

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF September 17, 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 some individuals participating through Zoom or Teleconference.

Pastor Jan Ambrose presented the invocation. Jason Bunting 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, 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 (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Kathy Arbogast, Joel J. Barickman and Vicki Allen
Absent: John Vitzthum

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, Public Health Department Administrator-Jackie Dever, Treasurer-Nikki Meier and County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Arbogast noted that the August meeting minutes were not available at this time.

PRESENTATION

COVID 19 Update from Jackie Dever – Livingston County Public Health – Public Health Administrator-Jackie Dever provided an update with regards to the COVID 19 pandemic. Highlights of her presentation included the following: currently have had 310 cases with 5 deaths occurring; majority of the cases are related to an outbreak at the prison and at a long-term care facility with many being relatives of those cases; another area of concern is family gatherings where one person is infected and passes it on to other family members; schools are doing a phenomenal job of keeping it under control; very few complaints on businesses since executive order mandating masks in businesses; and the testing site in collaboration with OSF is going smoothly with about 40/day being tested. Dever also commented that at the Board of Health meeting: they had approved her 2021 Budget; reviewed grants she had received which were related to Covid; discussed the CURE funding; notified of a Legionnaire outbreak at the prison; and will start planning for mass vaccinations which could take place the first quarter of 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

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

HIGHWAY

Committee Chairman Steve Lovell reviewed the **Action Agenda Items** as follows:

- a) **Agreement:** EDF Renewables - County Highway Road Use Agreement.

- b) **Resolution (#2020-09-34):** Appropriating \$450,000 from County Matching Tax for the Local Public Agency's share for a joint county project with McLean County to resurface Livingston CH 6 and McLean CH 1 from Fairbury to Cropsey, approximately 10.4 miles known as Sect. No. 15-00145-06-RS/20-00035-05-RS.
- c) **Bridge Petition:** Owego Road District, Settlement behind abutment repair for Structure No. 4729 at 2000N, 2243E, Section 20-19000-00-AB. Estimated Cost = \$5,500.00

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

AG, ZONING & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Resolution (#2020-09-35): Zoning Case SF-2-20 and Resolution (#2020-09-36) ZM-2-20 Essman Subdivision and Map Amendment – Committee Chair Bunting noted that these requests were passed by the ZBA in August. No one opposing this action was in attendance at the meeting. *Motion by Bunting, second by Earing to approve Zoning Case SF-2-20 and V-1-20 Haley Subdivision.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Vitzthum

Bunting noted that they were still hoping to have an electronic recycling event in the Pontiac area sometime in November. Bunting also stated that Chuck Schopp had worked diligently with the State to rectify an issue with the paperwork for the County's All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The State rejected the first submission because they didn't know that part of Streator was in Livingston County.

PROPERTY

Resolution (#2020-09-37): Authorizing change Orders and Expenses for H&E Project – Committee Chairman Killian stated that the committee had met and had reviewed the resolution before them. This resolution specified what could be approved regarding contracts and expenses, by whom (Property Committee Chairman, Board Chair or Board) and the cost limit for contract or expenditures. *Motion by Lovell, second by Weller to approve the resolution Authorizing Change Orders and Expenses for the H&E Project.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** Wilkey **Absent:** Vitzthum

Proposal: Farnsworth ADA Corrections (Law & Justice Center) – Chair Killian noted that everyone should have received a copy of the proposal from Farnsworth for the ADA corrections at the L&J Center. Farnsworth will be handling all the inspections and the bidding process for the work to be done. *Motion by Killian, second by Weller to accept the Farnsworth ADA Corrections as specified in their proposal dated August 28, 2020.*

MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** Steichen **Absent:** Vitzthum

FINANCE

Resolutions (#2020-09-38 to #2020-09-40) Authorizing Transfer of Deeds – Committee Chairman Shafer stated that the transfers involved two mobile homes (PIN#15-15-600-108 Lot#108 Redwood MHP and PIN#05-05-200-110 Lot#110 Creek Ridge MHP) and a lot (PIN#01-01-02-234-016 Reading Twp.) which were sold for reimbursing taxes. *Motion by Shafer, second by Vietti to approve the transfer of deeds for the two mobile homes (PIN#15-15-600-108 Lot#108 Redwood MHP and PIN#05-05-200-110 Lot#110 Creek Ridge MHP) and the lot (PIN#01-01-02-234-016 Reading Twp).* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel,

Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Vitzthum

ELECTIONS

Resolutions (#2020-09-41 to #2020-09-43) Change of Polling Places: Pontiac 1 (#2201), Pontiac 5 (#2205) and Round Grove (#2501) – County Clerk Kristy Masching explained that the polling sites were being relocated in order to meet COVID 19 guidelines. Pontiac Precinct 1 would be moving from Evenglow Lodge to the United Methodist Church, Pontiac Precincts 5&6 would be moving from Evenglow Inn to the Pontiac Recreation Center conference room and Round Grove would be moving from the township shed to the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Campus. Masching reported that after hearing the concerns of the Long Point judges earlier in the day, she would be looking into temporarily relocating that site from the township shed to the American Legion building. Masching explained that letters would be mailed out to all the registered voters in each of these precincts notifying them of the changes, as well as publishing notices in the newspapers, on the radio and on the county website. Masching also stated that as of today, 2,784 people request vote by mail ballots. She also commented on the status of the election judges and the process they go through to work. *Motion by Fannin, second by Blackard to approve all the Highway Action Agenda items with one roll call vote.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Vitzthum

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chairman Carley reported the Sheriff Childress had presented his Semi-Annual Report for the time period of December 1 to May 31, 2020 with everything in order. *Motion by Carley, second by Ambrose to approve the Sheriff's Semi-Annual Report for the time period of December 1 to May 31, 2020.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Vitzthum

Carley also reported that two officers in management positions had retired which led to the promotions of Jeff Hamilton as Chief Deputy and Chad Gragert as Sheriff's Captain.

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Clerk Masching reminded the members to review their per diem forms and get changes to her by 10:00 a.m. on Friday (18th). She also reported on the COVID19 safety precautions being taken to protect the judges and voters in the precincts.

Chair Arbogast thanked Don Verdun and the Maintenance Department for removing the volunteer trees growing on the river bank near the Regions Building which were blocking the view of the Historic Courthouse as you came over the bridge.

CLOSING CEREMONY COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m., on motion by Fannin, second by Blackard. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Lovell, Blackard, Earing, Runyon, Killian, Wilkey, Kirkton, Vietti, Bunting, Slagel, Manker, Steichen, Shafer, Fannin, Kestner, Ritter, Arbogast, Barickman and Allen **Nays:** None **Absent:** Vitzthum

Kathy Arbogast, Chair

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

December 17, 2020
Approved

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