

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF December 11, 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.

Board Member James (Doc) Carley presented the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** Kathy Arbogast, Robert F. Weller, Linda Ambrose, James A. Carley, Steven Lovell, John Vitzthum, William Mays, Gerald Earing, Mark Runyon, James Blackard, John L. Yoder, Patrick D. Killian, Jason Bunting, John Slagel, John L. Vietti, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, G. Michael Ingles, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, Carolyn Gerwin, Vicki Allen and Bob Young **Absent:** Bill Wilkey

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf and Sheriff Tony Childress

AGENDA

Chairman Young asked that the Executive Session be moved from the end of the meeting to follow right after Approval of the Minutes and that the Collective Negotiating Matters item be removed from the agenda. *Motion by Ingles, second by Ritter to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Young called for approval of the November 15 and December 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Gerwin noted that the November 15 minutes should be amended to reflect that Robert F. Weller was absent. *Motion by Ritter, second by Gerwin to approve the November 15 and December 3, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Arbogast, second by Lovell to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Pending Litigation. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Negotiating Matters was removed from the agenda.) **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Yoder, Killian, Bunting, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Young and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Wilkey

Executive Session began at 6:05 p.m., with regular session resuming at 6:15 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:
 - a) **Steven John Gall - (Resolution #2018-12-70)** appointment to the Odell-Nevada Drainage District, term expiring the first Tuesday, September 2021.

- b) **Shane Berry** - appointment to the Reading Community Fire Protection District (replacing Jerome Berry), term commencing December 11, 2018 and expiring the first Monday, May 2020.
- c) **Marty Fannin** - appointment to the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals (replacing James Blackard), term commencing December 12, 2018 and expiring the first Tuesday, January 23, 2023.
- d) ~~**Neil Turner** - appointment to the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals (replacing Gerald Earing), term commencing December 12, 2018 and expiring on May 17, 2022. (Was removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to Elections, Rules and Legislation for discussion at that time.)~~
- e) **Bill Wilkey** – appointment to the Mid-Central Illinois Community Action Board, commencing December 11, 2018.
- f) **Patrick Killian** - appointment to the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council, commencing December 11, 2018.

Chairman Young called for approval of the consent agenda. Ms. Gerwin requested that the appointment of Neil Turner to the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to Elections, Rules and Legislation for discussion. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Bunting for approval of the Consent Agenda bills and appointments with the exception of Neil Turner's appointment.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Yoder, Killian, Bunting, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Young and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Wilkey

AG & ZONING

Committee Chairman Jason Bunting reported the following meeting dates: Planning Commission - January 7; Ag & Zoning Committee - January 8; and the Zoning Board of Appeals - January 10. He also noted that one of the two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals Board was approved under the Consent Agenda with the other to be determined under the Elections, Rules and Legislation Committee report.

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Steve Lovell and County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf reviewed the **Action Agenda Items** as follows:

- a. **Resolution (#2018-12-71): County Maintenance Resolution** appropriating \$870,000 from County MFT Fund for estimated 2019 highway maintenance expenses.
- b. **Quarterly Report:** 4th Quarter FY18

Motion by Ritter, second by Lovell to approve the two Highway Committee action agenda items with one roll call vote. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Yoder, Killian, Bunting, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Young and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Wilkey

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Liquor License Application: Emancipation Brewing Company, LLC - *Motion by Arbogast, second by Weller to approve the liquor license application for the Emancipation Brewing Company, LLC.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Proposed Side Letter: Collective Bargaining Agreement (Correctional Officers, Court Security and Secretaries) – *Motion by Arbogast, second by Vietti to approve the side letter to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Correctional Officers, Court Security and Secretaries.* Sheriff Childress stated that the side letter was agreed upon by the Sheriff's Office, the FOP Union and the SJL Committee. The proposed side letter approved the promotion of a correctional officer to a Lieutenant rank on the jail operations (correctional officers) side. Sheriff Childress noted that they will include the Lieutenant rank on the correctional side in the next round

of negotiations since this rank is currently only in the deputy agreement. He explained that the promotion came about as a result of their review of their processes for the federal and Cook County detainee housing program and noted that the promotions would eventually show a cost savings for the county.

FINANCE

Committee Chairman Tim Shafer reported that they had no action items and had paid the bills.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Committee Chairman Jim Carley reported that his committee recommended the appointments on the Consent Agenda and that the appointment for Neil Turner had been removed from the consent agenda for further discussion at this time.

Appointment of Neil Turner - Zoning Board of Appeals – *Motion by Carley, second by Weller to approve the appointment of Neil Turner to the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals.* Discussion followed with Ms. Gerwin explaining why she was voting no on this appointment. She had questions she would have liked to have answered regarding his family’s involvement with wind towers and if he’d recuse himself from the vote if there was a conflict of interest issue. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Weller, Carley, Lovell, Earing, Blackard, Bunting, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Kestner, Young and Allen **Nays:** Arbogast, Ambrose, Vitzthum, Mays, Runyon, Yoder, Killian, Slagel, Ritter and Gerwin **Absent:** Wilkey

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chairman Mike Ingles reported that they briefly discussed the Regions Bank building property regarding roof replacement bids. They received on response back from Union Roofing who will commence work once the materials are available. Ingles noted that they had also provided sufficient warranties to protect the county.

PERSONNEL

Chairman Jack Vietti reported that they didn’t meet.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Chairman Ron Kestner reported that they approved bills and as of November, were still under budget.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Chairman Vickie Allen reported that they met and paid their bills.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Steichen reported on the Board of Health meeting. He stated that they are very concerned with changes to the government program, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) which pertains to state grants. Several county departments (Public Health, Highway, Zoning and County Clerk) fall under this program and report as separate entities. Under the new requirements, since Public Health was the first county participant, all the other county departments would be lumped under Public Health. After a lengthy discussion, their board felt that this may be something which would need to be handled by the Finance Department. They are receiving conflicting guidelines about this program and will provide more information as they investigate further into this issue.

Joan Lipinski – She requested that the two referendum questions which were on the November 6th ballot be put on the January agenda, for further public discussion regarding the long-term plans for the Community Health Care

Program. She also requested updated information on what the best means of communicating with the board members would be.

Alina Hartley noted that the updated public contact list and confidential contact list were placed on the members desks. She asked that they review the lists and get back to her with any corrections and their preferred method of contact which would be added to the public list.

County Clerk Kristy Masching stated that the county board per diems were due in her office with paychecks to be issued on December 21.

CLOSING CEREMONY

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m., on motion by Vietti, second by Mays. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

January 17, 2019
Approved

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