

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF June 14, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

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

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching and Executive Director-Alina Hartley

AGENDA

Chair Arbogast called for approval of the agenda. *Motion by Fannin, second by Weller to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

ACTION AGENDA

Resolution (2021-06-11: Authorizing Change Order – H&E Building Project – Executive Director-Alina Hartley provided an update on the work at the new Public Health Building regarding the parking areas. Hartley noted that the county had been notified by Ramsey Geotechnical Engineering, that the subgrade for the parking lot area was not passing the compaction tests due to excessive moisture resulting in unstable conditions. Ramsey is a company that conducts geotechnical and material testing to ensure compliance during construction projects. They have been contracted by the county and serve as an owner’s representative.

They outlined three areas with unsuitable soils and two options to treat the soil. The **first option**, was to disk the soil to a depth of 12” to allow drying time, noting that it would take several days of warm, dry and windy weather. This option was tried on the two smaller areas where there was less moisture, but those areas were tested once again and failed. The **second option** would be to remove 12” of soil and replace it with clean crushed rock or recycled concrete. Ms. Hartley noted that estimates for option #2 were coming in at over \$60,000. She also stated that the Highway Department had offered to store, as well as haul away the excess soil which would help reduce the cost to a little more than \$40,000. If the Board approves option #2, the work would take place Wednesday (16th).

Discussion highlights follow: need to take care of moisture so ground will compact; disking and waiting for the areas to dry could increase delay costs if weather didn’t cooperate; the Highway Department could use the excess dirt for their building project; and there are a number of contingency funds built into the project which could absorb this additional cost. It was noted that the Board was not being asked to approve more money, just authorization to take care of the issue and move forward.

Motion by Earing, second by Fannin to authorize moving forward with Option #2-removal of 12” of soil and replace it with crushed rock or recycled concrete. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Kirkton, Manker, Fannin, Shafer, Mennenga, Kestner, Welch, Weller, Ritter, Lovell, Ambrose, Blackard, Earing, Arbogast and Runyon **Nays:** None **Absent:** Bunting, Barickman, Slagel, Steichen, Carley, Mays, Vitzthum and Wilkey

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m., on motion by Lovell, second by Mennenga. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

Kathy Arbogast, Chair

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

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