

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF January 17, 2019 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.

Pastor Victor Randle presented the invocation and Gerald Earing 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, Bill Wilkey, Patrick D. Killian, Jason Bunting, John Slagel, John L. Vietti, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, Vicki Allen and Bob Young **Absent:** G. Michael Ingles and Carolyn Gerwin
Vacancy: John L. Yoder

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching and Executive Director-Alina Hartley

AGENDA

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

BOARD APPOINTMENT TO FILL DISTRICT 3 VACANCY

Chairman Young recommended the appointment of Michael L. Kirkton to fill the District 3 County Board vacancy. *Motion by Arbogast, second by Ritter to appoint Michael Kirkton as County Board Member to fill the District 3 vacancy.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Wilkey, Killian, Bunting, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Kestner, Ritter, Young and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles and Gerwin **Vacancy:** Yoder

After being sworn in by County Clerk Kristy Masching, Michael was escorted to his seat by Paul Ritter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Young called for approval of the December 11, 2018 meeting minutes. *Motion by Earing, second by Blackard to approve the December 11, 2018 meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Vermilion Valley Joint Emergency Telephone System Board Report - Director Randy Wittenberg presented information on the program's structure noting the following: board consists of nine members, two each from Streator, Pontiac, Livingston County, Dwight and one from Fairbury; Mike Ingles, Bill Flott and Chairman Young (alternate) represent Livingston County; and they currently employ 12 FT, 2 PT and 2 trainees. On the Financial side Wittenberg noted that he is most proud of the fact that at the end of FY 2018, they had an ending fund balance of about \$500,000. This balance will allow them to fund a five-year equipment replacement plan as well as an operating reserve fund in the event of some type of emergency or catastrophe. Goals for 2019 include: new dispatch furniture; EMS project with OSF to reduce ambulance response times; added NIXLE, an early warning system (To receive early warnings via text messages, text VCOM to 888-777); implementing a school camera initiative in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department; and complying with future unfunded state mandates such as the Next Gen 911 and text to 911 programs. Wittenberg feels that they're in pretty good shape with the improvements they've made in the past few years. He also noted that they are working with the rural fire departments on upgrading their UHF systems to the Starcom system with FEMA grants.

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

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

FINANCE

County Clerk Semi-Annual Report – County Clerk Masching presented her six month report for the last six months of FY 2018. She noted that fees collected in the Daily Cash Account totaled \$273,881.38 with \$244,203.00 being dispersed to the General Fund and about \$30,000 transferred to the state coffers. She also noted that the trend in document recordation has steadily declined with 5,216 documents recorded in 2018 compared to 8,059 in 2005. *Motion by Shafer, second by Slagel for approval of the County Clerk's Semi-Annual Report for the last half of FY2018.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Wilkey, Kirkton, Killian, Bunting, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Kestner, Ritter, Young and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles and Gerwin

Resolution (#2019-01-01): Authorizing Working Cash Loan to Tort Judgement – Committee Chairman Tim Shafer explained that this resolution would allow the county to transfer funding internally for the timely payment of insurance premiums prior to the first distribution of taxes. *Motion by Shafer, second by Bunting to approve the resolution authorizing a Working Cash loan to the Tort Judgement Fund.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Wilkey, Kirkton, Killian, Bunting, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Kestner, Ritter, Young and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Ingles and Gerwin

AG & ZONING

Committee Chairman Jason Bunting presented the following informational items: 175 people attended the Deffenbaugh's Swine Barn Open House on January 8; the state lottery system for the solar farms (8 from Livingston County) has been pushed back a couple of weeks; and have 2 tentative recycling dates with 1 day set for April and 1 day in September.

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Steve Lovell reported no action items but noted that 8 trucks were out plowing snow last Saturday and Sunday.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chairman Kathy Arbogast reported no action items but noted that the Sheriff had requested that one deputy vacancy be filled in light of the fact that his department was short four officers, one left for another job, one was deployed for up to a year and two became school resource officers. Ms. Arbogast stated that consensus of the committee was to agree with the request and forward it on to the Finance Committee for review.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Committee Chairman Jim Carley reported that his committee met prior to the County Board meeting to authorize Nikki Meier, the new County Treasurer to have her name placed on the department credit card.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

In the absence of the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, member Bob Weller reported that they had no action items.

PERSONNEL

Chairman Jack Vietti reported that they didn't meet.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Chairman Ron Kestner reported that they met and approved bills.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chairwoman Vicki Allen reported that Jon Sear reviewed his monthly report with the committee. Vicki highlighted her report as follows: the Guard 1 system, which tracks each time a guard checks on an inmate at the jail was updated to the newest version; purchased cyber security training which will be conducted later this year; Jon and Cathy both completed and passed the CJIS testing; there are 269 computers with one still on Windows XP that can't be updated since it runs the Public Safety Complex HVAC system; and noted that they have 8 physical servers and 9 virtual mirrors.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chairman Young reported that Bill Wilkey had been appointed to the Mid Central Community Action Board and would be presenting information at future meetings.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

John Slagel reported that they discussed what would happen if the federal government shutdown continued for a lengthy time period since they are a federally funded program. He noted that they have reserves which would cover them for 4-6 months and could stretch up to 10 months if needed. Their next meeting will be held on March 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alina Hartley-Executive Director noted that she hadn't received the break-out forms back from a couple of members and department heads but stated that she hoped to have the final schedule out early next week. Chairman Young encouraged all the members to attend.

County Clerk Kristy Masching reminded the Board to completely fill out and return the Statement of Economic Interest forms that were on their desks. She noted that she had placed an updated schedule of terms for the board members for their review as well.

Rod Patterson provided some insight on misconceptions perceived by the public about the Community Healthcare Program. He asked the board members to engage in discussions about this program and the funding and try to do what the citizens have asked them to do.

Ed Lipinski also spoke on the Community Healthcare issue noting that to him it had always been a budget issue and not a tax increase issue. He voiced his dismay at the name calling and condescending remarks made by some of the board members which made the situation worse just because some board members didn't agree with the outcome of the vote. He noted that the board could now step back, reassess its position and look to the future at quality of life issues.

Jason Bunting invited everyone to the Livingston County Farm Bureau Legislative Breakfast at the Pontiac Elks Club on March 4 at 7:30 a.m. All of our State Senators and Representatives as well as local leaders will be in attendance.

Pat Killian reported that he and fellow board member Jason Bunting represented the county board on the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council (GLCEDC). At their last meeting they were enlightened with what's happened in the county over the past year such as 1400 jobs introduced through Caterpillar and Anthony Liftgates, building and expansion at Selig in Forrest, with many other businesses acquiring money to better Livingston County. The money they use through this board furthers Livingston County in development which in turn helps to keep our taxes down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

CLOSING CEREMONY

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m., on motion by Weller, second by Lovell. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

March 14, 2019
Approved

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