

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF June 11, 2020 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, this meeting was held remotely with most individuals participating through Zoom or Teleconference.

Pastor Jan Ambrose presented the invocation. Linda Ambrose 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, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, Kathy Arbogast, Joel J. Barickman and Vicki Allen
Absent: None

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director - Alina Hartley, Mental Health Department Administrator – Christine Myers, State's Attorney - Randy Yedinak, IT Director – Jon Sear, Finance Director Diane Schwahn and GLCEDC CEO-Adam Dontz

AGENDA

Chair Arbogast stated that the Resolution: Approving the Public Infrastructure Grant under the Property Committee Report was being removed from the agenda because all of the grants had been awarded within a 24-hour period. *Motion by Bunting, second by Ritter to approve the revised agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Arbogast called for approval of the May 14, 2020 meeting minutes. *Motion by Fannin, second by Carley to approve the May 14, 2020 meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

Mental Health Department Annual Report - Mental Health Department Administrator-Chris Myers presented a short power point presentation on the "Origins of Community Mental Health" which explained the history of mental illness and the Mental Health Board (the report had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting). It was noted that in 2019, the 708 levy dollars helped serve over 8,600 citizens in our County who had mental illness, substance use issues, or developmental disabilities. She stated that mental health was a heightened issue at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Myers thanked the Board for their commitment and services to all the citizens of Livingston County. *Motion by Blackard, second by Steichen for approval of the Mental Health 2019 Annual Report.* **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, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointment:
 - a) **Chris Clement** - re-appointment to the Pontiac Rural Fire Protection District commencing May 4, 2020 and expiring the first Monday in May, 2023.
 - b) **Janine Boggs** – re-appointment to the Livingston County Board of Health for a three year term commencing June 2020 and to the TB Board for a three year term commencing June 2020.
 - c) **Armen Groom** – re-appointment to the Livingston County Board of Health for a three year term commencing June 2020.

Motion by Manker, second by Allen 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, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

FINANCE

Resolution (#2020-06-23): Approving Agreement-School Resource Officer Program – Committee Chairman Tim Shafer reported that this agreement was a one-year extension to the agreement from last year for the School Resource Officer Program in the following schools: Flanagan-Cornell School District No. 74; Tri-Point Community Unit School District 6J; and Woodland School District No. 5. There was a proviso included in this agreement for a one-time rebate due to the COVID-19 situation and because the County was in a financial position whereby this request could be accommodated, due to some retirements in the Sheriff's Department. Discussion followed. Finance Director Diane Schwahn noted that the schools are billed for the officer's OT pay. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ambrose to approve the resolution authorizing Agreement with Livingston County School Districts to Participate in School Resource Officer Program.* **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, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Resolution (#2020-06-24): Approving GLCEDC Grant Request for Wally's - Committee Chairman Tim Shafer reported that this GLCEDC grant application of \$137,500 was being requested for Wally's Service Center located on the west side of Pontiac. Shafer stated that this grant was consistent with the terms of previously approved grants, including the return of funds if they do not comply with the conditions. GLCEDC CEO-Adam Dontz provided the following items of interest regarding Wally's: it's the LLC formed through the Wally's Gas Stations; is a fifteen million dollar investment; creating over one hundred jobs; applying for the one-time grant; models the gas station chain known as Bucky's; includes 30,000 square feet of retail space; and the opening date is estimated to be sometime between July 4th and Labor Day. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ambrose to approve the grant request for Wally's as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Vitzthum, Blackard, Earing, Killian, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast and Allen **Nays:** Runyon, Wilkey, Steichen and Barickman **Absent:** None

Shafer also stated that Ms. Schwahn had developed a budget calendar with the deadline of June 26th for Department Heads to turn in their FY21 department information.

PROPERTY

Approving Construction Documents and Release for Bids – Committee Chairman Pat Killian noted that the Board members had received the H & E building blueprint and had ample time to review it. *Motion by Killian, second by Lovell to release the plans as drawn and start the bid process.* It was noted that the bids are due back July 22, with the opening to be held at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. The Property Committee will review a recommendation for approval, as well as the full Board at their August meetings. Ms. Hartley stated that work was to start immediately after Board approval with a realistic groundbreaking date of September 1, 2020. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Lovell, Vitzthum, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** Mays, Blackard and Wilkey **Absent:** None

COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

On behalf of the **Ag & Zoning Committee**, Committee Chair Bunting reminded everyone that the next scheduled **electronic recycling** event would be taking place on June 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Fairbury Public Works location (two blocks north of the Dairy Queen).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Weller extended a County Board “Tip of the Hat” to Sheriff Childress for doing an outstanding job representing Livingston County as well as law enforcement during his interview on the nationally syndicated network show, “Fox & Friends”.

Paul Ritter also congratulated Sheriff Childress and added that Sheriff Childress was working hard to make Livingston County safe, as well as working with the White House and understanding how to make Livingston County a model throughout the United States.

CLOSING CEREMONY COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

Kathy Arbogast, Chair

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching

County Clerk

July 23, 2020

Approved

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