

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF March 14, 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.

Associate Pastor-Nathan Moore of the Calvary Baptist Church presented the invocation. Mike Ingles led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** Kathy Arbogast, Robert F. Weller, Linda Ambrose, Steven Lovell, John Vitzthum, William Mays, Gerald Earing, Mark Runyon, James Blackard, Bill Wilkey, Michael L. Kirkton, Patrick D. Killian, 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:** James A. Carley and Jason Bunting

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, Livingston County Public Health Administrator-MaLinda Hillman, Farnsworth Group Representatives-Dave Burnison, Tim Gilles and Meghan Roller, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Young called for approval of the January 17, 2019 board meeting minutes. *Motion by Ritter, second by Weller to approve the January 17, 2019 board meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Public Health Annual Report –Public Health Administrator MaLinda Hillman briefly reviewed the 2018 Annual Report of the Public Health Department. The Public Health Department is governed by an eight member Board of Health which is appointed by the County Board. Joe Steichen is the County Board’s representative on her board. The three member TB Board is comprised of members who are also currently serving on the Board of Health. Her department is comprised of 26 full-time, 3 part-time and 3 PRN (as needed) employees, for a total of 32. The TB Clinic Fund ended with a November 30th balance of \$59,253, with local tax support being \$26,035. Ms. Hillman noted that this fund is maintained at a break-even level since there hadn’t been any TB cases since 2012. She explained that local tax support to the Public Health Department expenditures was \$361,055 or 18% of their total revenue source. She gave a brief overview of the programs this funding helps to subsidize such as Maternal Child Health Services, Senior Services, Environmental Health, rent and Communicable Diseases/Public Health Emergency Preparedness Programs. She noted that her department depends highly on State and Federal Grant funding which is 43% of their revenue source. Fees for Service is their next source of income and represents 28% of their revenue. She reviewed the various revenue sources and stated that personnel (64%) and insurance (8%) comprised 72% of their expenditures. Ms. Hillman also noted that the last page summarized the different services they provide and the number of people served. Discussion followed. *Motion by Arbogast, second by Kestner to approve the Public Health 2018 Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Wilkey, Kirkton, Killian, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Young and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Carley and Bunting

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments – N/A

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

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Proposal: Construction Documentation & Bidding Documents Health Building – Farnsworth Group - Committee Chairman Ingles provided a brief history on the condition of the building and the process with the Farnsworth Group to this point for new board members. Dave Burnison, Tim Gilles and Meghan Roller, representatives from Farnsworth, provided the information on the Construction Documents and Bidding phase. Their presentation was an updated rendering of the design documents that they presented at the November 2018 board meeting. Burnison noted that the goal of this step was to make all design decisions so that once they're completed and approved, the team could move ahead and prepare construction and bid documents. Ms. Roller noted that the overall site flow and layout design remained pretty much the same as what was presented in the schematic design phase. She stated the following: was sited so that the employees would remain in the existing building during construction with the existing building being removed after the new building was occupied; building would support IHR and their parking needs; exterior materials would include brick, some stone and fiber cement wood siding; rendering shows a shingled roof, also have an alternate with a seamed metal roof; and back of building includes a discreet family planning entrance. Gilles spoke on the mechanical system aspects commenting that the building included many smaller areas with unique heating/cooling demands. They were proposing a variable refrigerant flow system, which provides simultaneous heating/cooling throughout the year. Burnison touched upon revised estimated costs noting: demolition of building first proposed at \$750,000 now reduced to \$434,000; building size has increased 55 square feet; cost per square foot increased some once mechanical/electrical systems were identified (estimated at \$217/SF); site construction costs have increased due to site utility requirements; added alternate roof requirement (metal roof); and estimated projected costs a little over \$6 million. Ms. Roller reviewed the updated schedule, noting that it would take about 70 days to complete the construction documents. The next steps would be to confirm the design development drawings, move to the execution phase of creating the construction documents, solicit bids from contractors, evaluate the bids and then present them to the Board for consideration. Ms. Roller stated that a hardened area was included in the plans to serve as a storm shelter. She also noted that this building was designed to comply with all ADA requirements. Discussion topics focused on the following: inclusion of LEAD aspects to lessen environmental impact and cost benefit analysis; roof drainage concerns with the sloped roof on top of a flat roof; criteria basis for roof drainage based on 100 year events; cost of removal of hazardous materials (Ms. Hartley explained that an environmental review of the building had been previously done by Deigan and Associates, with the Farnsworth estimates being based upon this study.); there is inside, OSHA compliant access to the roof; will use pre-qualification type for bid process; Farnsworth would be the county's agent; allowance for other project cost adjustments includes furniture and telephone systems; contingency costs are a safety factor for unknown costs, unexpected emergencies; electronic security systems; and on the dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS) which is geared for a magnitude of small spaces. *Motion by Ingles, second by Earing to authorize Farnsworth to provide the Construction Documentation and Bidding Documents, to solicit bids in coordination and cooperation with the County and execute any contracts that are necessary to do this based on the State's Attorney's approval.* Discussion highlights follow: whether the Board had actually voted to build a new building or not; think about what \$5 million could accomplish for our community if we didn't build a building that could cost more than the estimated budget; many members don't believe that the old H&E building is adequate; some were against the demolition of the old building and felt that it should be sold at a reduced price; others felt that the demolition of the old building should take place otherwise it could become abandoned if sold. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Lovell, Earing, Runyon, Wilkey, Kirkton, Killian, Vietti, Shafer, Ingles, Kestner, Ritter, Young and Allen **Nays:** Ambrose, Vitzthum, Mays, Blackard, Slagel and Gerwin **Absent:** Carley, Bunting and Steichen

HIGHWAY

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

- a) **Letting Results:** March 5, 2019
- b) **Local Agency Agreement For Federal Participation:** Federal-Aid Agreement for replacement of Structure No. 053-3375 in Chatsworth Road District. Includes **Resolution (#2019-03-07)** appropriating County Aid to Bridge Funds for Local Agency share of cost.
- c) **IDOT COMPLIANCE REVIEWS:** TBP & County MFT for FY 16 & FY 17
- d) **QUARTERLY REPORT:** 1ST Quarter FY 19

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

AG & ZONING

Zoning Case ZT-1-18 Amendment to the Livingston County Solar Energy Ordinance (Resolution #2019-03-08): Chuck Schopp-Zoning Administrator presented information on the zoning text case which is in regards to the solar energy or solar farm aspect of the county Zoning regulations. He initiated this action as a result of activities taking place here and in other counties since we added our solar energy regulations. The proposed amendments pertain to: defining specific areas where solar farms could be developed; reviewed the solar definitions to clean them up in order to define what their intentions were; and recommended an amendment to allow for the placement of a chain link fence with a minimum height of 7 feet around the sites. The proposed changes have been run through both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission processes. Discussion followed on: how and whether they can limit the size of the solar farms; will find out sometime after March 21 whether any of the 8 Livingston County solar farm applicants were selected through the state lottery to move forward with construction; was suggested that a map be created showing where the 8 proposed solar farm sites are located; some of the solar sites are not comprised of prime farm land; solar farms, as defined have to go through a special use permitting process while an accessory use system (for an individual's roof top use) only needs a building permit; no criteria regulating size or potential impact of an accessory use system; and the 7 foot fencing fits within the regulations of the national electric code for solar farms. *Motion by Ritter, second by Earing to approve Zoning Case ZT-1-18: Amendment to the Livingston County Solar Energy Ordinance (Resolution 2019-03-08).* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Lovell, Vitzthum, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Wilkey, Kirkton, Killian, Slagel, Vietti, Shafer, Ingles, Ritter, Young and Allen **Nays:** Gerwin **Present:** Mays **Absent:** Carley, Bunting, Steichen and Kestner

ADMINISTRATIVE

2019 Strategic Planning Goals - Motion by Ingles, second by Arbogast to approve the 2019 Strategic Planning Goals. **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

FINANCE

No report

PERSONNEL

Chairman Jack Vietti reported that discussion was on-going with regards to the Holiday Schedule and the minimum wage increase.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Temporary Liquor License Application: FALS, LLC (Fairbury American Legion Speedway) – Committee Chair Arbogast stated that this temporary license was requested in order for the speedway to purchase liquor products in April for their first race in May. Their annual license which was approved last month is effective May 1 which wouldn't allow them time to purchase their liquor supply in time for their first race. *Motion by Arbogast,*

second by Ritter to approve the temporary liquor license for the month of April for FALS, LLC (Fairbury American Legion Speedway). **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

There was no report since they didn't meet.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Committee member Linda Ambrose reported that there were no problems, the vehicles are running fine and they are still running under budget.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chairwoman Vicki Allen reported that Jon Sear reviewed his monthly report with the committee. Vicki highlighted her report as follows. Sear had met with Spillman and Sheriff's Department, Spillman indicates their desire to get things fixed. Sear had also met with Judge Bauknecht and DOC representatives regarding the video arraignment system. DOC realizes the additional cost for transporting and are trying to work out a solution. Sear reported that he installed jetbacks (longer range Wi-Fi hotspots) on the Sheriff's car and the transport van. The monthly maintenance fee will be paid from the Sheriff's budget.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

John Slagel did not have a report since they didn't meet this month.

MID CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

Bill Wilkey reported that they met today. Since October 1, they have helped 540 residents with their energy, gas and electric expenses.

BOARD OF HEALTH

No report

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

Jack Vietti reported that Judge Bauknecht updated their group on the Drug Court.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Murray McLean, a 35 year resident of Livingston County, property owner and tax payer voiced his concern that the Board is discussing the idea of spending millions of dollars on a building that nobody but the board voted on, while ignoring in excess of 9,000 Livingston County voters who want the Community Health Care program.

Ed Lipinski read the County Board's mission and vision statement and asked that the Board consider the mission of responsive government. Citizens have spoken, Board has the power and mission to restore the Community Healthcare Program and decide to do it.

Dick Haas was in attendance and hoped to serve as a catalyst, to encourage and facilitate much needed clarity regarding the Community Healthcare Program and asked the County Board to publish a clear formal explanation of its approach to the program.

Joan Lipinski was present to find out when the Board would put discussion of the November ballot on a Board agenda. She felt that they keep asking and don't get a response back from the Board.

Chairman Young responded noting that the Board probably wouldn't be discussing the Community Healthcare Program until there was another referendum allowing for a tax increase or when the FY2020 budget process began. Discussion followed between board members and Ms. Lipinski regarding the various aforementioned items.

Board Member Carolyn Gerwin announced that it was her intention to resign from the County Board after the April 11 meeting. She hoped that people would work together to identify good candidates to fulfill the rest of her term. She stated that they would be moving to Tennessee later this year.

There was a break from 8:05 p.m. until 8:10 p.m. Executive session commenced at 8:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

CLOSING CEREMONY

Paul Ritter asked that everyone keep Representative Bennett in our thoughts and prayers as he was recovering from an automobile accident.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m., on motion by Allen, second by Kirkton. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.

Bob Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

April 11, 2019
Approved