

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF September 16, 2021 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 Ed Herold presented the invocation. Jack Vietti led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Also Present:** County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley, GLCEDC CEO-Adam Dontz, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf, Finance Director-Diane Schwahn, Human Resources Director-Ginger Harris, and IT Director-Jon Sear

**AGENDA**

Chair Arbogast stated that item 1. c. iii. Parcel #01-01-02-280-057 under Finance Committee Report was being removed from the agenda. Arbogast then called for approval of the agenda as revised. *Motion by Blackard, second by Kirkton to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Arbogast called for approval of the July 15, 2021 County Board meeting minutes. *Motion by Ambrose, second by Manker to approve the July 15, 2021 County Board meeting minutes.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

**PRESENTATION**

N/A

**APPEARANCES**

N/A

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:
  - a. **Richard Runyon** – reappointment to the Livingston County Board of Appeals for a five-year term commencing September 17, 2021 and expiring September 16, 2026.
  - b. **Shane Long** – reappointment to the Livingston County Zoning Regional Planning Commission for a four-year term commencing September 17, 2021 and expiring September 16, 2025.
  - c. **John Slagel** – reappointment to the Livingston County Zoning Regional Planning Commission for a four-year term commencing September 17, 2021 and expiring September 16, 2025.
  - d. **Mike Haberkorn** – Livingston County Zoning Regional Planning Commission for a four-year term commencing September 17, 2021 and expiring September 16, 2025.

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

## FINANCE

**Resolution (#2021-09-28): FY 2021 Budget Transfers** – Committee Chair Tim Shafer explained that as our processes continue to improve, we are recognizing these contingency transfers earlier in the year rather than waiting until the end of the year to do them. The total amount of transfers from the Contingency Fund at this time is \$149,973. *Motion by Shafer, second by Fannin to approve Resolution (#2021-09-28): FY 2021 Budget Transfers for \$149,973.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Kirkton, Manker, Barickman, Slagel, Fannin, Shafer, Mennenga, Welch, Carley, Weller, Mays, Lovell, Ambrose, Blackard, Earing, Vitzthum, Arbogast, Wilkey and Runyon **Nays:** None **Absent:** Bunting, Steichen, Kestner and Ritter

**IMRF: Resolution (#2021-09-29) To Include Taxable Allowances as IMRF Earnings (Uniform Allowances) & Resolution (#2021-09-30) To Include Cash Payments Related to Health Insurance as IMRF Earnings** – Shafer stated that uniform allowance and health insurance changes were negotiated by both parties in the last collective bargaining agreement. Since then, these payments have been reported to IMRF per the agreement as subject to IMRF regulations. In addition to reporting the allowances to IMRF, the full Board needed to formally approve resolutions for each in order to be in full compliance with IMRF. *Motion by Shafer, second by Lovell to approve Resolution (#2021-09-29): To Include Taxable Allowances as IMRF Earnings (Uniform Allowance) and Resolution (#2021-09-30): To Include Cash Payments Related to Health Insurance as IMRF Earnings (with one roll call vote).* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Kirkton, Manker, Barickman, Slagel, Fannin, Shafer, Mennenga, Welch, Carley, Weller, Lovell, Ambrose, Blackard, Earing, Vitzthum, Arbogast, Wilkey and Runyon **Nays:** None **Present:** Mays **Absent:** Bunting, Steichen, Kestner and Ritter

**Resolutions: (#2021-09-31 & #2021-09-32) Authorizing Transfers of Property (#2021-09-33 removed from agenda):** Shafer reported that two of the three properties sold for taxes were being presented tonight for approval (PIN#15-15-22-277-001 Pontiac Township and #15-15-23-352-010 Pontiac Township). The third parcel (PIN#01-01-02-280-057 Streator) had been removed from the agenda since it required further explanation and the treasurer wasn't able to attend the meeting to answer their questions.

*Motion by Shafer, second by Earing to approve Resolutions #2021-09-31 & #2021-09-32: Authorizing Transfers of Property.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Kirkton, Manker, Barickman, Slagel, Fannin, Shafer, Mennenga, Welch, Carley, Weller, Mays, Lovell, Ambrose, Blackard, Earing, Vitzthum, Arbogast, Wilkey and Runyon **Nays:** None **Absent:** Bunting, Steichen, Kestner and Ritter

Shafer commented that a draft budget would be presented at the October meeting.

## HIGHWAY

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

- a) **Resolution (#2021-09-34):** Resolution Appropriating Matching Tax funds for design engineering and construction costs to rehabilitate or replace SN 053-0102 on CH 3 2830N, 3300E, Section 20-00199-04-BR
- b) **Resolution (#2021-09-35):** Resolution Appropriating Matching Tax funds for design engineering and construction costs to rehabilitate or replace SN 053-3449 on CH 16 2855N, 300E, Section 21-00210-01-BR

*Motion by Lovell, second by Runyon to approve **Resolution (#2021-09-34): Resolution Appropriating Matching Tax funds for design engineering and construction costs to rehabilitate or replace SN 053-0102 on CH 3 2830N, 3300E, Section 20-00199-04-BR and **Resolution (#2021-09-35): Resolution Appropriating Matching Tax funds for design engineering and construction costs to rehabilitate or replace SN 053-3449 on CH 16 2855N, 300E, Section 21-00210-01-BR (approve both items with one roll call vote).***** **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Kirkton, Manker, Barickman, Slagel, Fannin, Shafer, Mennenga, Welch, Carley, Weller, Mays, Lovell, Ambrose, Blackard, Earing, Vitzthum, Arbogast, Wilkey and Runyon **Nays:** None **Absent:** Bunting, Steichen, Kestner and Ritter

Lovell also reported the Cullom County Highway project is going well and should be completed next week.

### ELECTION, RULES AND LEGISLATIVE

**Resolution (#2021-09-36): Change of Polling Site – Chatsworth Township** - Committee Chair Mike Kirkton reported that the Chatsworth Polling site was being relocated. The current site which is located at the Livingston County Housing Authority Building is being sold. County Clerk Masching reported that she and Election Deputy Gail Smythe had met with Mayor Runyon to view and assess potential buildings which included the Bluebird Hall, the Township Library and the grade school. After weighing the pros and cons of each location it was decided that Bluebird Hall located on the main street would be the best fit and easiest for citizens to find. *Motion by Kirkton, second by Barickman to approve Resolutions #2021-09-36 Change of Polling Place – Chatsworth (#601) from the Chatsworth Community Hall to the Blue Bird Hall.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Kirkton, Manker, Barickman, Slagel, Fannin, Shafer, Mennenga, Welch, Carley, Weller, Mays, Lovell, Ambrose, Blackard, Earing, Vitzthum, Arbogast, Wilkey and Runyon **Nays:** None **Absent:** Bunting, Steichen, Kestner and Ritter

Kirkton also noted that work is on-going regarding updating the Standing Rules of the County Board.

### AG & ZONING

Gerald Earing (in the absence of Committee Chair Jason Bunting and Vice-Chair Paul Ritter) reported that Dwight would like to host an E-Recycling event. They are looking at either November 6 or the 13.

### PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair John Vitzthum reported that they are still waiting on ComEd to do their part of the project. The project manager told John that work inside the building is progressing.

### SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chair Jim Carley commented that he appreciates the rapport built up between the Board and the Sheriff's Office. Bob Weller noted the following: reviewed the monthly reports; jail currently housing 85 federal detainees and billed out \$209,915; housed 62 Livingston County detainees; no COVID cases at that time; updated on Animal Control activities; and approved a raffle license for St. Paul Catholic School's Annual fundraiser.

Chief Deputy Jeff Hamilton was present to update the Board on a recent event involving the Pro-Active Unit. It involved a clerical error on a report regarding the starting date of a new officer. As a result, the Pontiac Police Department has removed their officer from the unit for the time being. It is not known if this is a permanent decision or not. The County has filled their three slots on the unit. Discussion followed with Chief Hamilton fielding questions on the Pro-Active Unit regarding staffing issues and Police Academy participation.

### PERSONNEL

Committee Chair Jack Vietti reported that their committee heard from Jeff Gilmore, BPA regarding next year's proposed insurance rate increase. BCBS's initial increase was 16%. The consensus of the committee was for Gilmore to work towards an increase of 9%.

### VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE

Vice-Chair Jim Blackard (in the absence of Committee Chair Ron Kestner) reported that Tom Bailey presented his report, they approved the bills and noted that Bailey is looking for his replacement.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Marty Fannin reported that they met prior to the Board meeting to pay the bills and discussed the possibility of the RFP for the cameras coming in at a higher amount than what was expected.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast stated that she was implementing zoom attendance in addition to in-person attendance for committee and board meetings effective with the October meetings due to a recent surge in the COVID cases.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

John Slagel reported that at their March meeting they discussed the Chatsworth dissolution issue. It was noted that they will need a letter from the county or Chatsworth in order for them to move forward with selling the property. They are working with Chatsworth on a plan everyone is satisfied with.

**MID-CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION**

No report.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

No report.

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

Jack Vietti reported that their next meeting would be held next Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m., on motion by Fannin, second by Manker.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

**Kathy Arbogast, Chair**

Attest:

*Kristy A. Masching*  
County Clerk