

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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. Pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 and the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation related to COVID 19, participation in this meeting was offered in person, through Zoom and by teleconference.

Pastor Jan Ambrose presented the invocation. Bob Weller led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Director Alina Hartley called roll with the following **present:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, 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, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Present via Zoom:** Joseph D. Steichen (arrived at 6:10 p.m.) and Gina Manker **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter and James Blackard

Also Present: Executive Director-Alina Hartley, States Attorney Randy Yedinak, Public Defender Marina Metoyer, HR Director Ginger Harris, County Highway Engineer-Clay Metcalf, Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp and Finance Director-Diane Schwahn

AGENDA

Chair Arbogast called for approval of the agenda as presented. *Motion by Carley, second by Fannin to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike 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, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Joseph D. Steichen, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Arbogast called for approval of the meeting minutes. *Motion by Weller, second by Earing to approve the minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike 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, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Joseph D. Steichen, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

PRESENTATION

Chairman Arbogast presented a statement concerning the prior medical contract entered into by a former employee. Arbogast noted that there were expenses for medical services rendered that were unforeseen and over budget, but necessary. Arbogast noted that there was no action for the Board to take or any way to correct what happened. Arbogast reported that the contract had been cancelled and a new provider selected. Arbogast further stated that the Sheriff had publicly accepted responsibility for what happened and has agreed to follow the policies going forward.

APPEARANCES

Marina Metoyer was introduced to the County Board as the newly appointed Public Defender for Livingston County.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointment – Dr. Rinker – Livingston County Public Health Board

Motion by Fannin, second by Slagel for approval of the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike 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, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Joseph D. Steichen, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

AG & ZONING

Zoning Case ZT-1-22 – Text Amendment Special Uses: Committee Chair Jason Bunting reported that the current zoning ordinance requires special use permits for applications concerning solar, wind and cannabis. Bunting stated that the amendment will add airports and rock/mineral quarries to those requiring full County Board approval. *Motion by Bunting, second by Fannin to approve Zoning Case ZT-1-22 and the application for zoning text amendment.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, John Slagel, Marty Fannin, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Scott Mennenga, Seth Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Steven Lovell, Linda Ambrose, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

HIGHWAY

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

- a) **Resolution:** Appropriating MFT Funds for 2022 General Maintenance Expenses
- b) **Resolution:** Appropriating MFT Funds for 2022 County Highway Engineer Salary

Motion by Lovell, second by Weller to approve the Highway Action Agenda Items as presented. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, John Slagel, Marty Fannin, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Scott Mennenga, Seth Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Steven Lovell, Linda Ambrose, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

FINANCE

Resolution Approving Proposals Resulting from American Rescue RFP: Committee Chair Tim Shafer reported that in November, the Finance Committee discussed a proposal from Districts 429 & 90 to enhance their ability to communicate with children as part of remote learning. Shafer stated that as part of the discussion the committee had requested that the districts meet with the other superintendents to discuss the opportunity and how they would go about these improvements if they were interested. Shafer reported that the districts had fulfilled that request. *Motion by Shafer, second by Fannin to approve the resolution allocating funds from American Rescue to District 90 for communications upgrades.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, John Slagel, Marty Fannin, Tim Shafer, Scott Mennenga, Seth Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Steven Lovell, Linda Ambrose, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard. **Present:** Joseph D. Steichen and William Mays

Ordinance: Amending Circuit Clerk Fee Schedule: Shafer reported that the recommended ordinance amendment adjusted fees based on the updated fee schedule adopted by the courts. *Motion by Shafer, second by Bunting to approve the ordinance amending the Circuit Clerk Fee Schedule.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, John Slagel, Marty Fannin, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Scott Mennenga, Seth Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Steven Lovell, Linda Ambrose, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

Appellate Prosecutor Resolution: Shafer presented the annual States Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution. Shafer stated that the Appellate Prosecutor's Office handles all conflict cases and all defendant appeals on behalf

of the County. States Attorney Yedinak noted that last year there were 350 felony cases and 275 appeals. *Motion by Shafer, second by Weller to approve the States Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, John Slagel, Marty Fannin, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Scott Mennenga, Seth Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Steven Lovell, Linda Ambrose, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

ELECTIONS, RULES and LEGISLATION

Amendment to Standing Rules: Committee Chair Mike Kirkton reported that the Elections Committee had worked diligently over the last several months to review the Standing Rules and present a document that they felt was in the best interest of the County. It was noted that the amendments would go into effect immediately if passed. *Motion by Kirkton, second by Manker to approve the amendments to the Standing Rules as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike 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, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, and Bill Wilkey. **Nays:** Joseph D. Steichen and Mark Runyon. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

SHERIFF, JAIL and LICENSE

Liquor License Amendment: Indian Creek Golf & Country Club: Committee Chair Jim Carley reported that the committee is recommending approval of an amendment of liquor license for Indian Creek Golf & Country Club due to a change in management. *Motion by Carley, second by Wilkey to approve the liquor license amendment as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, John Slagel, Marty Fannin, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Scott Mennenga, Seth Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Steven Lovell, Linda Ambrose, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Marty Fannin reported that the committee met to approve the bills.

PERSONNEL

No report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair John Vitzthum stated that the H&E building is progressing.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

On behalf of the VAC Committee, Linda Ambrose reported that the bills were paid. Ambrose reported that they have received a copy of applications for the superintendent position.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

No report.

PUBLIC HEALTH

No report.

MENTAL HEALTH

Jack Vietti reported that the Mental Health Board received a report on drug court and approved continuing the program for three more years. Vietti reported that the next meeting will be held on January 20th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. on motion by Mays, second by Fannin. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Mike Kirkton, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, John Slagel, Marty Fannin, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Scott Mennenga, Seth Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Steven Lovell, Linda Ambrose, Gerald Earing, John Vitzthum, Kathy Arbogast, Bill Wilkey, and Mark Runyon. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, and James Blackard.

Kathy Arbogast, Chair

Attest:

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director
On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching

January 13, 2022
Approved