

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12TH, 2023 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

OPENING

County Board Chair James A. Carley 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 Jan Ambrose presented the invocation. Dan Myers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Kristy Masching called roll with the following members **present:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** None

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, County Clerk Kristy Masching, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Network & Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, IT Support Tech Dakota Russell, Assistant Planning Administrator Jesse King, County Treasurer M. Nikki Meier, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Chief Deputy Bob Turner, Sgt. Ryan Donovan, Deputy Fitzsimmons, Jail Superintendent Lisa Draper, Jail Lieutenant Scott Harmon and Assistant States Attorney Michael Regnier

AGENDA

Chair Carley called for any additions or changes to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Bunting, second by Manker to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Carley called for approval of the meeting minutes from December 5, 2022 and December 15, 2022. Weller stated that Mark Runyon needed to be added to the Committee Assignments under the Announcements section on the December 5, 2022 minutes. *Motion by Fannin, second by Ritter to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes as amended and the December 15, 2022 minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

N/A

APPEARANCES

Presentation of Commendation Legion Lake Rescue – Sheriff Bohm presented the board with video footage of an incident that occurred where a young boy was rescued from Legion Lake after he fell through the ice. Sheriff Bohm, Chief Deputy Turner and Chair Carley commended everyone involved for their bravery and admirable acts in saving the young boy's life. Civilian Bruce Brand, Sergeant Ryan Donovan, Deputy Michael Fitzsimmons, Flanagan-Graymont Fire Protection Fire Fighters and EMT's David Schneider, Matthew Williams, Ryan Schladenhauffen, Heidi Schladenhauffen, Anna Martin, Joshua Ulrich, Dylan Miles, Ben Schneider, and Gridley EMT's Caleb Kaupp and Graham Baner were all acknowledged for their hard work.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointment – Joe Stock – Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Fannin, second by Earing for approval of the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, Linda

Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** None

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Resolution (#2023-01-01): Zoning Case ZT-1-23 Livingston County Solar Farm Ordinance: Committee Chair Jason Bunting stated there would be one amendment to the Solar Farm Ordinance presented, adding use of the public roadways on the last page. *Motion by Fehr, second by Barickman to approve Zoning Case ZT-1-23 Livingston County Solar Farm Ordinance with use of the public roadways.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** None

Resolution (#2023-01-02): Zoning Case ZT-2-23 Livingston County Solar Farm Moratorium: Bunting stated the Solar Farm Moratorium that was passed in November is due to expire in March and this resolution is to extend the temporary moratorium on the processing of any special use applications for the development of solar farms through June 15, 2023. *Motion by Bunting, second by Lovell to approve Zoning Case ZT-2-23 Livingston County Solar Farm Moratorium.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** None

Committee Chair Jason Bunting stated that he is thankful for the Committee and how smoothly the process went over the past few months to get the Solar Farm Ordinance completed. Bunting stated he is honored to serve as the Chair of the Agriculture and Zoning Committee.

FINANCE

Resolution (#2023-01-03): End of Year Transfers: Committee Chair Marty Fannin stated this is a Resolution brought to the board every year, noting that this is the smallest transfer that has ever been done. *Motion by Fannin, second by Manker to approve the End of Year Transfers Resolution.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** None

Resolution (#2023-01-04): Selecting Heritage Corridor as Livingston County Agency for Promoting Tourism: Fannin stated that this is an agency that promotes Livingston County through advertising, free of charge. *Motion by Fannin, second by Ambrose to approve the Resolution selecting Heritage Corridor as Livingston County's agency for promoting tourism.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Joel J. Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** None

Committee Chair Marty Fannin reported that there were changes made to the vehicle purchases. Fannin stated the County will be receiving the same number of vehicles, in a different order, to accommodate the jail and transports.

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution (#2023-01-05): Opposing HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act: Committee Chair Jack Vietti stated this Resolution is opposing Illinois General Assembly HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act or any bill where the 102nd Illinois General Assembly desires to restrict the individual right of U.S. Citizens as protected by the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution. Assistant States Attorney Michael Regnier stated the states attorney's offices have an ongoing discussion of what is to come of this. Discussion took place. *Motion by Vietti,*

second by Blackard to approve the Resolution opposing HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act as presented.
MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, Rebekah Fehr, Joel J. Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter
Present: Gina Manker **Absent:** None

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair John Vitzthum stated that the water heater went out in the sally port of the Jail. Vitzthum stated Eppel Construction is holding off until warmer weather to finish the structural fill at the old Public Health Building.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the annual maintenance agreements for Visibility and Open Sesame were reviewed and covered in the budget. Manker stated that the committee voted to have the County create a social media account, but the comments section would be turned off and it will be run by the County Board Office. Manker stated that Jon Sear reported that he is between 90-100% complete with the multi-factor authentication, with only a few people left to finish up.

HIGHWAY

Committee Chair Steven J. Lovell reported that 1/3 of the roof is complete on the East side of the Highway maintenance building. Lovell stated that Lettings will start in February, where all township maintenance will take place involving new seal coating and gravel in the entire county. Lovell stated the Highway Department has hired one new employee.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chair Robert F. Weller stated that Sheriff Bohm and Jail Superintendent Lisa Draper were present at the committee meeting to give their monthly department reports. Weller stated the problem with the water heater at the jail is being taken care of. Weller mentioned the highlight of the meeting was to hear of the great work that took place to rescue the young boy from the lake.

EXECUTIVE

Committee Chair James A. Carley reported the new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department were ordered. Carley stated that the ADA project at the Law and Justice Center has been put on hold for the time being. Carley thanked the Finance Department for their tremendous job with staying in budget and having a low end of year transfer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. on motion by Fannin, second by Mays. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

James A. Carley, Chair

Attest:

Jordan E. Uselding

Executive Assistant, On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching