

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF December 12, 2019 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast 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 Jan Ambrose presented the invocation. Steichen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Linda Ambrose, William Mays, Steven Lovell, John Vitzthum, James Blackard, Gerald Earing, Mark Runyon, Patrick D. Killian, Bill Wilkey, Michael L. Kirkton, John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, John Slagel, Gina Manker, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Marty Fannin, Paul A. Ritter, Kathy Arbogast, Joel J. Barickman and Vicki Allen **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, GLCEDC Executive Director-Adam Dontz, Superintendent, Pontiac School District #429-Brian Dukes, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf and Zoning & Planning Administrator-Chuck Schopp

AGENDA

Chair Arbogast stated that there would be two additions, District #429 STEAM presentation and under Executive Session, the addition of Pending Litigation. Chair Arbogast called for approval of the agenda as amended. *Motion by Earing, second by Wilkey to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Arbogast called for approval of the November 14, 2019 meeting minutes. *Motion by Runyon, second by Ritter to approve the November 14, 2019 meeting minutes.* Clerk Masching noted that she would be amending the October 17 minutes, (page 3 under Finance) the subtitle needed to be changed to read “Presentation of the FY 2020 Budget, Capital Requests & Levies instead of “FY 2019”. **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Presentation STEAM D429 / GLCEDC – Pontiac District #429 Superintendent Brian Dukes and GLCEDC Director-Adam Dontz were in attendance to provide an update on the STEAM/STEM Program in the Pontiac CCS District #429 (K-8) school district. Dontz noted that the County Board has collectively granted about \$225,000 to four area school districts (Prairie Central, Woodland, Livingston Area Career Center and Pontiac District #429) which has impacted about 4,000 students through curriculum development enhancements, professional development and classroom equipment. Dontz also stated that the per student investment was around \$50/student, with the schools having invested about \$750,000 of their own funding for these programs as well. Dukes commented on an article in the Illinois Superintendents Association periodical featuring District #429 which highlighted their accomplishments in implementing the STEAM technology throughout their district’s four buildings and 1,250 elementary and junior high students. Through program enhancements, their students are experiencing opportunities which aren’t seen in central Illinois and are competitive with the suburbs. In 3.5 years, their program has evolved from one STEAM teacher going to each of the four buildings for 2-six week sessions to having a teacher in each of their four buildings who are responsible for two grade levels, teaching 3-4 sessions per week.

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

B. Appointment:

- a) Addition of Part time IT Support Position – IT Department
- b) **Michael Fogarty (Resolution #2019-12-49)** - reappointment to the Odell-Nevada Drainage District commencing December 12, 2019 and expiring first Tuesday, September, 2022.
- c) **Steven John Gall (Resolution #2019-12-50)**– reappointment to the Odell-Nevada Drainage District commencing December 12, 2019 and expiring first Tuesday, September, 2022.

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

HIGHWAY

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

- a) **Resolution (2019-12-51)**: County Maintenance Resolution appropriating \$1,066,100.00 from County MFT Fund for estimated 2020 highway maintenance expenses.
- b) **Resolution (2019-12-52)**: Appropriating MFT funds for the 2020 salary of the County Engineer, Section 20-CS105-00-AC.
- c) **Intergovernmental Agreement**: Village of Odell – Excessive Engine Braking Noise Signs
- d) **Quarterly Report**: 4th Quarter FY 19

Motion by Lovell, second by Bunting to approve Resolution (2019-12-51): County Maintenance Resolution appropriating \$1,066,100.00 from County MFT Fund for estimated 2020 highway maintenance expenses and Resolution (2019-12-52): Appropriating MFT funds for the 2020 salary of the County Engineer, Section 20-CS105-00-AC (both items with one roll call vote). **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner

Motion by Lovell, second by Carley to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement: Village of Odell – Excessive Engine Braking Noise Signs and the Quarterly Report: 4th Quarter FY 19 (both items with one roll call vote). **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner

AG & ZONING

Resolution (#2019-12-53) Zoning Case SF-2-19: Hedge Creek Place Subdivision - Committee Chairman Jason Bunting explained that this proposal was for a 2 lot subdivision with Lot #1 being the residential lot and Lot #2 being for the non-residential area of the property (Slagel Monuments and Slagel Insulation). The proposal for Lot#2 also includes an easement to allow access to the buildings housing the businesses. Zoning Administrator-Chuck Schopp stated that the 3.87 acre property is located in a farm area in Belle Prairie Township. Schopp also noted that the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals and the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the two zoning cases regarding the width variance and special use for these businesses as well. It was also noted that the access drive will allow for delivery trucks to unload on their property rather than on the road. *Motion by Bunting, second by Killian to approve Resolution (#2019-12-53) Zoning Case SF-2-19: Hedge Creek Place Subdivision.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Resolution (#2019-12-54): Authorizing IGA for Police Services for Reading Township - Committee Chairman James Carley reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement was for the Sheriff's Department to provide police coverage services for Reading Township at an annual fee of \$20,000. *Motion by Carley, second by Ritter to approve Resolution (#2019-12-54) Authorizing IGA for Police Services for Reading Township.*

MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Resolution (#2019-12-55): Temporary Change of Office Hours for County Clerk's Office - County Clerk Kristy Masching was in attendance to request that the County Clerk's Office be closed on March 17, 2020 for the General Primary Election and on November 3, 2020 for the General Election for all business other than her primary duties of the elections. This is due to the large volume of registrants anticipated to come to her office for Same Day Voter Registration. Ms. Masching noted that her office would be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. She noted that they wouldn't turn away citizens coming in for vital records or marriage licenses but cautioned that they might have to wait a while to be taken care of. *Motion by Fannin, second by Ritter to approve the Temporary Change of Office Hours for the County Clerk's Office.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

FINANCE

Resolution (#2019-12-56): Authorizing Conveyance of Deed, PIN#06-06-33-480-021; Resolution (#2019-12-57): Authorizing Conveyance of Deed, PIN#01-01-02-427-001; Resolution (#2019-12-58): Authorizing Conveyance of Deed, PIN#26-26-05-300-012; Resolution (#2019-12-59): Authorizing Cancellation of Certificate for Mobile Home, PIN#15-15-800-018 - Committee Chairman Tim Shafer explained that the three parcels of real estate and one parcel for a mobile home had been sold for taxes in a sealed bid auction. The deeds would be conveying the property to the new owners. *Motion by Shafer, second by Manker to approve Resolution (#2019-12-56): Authorizing Conveyance of Deed, PIN#06-06-33-480-021; Resolution (#2019-12-57): Authorizing Conveyance of Deed, PIN#01-01-02-427-001; Resolution (#2019-12-58): Authorizing Conveyance of Deed, PIN#26-26-05-300-012; Resolution (#2019-12-59): Authorizing Cancellation of Certificate for Mobile Home, PIN#15-15-800-018 (with one roll call vote).* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner

PERSONNEL

Committee Chairman Jack Vietti reported that their committee had met in a joint meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss and approve the part-time IT position.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chairman Pat Killian reported that his committee met prior to the Board meeting, paid bills and reviewed the monthly facilities' report with Don Verdun. He shared the following highlights of the report as follows: replaced compressors in the refrigeration system at the PSC; SmartWatt in process of doing the lighting project at the PSC; staff is in process of cleaning light fixtures in the County Board Room; and replaced flag on the Historic Courthouse steeple. Killian commented that he had requested that the Ad-Hoc Committee present individual reports on their findings to date.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report since they didn't meet.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Joe Steichen (in the absence of Committee Chair Ron Kestner) reported that since Superintendent Bailey wasn't in attendance all they did was approve payment of the bills.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Vicki Allen reported that they met last Wednesday due to a request for a part-time IT Support position person. Ms. Allen noted that this person would be working on the days that the current part-time person wouldn't be working on. There would be no benefits with this position. Ms. Allen also stated that discussion had taken place on consolidating the two part-time positions into one full-time position in the future.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

John Slagel presented the following items from their November 21 meeting. The LCHA is updating its 5-year plan to consider disposition of the Chatsworth properties. They are having a hard time keeping the units occupied even though they are newly remodeled and well-maintained due to the fact that tenants prefer to want to live in Pontiac. Slagel stated that they have also replaced all the refrigerators in all the units and are selling the old ones for \$50 to anyone interested. They also increased the late fee for 2020 from \$30 to \$50 as an incentive to pay on time.

MID CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION

Bill Wilkey reported that they met and elected officers with Wilkey being selected as Vice-President. Wilkey was asked to try and find an at-large board member from Livingston County since they would like to become more active in Livingston County. Wilkey asked that board members and the public contact him if they or someone they knew would be interested in serving in that capacity.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Joe Steichen reported their board had good discussion on the Community Home Healthcare issue on the March 17th ballot. Steichen also noted that there would be criteria changes to the Wellness Clinic due to the influx of people being directed to the Wellness Clinic by Blue Cross Blue Shield and Humana which has depleted the funds for the Wellness program. The changes can be viewed on the Public Health website. Their next meeting will be in March.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

Jack Vietti reported that their next meeting would be held at 4:00 p.m. on December 19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Wiebers, a rural Saunemin resident voiced his concerns regarding the county's setback codes for airports, Heliports, anhydrous, ammonia and similar liquid fertilizer storage and distribution. This was due to the proposed relocation of the Pontiac Flying Service business and its close proximity to his residence (runway-814 feet from his front door). He feels that the current setbacks for airports (100 feet) and chemical storage (300 feet) are outdated in comparison to the revised wind turbine codes and asked as concerned citizens that the (airport, chemical storage, etc.) codes be reviewed to lengthen and improve them for the current times. He thanked the Board for their time and consideration and appreciates all that the Board does to support the citizens of Livingston County. Discussion followed regarding setbacks, noise level, chemical storage and water concerns. ZBA started discussion on this proposal December 5 and will resume with it on January 13, 2020.

Jason Bunting announced that the Livingston County Farm Bureau would be hosting a presentation on farmland assessments by Illinois Farm Bureau Specialist Brenda Matherly. The presentation will be held at the Eagle Theatre at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Chair Kathy Arbogast invited the board members to the County Christmas Luncheon would be Friday, December 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the County Board Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion by Blackard, second by Ritter to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Pending Litigation and 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner*

There was a five minute break beginning at 6:55 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. Executive Session began at 7:00 p.m., with regular session resuming at 8:00 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes – The Board reviewed minutes from: April 11, 2013; May 14, 2015; October 15, 2015; December 17, 2015; July 20, 2017; January 11, 2018; May 17, 2018; July 19, 2018; August 16, 2018; October 11, 2018; November 15, 2018; December 11, 2018; February 14, 2019; March 14, 2019; April 11, 2019; July 11, 2019; August 15, 2019; and October 17, 2019

Motion by Weller, second by Blackard to:

- **Approve executive session minutes for content & open:** November 15, 2018 and December 11, 2018
- **Approve executive session minutes for content & close:** February 14, 2019; March 14, 2019; April 11, 2019; July 11, 2019; August 15, 2019 and October 17, 2019
- **Open previously approved for content executive session minutes:** December 17, 2015; May 17, 2018; July 19, 2018; and October 11, 2018
- **Keep closed the following content approved executive session minutes:** April 11, 2013; May 14, 2015; October 15, 2015; July 20, 2017; January 11, 2018; and August 16, 2018
- Authorize the destruction of all verbatim records dated eighteen months and older, previously approved for content.

MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kestner

ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m., on motion by Fannin, second by Ritter. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES ON VOICE VOTE.***

Kathy Arbogast, Chair

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching

County Clerk

January 16, 2020

Approved

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