, Yoder **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles, Ritter, Carley, Weber and Fannin

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Jason Bunting and County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf reviewed the **Action Agenda Items:**

Chairman Bunting noted that they would only be voting on action item b) Letting Results. They would be removing action item a) Agreement for Engineering Services from the agenda since it did not pass out of their committee meeting held earlier in the day. Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf noted that the item voted down regarded a petition for a structure located on a private entrance.

- a) ~~**Bridge Petition:** Charlotte Road District—Replacement of existing structure and pipe culverts @ 1150N, 3100E Rd (Didn't pass out of committee)~~
- b) **Quarterly Report:** 3rd Quarter Report FY 2018

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

AG & ZONING

Committee Chairman Daryl Holt discussed the following: the county recycling program; the proposed Vermilion I & Vermilion II solar farm projects (20 acres each); reviewed a positive Solid Waste Report; and the amendment of the County Host Agreement and related documents.

Resolution (#2018-09-39): Amendment of County Host Agreement & Related Documents - Zoning
Administrator-Chuck Schopp explained that this proposal would extend the current Host County Agreement with Republic Services. He noted that the document included various names (Envirite, Allied Waste Industries) because the original Host Agreement had been handled by Envirite and then Allied Waste Industries. He stated that at the present time Republic Services owns the property. Schopp noted the following: proposed three year contract commences January 1, 2019 and ends December 31, 2021; the adjustment to the Host Benefit fees allows for competitive pricing for internal and third party tonnage; without adjustment landfill revenue could decrease significantly; noted that the landfill calculates host fees into their budgeting process; proposed document is similar to prior agreements; noted that the fee schedule was adjusted to reflect the current amounts being received; includes annual CPI increase; and Republic has reviewed and agrees with the proposal. Discussion items follow: whether the whereas and introductory clauses would be changed to reflect the ownership by Republic Services, not clear as to corporate relationship; Republic has 20 years permitted in their siting from the county; also noted that Republic owns additional property in the area; and the county receives the CPI increase. Schopp stated that Diegan and Associates reviewed the fee schedule to make sure we were competitive. *Motion by Holt, second by Lovell to approve the Amendment of the County Host Agreement and related documents and authorize the Chairman to sign off.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Steichen, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young, Yoder **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles, Ritter, Carley, Weber and Fannin

Schopp reported that another solar farm application had been filed. Holt stated that consideration of limiting the size of solar farms had been discussed at their committee meeting.

FINANCE

Resolution (#2018-09-40): Approving Property Tax Abatement, Selig Sealing Products - Committee
Chairman Shafer explained that GLCEDC CEO-Adam Dontz would provide a few details of an excellent business opportunity for the county to abate some taxes to incentivize a good business to get bigger within Livingston County. Dontz noted the following: Selig is proposing a building expansion of 15,800 square feet; employ 136

people; capital investment between construction and personal property is budgeted a little less than \$5 million; based on the property tax abatement incentive matrix, Selig qualifies for a five-year, 100% property tax abatement; participating jurisdictions include Livingston County, Village of Forrest, and Prairie Central Schools; Finance Committee approved agreement; and the abatement is only applicable to the new square footed added on. Dontz noted that the estimated amount of tax to be abated was not included in the agreement because it would be a hypothetical amount. It was suggested that on future agreements this estimated amount be provided as well. *Motion by Shafer, second by Bunting to approve the Property Tax Abatement for Selig Sealing Products.*

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

Committee Chairman Shafer reported that the new budget format would provide much more explanation as to what goes on within the county.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Resolution (#2018-09-41): Amending Mosaic Lease Agreement – Alina Hartley (in the absence of Committee Chairman Mike Ingles) reported that Mosaic was requesting an amendment to their lease based off the need to change the scope of work for the property. The scope of work and drawings were incorporated into the first lease amendment done in March 2018. Ms. Hartley stated that the change in the scope of work was needed due to the fact that the bids had come in over budget. The original estimate was set at \$80,000, with the bids for the revised work coming in at \$130,000. Thus, Mosaic was asking for approval of the second lease amendment. Ms. Hartley also noted that the committee chose not to approve Mosaic’s request for the inclusion of a five year renewal extension at this time but would discuss it at the end of the current term. *Motion by Holt, second by Weller to approve the amended Mosaic lease.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Shafer, Killian, Kestner, Gerwin, Lovell, Allen, Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Holt, Runyon, Mays, Heath, Young, Yoder **Nays:** Steichen **Absent:** Ingles, Ritter, Carley, Weber and Fannin

Chairman Young presented the following items of interest. Closed bid RFP’s for the farm ground leases were released this week and are due back October 1. He noted that the highest responsible bidder would be awarded the leases. Ms. Hartley read a report submitted by Committee Chairman Ingles on topics discussed at their meeting which included information on the amendment to the Mosaic lease, the committee’s approval to release RFP’s for “Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts”, per State guidelines for the Law & Justice Center and information on the release of bids for the farm ground leases.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chairman Ron Kestner reported the following from their September 4 committee meeting: was well attended; reported that the financials were not completed yet; there were 44 federal northern district detainees, 33 federal central district detainees, 17 from Cook County and 50 Livingston County detainees for a total of 144 altogether.

Temporary Liquor License Application: Mugshots – Kestner reported that the temporary license is for a wedding event to be held south of Pontiac. The applicant has an establishment in Chatsworth but is using their establishment, Mugshots which is located in Ashkum for the event. The State’s Attorney has reviewed and approved the application contingent upon a clean background check. *Motion by Kestner, second by Holt to approve the temporary liquor license for Mugshots contingent upon a successful completion of a background check.* County Clerk Masching explained the process for the temporary liquor license process and noted that she and State’s Attorney Yedinak will update the process in the future. **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Chairman Young explained that Mr. Fannin was absent because he was representing the county at the three-day, UCCI sponsored conference in Washington, D.C. Young noted that there was no cost to the county, all expenses

were paid for by UCCI. Ms. Hartley reported that the committee discussed the committee restructure, turned down a suggestion to amend the standing rules regarding public comment, and approved the appointments.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chairwoman Vicki Allen reported that Jon Sear reviewed his monthly report with the committee. Vicki highlighted her report as follows: has been dealing with website issues due to the current software not being able to be updated because it was created using a template that is no longer supported; cost to update template estimated at \$2,200, with an additional \$15,000-\$20,000 to redo the website; issue with Guard One system, has to be hosted on its own server until a better solution is identified.

PERSONNEL

Committee Chairwoman Kathy Arbogast happily reported that the health insurance renewal rate for 2019 came in at a 2.7% decrease. She also noted that 65% of the employees were on the \$1,000 deductible with the other 35% on the \$3,500 deductible plan.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Committee Chairman Joe Steichen reported that they had a full committee and didn't think paperwork had been turned in for per diems and mileage. He also noted that rent expenses have been steady, encountered some high utility bills last month and overall are significantly under budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report

HOUSING AUTHORITY

No report since they aren't meeting until September 18.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

CLOSING CEREMONY

County Clerk Kristy Masching reminded the board members to turn in any per diems to her by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 14 in order for it to be included on their checks to be issued on September 21.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m., on motion by Mays, second by Kestner. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.

The next County Board meeting will be October 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching

County Clerk

October 11, 2018

Approved