

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16TH, 2023 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

County Board Vice-Chair Steven Lovell 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 Ginger Harris presented the invocation. Paul Ritter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Kristy Masching called roll with the following members **present:** John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

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, County Treasurer M. Nikki Meier, Veterans Superintendent Michael Haerr, Highway Engineer Clay Metcalf, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Jail Superintendent Lisa Draper, Circuit Clerk LeAnn Dixon, States Attorney Randy Yedinak and Assistant States Attorney Michael Regnier

AGENDA

Chair Lovell called for an amendment to the agenda requesting the Zoning Ordinance Amendment WECS, Zoning Ordinance Amendment Solar and Standing Rules Amendment Resolution all be removed. *Motion by Earing, second by Manker to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Lovell called for approval of the meeting minutes from January 12, 2023. *Motion by Weller, second by Blackard to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

Proclamation: Respect Week (February 27, 2023 – March 5, 2023): Chair Lovell presented a proclamation stating Livingston County is going to recognize the 2023 respect week and honor the “Spread the Word” campaign focusing on peace, love and respect. *Motion by Manker, second by Fannin to approve the Respect Week Proclamation.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPEARANCES

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments– Moon’s Point Cemetery (**Resolutions #2023-02-06 through #2023-02-11**): Arthur H. Johnson, David A. Lentman, Robert L. Turner, John A. Allen, Jake Herman and Kenneth Redfern

Motion by Earing, second by Ritter for approval of the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Committee Chair Gerald Earing stated there will be an Electronic Recycling Day Event on April 1st, 2023, in the old K-Mart parking lot. Earing mentioned they will not collect any batteries at this event.

FINANCE

Resolution (#2023-02-12): Approving End of Year Transfers: Committee Chair Marty Fannin stated this resolution is to approve the transfer for a little over \$13,000, which is very small compared to last year. *Motion by Fannin, second by Ritter to approve the End of Year Transfers Resolution.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

County Clerk Semi-Annual Report: *Motion by Fannin, second by Welch to approve the County Clerk's Semi-Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

Circuit Clerk Semi-Annual Report: *Motion by Fannin, second by Welch to approve the Circuit Clerk's Semi-Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

Committee Chair Marty Fannin reported that he will be out of the Country until May. Fannin stated that his Vice Chair Gerald Earing will take his place as Committee Chair while he is gone.

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Committee Chair Jack Vietti reported that the appointments from Moon's Point Cemetery were approved at the committee meeting.

HIGHWAY

- a. **Letting Results:** February 2, 2023 Letting
- b. **Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (#2023-02-13):** Federal-Aid Agreement for resurfacing Livingston CH 8 (Ocoya Road) from the CH 10 intersection easterly to the CH 6 intersection then south along CH 6 (Fairbury Road) to Cherry Street in Fairbury, approximately 9.0 miles known as Sect. No. 20-00135-04-RS. Includes Resolution appropriating Matching Tax Funds for the Local Agency share of the cost.
- c. **Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (#2023-02-14):** Federal-Aid Agreement for replacement of Structure No. 053-3397 in Broughton Road District located at 2605N, 3200E. Includes Resolution appropriating County Aid to Bridge Funds for Local Agency share of cost.
- d. **Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (#2023-02-15):** Federal-Aid Agreement for replacement of Structure No. 053-3117 in Round Grove Road District located at 3000N, 3270E. Includes Resolution appropriating County Aid to Bridge Funds for Local Agency share of cost.
- e. **Bridge Petition & Engineering Agreement:** Reading Rd. District, Sect No. 23-23125-01-BR, Proposed SN 053-4241 (2920N, 600E), – Hampton Lenzi & Renwick (HLR), STP-Br Program FY26. Design for Replacement of Existing Bridge 053-3120.
- f. **Supplemental Appropriating Resolution (#2023-02-16):** Appropriating an additional \$25,000 from County Matching Tax for the County's share of Resurfacing CH 10 from 900N (County Line) north approximately 7.54 miles to Torrance Avenue (1650N), Sect. No. 18-00120-03-RS.
- g. **Quarterly Report:** 4th Quarter, FY 22

Motion by Fannin, second by Blackard for approval of the seven highway action agenda items with one roll call vote. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

Highway Engineer Clay Metcalf reported that progress has been made at the new Maintenance Building. Metcalf stated that the interior walls are going up and once the weather is warmer they will be working on the floors.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair John Vitzthum stated that they are waiting for the deadline on proposals from plumbing contractors to have the hot water heater fixed in the Jail.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the IT Committee did not meet this month, but will be meeting in March.

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.

EXECUTIVE

Resolution (#2023-02-17): Authorizing Vice-Chair to Act as Temporary Chair: Lovell stated this resolution authorizes him to temporarily act as County Board Chair. *Motion by Fannin, second by Fehr Authorizing Vice-Chair to act as Temporary Chair. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session *Motion by Fannin, second by Fehr to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining Matters. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

The board took a brief break prior to Executive Session from 6:35p.m. – 6:40p.m.

Executive session began at 6:40 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:45 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Bargaining Matters Motion by Fannin, second by Weller to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Highway Department - Local 150 Employees. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, 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, Steven J. Lovell, and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Jason Bunting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on motion by Blackard, second by Fannin. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

Steven Lovell, Chair

Attest:

Jordan E. Uselding

Executive Assistant, On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching