

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2023 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Jason Bunting, Paul Ritter, Gerald Earing, Joel Barickman, Rebekah Fehr, Steven Lovell, and Jack Vietti

Absent

Also Present: Andrew Keyt

Committee Chair Bunting commented about the agenda for this January 12, 2023 meeting. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Steve Lovell that this agenda be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chair Bunting then noted the minutes of the January 4, 2023 meeting. Gerald Earing made a motion that was seconded by Jack Vietti that the minutes of the January 4, 2023 meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Case ZT-1-22 – Livingston County Board

This zoning case pertained to the review of a proposed zoning text amendment to update Livingston County's solar farm ordinance.

The assistant administrator gave a brief overview on the documents that the committee had in front of them and noted the new road use language that had been added in after the last meeting after the assistant administrator spoke with the county highway department.

Andrew Keyt, an attorney representing the county on solar matters, then spoke to the committee about new wind/solar legislation that has gone through the Illinois legislature and is awaiting signature by the governor. Andrew explained what is included in the bill and what is not in the bill. Andrew also explained to the committee that the new solar ordinance that they have drafted should be okay with the exception of the setbacks that the new proposed ordinance has. Andrew then explained to the committee what options they have going forward if the new legislation is signed into law.

There was then a suggestion by a committee member that the county enacts the new ordinance anyways. Andrew stated that they could do that and then changes could be made as the new ordinance proceeds through the process if the new legislation is signed into law.

After further discussion with Andrew about the county's options on how to proceed, Joel Barickman made a motion, seconded by Paul Ritter that zoning case ZT-1-23 proceed to the county board for a vote to begin the process of implementing the new ordinance with the new road use language included. The motion carried by a voice vote of all ayes.

Public Comment:

The floor was then opened for public comment.

Adjournment:

Steve Lovell moved, seconded by Jack Vietti that this meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried by a voice vote of all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m..

Jesse J. King, Assistant Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission