

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2020

Chairman Kathy Arbogast called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, this meeting was held remotely with most individuals participating through Zoom or Teleconference.

Present: Arbogast, Bunting, Allen, Carley, Fannin, Kestner, Killian, Lovell, Shafer

Absent: Vietti

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, County Board Members Gina Manker, Jim Blackard, John Slagel, and Linda Ambrose, Network & Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, Human Resources Director Ginger Harris, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Public Health Administrator Jackie Dever, ESDA Director Chuck Schopp, States Attorney Randy Yedinak

Arbogast called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Fannin, second by Lovell to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 9th, 2020 meeting. *Motion by Killian, second by Fannin to approve the minutes. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

COVID 19 Response – Hartley reported that a number of questions were received over the last couple of weeks in regards to the Governor's latest stay at home order. Hartley stated the first question is what is being done on the County level that requires the continuation of the disaster proclamation. Jackie Dever stated that Public Health serves as the local point of contact under their certification through IDPH as well as the county emergency response plan. Dever stated that their duties include investigating cases including potential cases and their points of contact, as well as potential isolation and quarantine where needed.

Chuck Schopp reported that the State of Illinois has been juggling a lot of things in conjunction with ESDA, but PPE (personal protective equipment) distribution. Schopp stated that PPE continues to be challenging; currently there are no gowns to be found. Schopp reported that he distributes PPE for all emergency responders, local nursing homes, the jail and in some cases OSF. Schopp stated that things continue to change almost every day.

A question was raised regarding the enforcement of the Governor's Order, along with the question of legality of the order. Yedinak reported that he receives multiple calls and emails on a daily basis, but there is not a one size fits all answer. Dever noted that as part

of the Public Health Department's certification, they are required to adhere to the rules of IDPH which includes the Governor's order. Dever stated that failure to adhere to the rules could cost the department their certification and grant funding which amounts to about a million dollars annually. Dever mentioned that IDPH is discussing the possibility of individual department's make recommendation for their respective county's to the Governor. Dever stated that guidance is still being received.

It was also noted that businesses that do not follow the Executive Order risk the loss of their various licenses. Various members expressed their opinions with the Governor's Order and its validity which will ultimately be determined by the courts.

Motion by Fannin, second by Kestner to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m..

Alina Hartley
Executive Director