

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF APRIL 13TH, 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. Jack Vietti led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Kristy Masching called roll with the following members **present:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, 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: Joel J. Barickman and Marty Fannin

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, County Clerk Kristy Mashing, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, County Treasurer M. Nikki Meier, Network & Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Chief Deputy Bob Turner, States Attorney Michael Regnier, Sergeant Ryan Donovan, Pontiac Police Officer Gary Lisewski and Lauri Pope (Mack & Associates).

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Carley called for approval of the meeting minutes from March 16, 2023, March 22, 2023 and March 23, 2023. *Motion by Weller, second by Blackard to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Commendation by Sheriff Bohm – Sheriff Bohm presented Sergeant Ryan Donovan and Pontiac Police Officer Gary Lisewski a commendation for their actions on April 9, 2023, where they helped care for an unresponsive 45-year-old male with high blood pressure and asthma. Sgt. Donovan and Officer Lisewski gave the man CPR until EMS arrived and he was transported to the hospital. Bohm advised that at this time the man is expected to recover. Bohm thanked both officers for exhibiting the utmost diligence, judgement and professionalism in this matter.

FY 2022 Annual Audit & Financial Statements – Mack & Associates – A copy of the FY 2022 annual audit and financial statements were provided to the board. Lauri Pope from Mack & Associates gave a brief overview and discussion took place. *Motion by Earing, second by Manker to approve the FY2022 Annual Audit and Financial Statements.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, 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
Nays: None **Absent:** Joel J. Barickman and Marty Fannin

APPEARANCES

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments

- a) Lynne Million – Livingston County Housing Authority
- b) Nelson Zehr – Fairbury Rural Fire Protection District
- c) Brad Maley – Fairbury Rural Fire Protection District
- d) John J. Folkerts – Flanagan Graymont Fire Protection District
- e) Keith Detwiler – Flanagan Graymont Fire Protection District

Motion by Ritter, second by Manker for approval of the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, 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 **Nays:** None **Absent:** Joel J. Barickman and Marty Fannin

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Resolution (#2023-04-25): Allies in Agriculture: Earing stated this Resolution was provided in the packet previously distributed. *Motion by Haag, second by Ritter to approve the Allies in Agriculture Resolution. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.*

Committee Chair Gerald Earing stated the Recycling Day Event on April 8th went well and that he appreciated all the help they received from volunteers. Earing stated they were able to fill two semi-trucks full with recycled electronics.

HIGHWAY

- a. **Letting Results:** March 30, 2023 Letting
- b. **Quarterly Report:** 1st Quarter FY 23

Motion by Lovell, second by Earing for approval of the highway action items with one roll call vote. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, 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 **Nays:** None **Absent:** Joel J. Barickman and Marty Fannin

Committee Chair Steven Lovell reported that the Highway Committee toured the new building and discussed the purchase of a new truck to figure into the FY 24 budget.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Approval of Annual Liquor License / Mobile Home Renewals – Weller advised the board that this is a yearly renewal and that all of the appropriate paperwork has been filed with the County Clerk. *Motion by Weller, second by Fehr to approve the Annual Liquor License and Mobile Home Renewals. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.*

Committee Chair Robert F. Weller stated Sheriff Bohm presented the monthly reports at the Committee meeting and noted the housing at the Jail is remaining steady. Weller informed the board that they have been having staffing issues with the Jail Health Services, so Superintendent Draper and Sheriff Bohm are looking for alternative options. Weller reported that the Committee has approved the purchase of plate carriers for the Sheriff’s Department in lieu of ballistic shields.

FINANCE

Resolution (#2023-04-26): Increasing Rental Housing Support Program (RHSP) Fee – Earing reported that this is a state mandated fee increasing the Rental Housing Support Program fee to \$18. *Motion by Haag, second by Ritter to approve the Resolution Increasing the RHSP Fee. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, 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:** Joel J. Barickman and Marty Fannin

Committee Vice-Chair Gerald Earing thanked the Finance Department for having a great audit for the year and making sure everyone stays in line with their budget.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY

Resolution (#2023-04-27): Accepting Low Bid – Virtual Server Project – Motorola – Manker reported that there were 3 bids received for the project, but one did not qualify because it did not include all of the equipment. Manker stated the Committee chose to support the low bid from Motorola in the amount of \$264,391.78 which includes the cost of installation and moving Spillman. *Motion by Manker, second by Welch to approve the low bid from Motorola for the Virtual Server Project.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, 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 **Nays:** None **Absent:** Joel J. Barickman and Marty Fannin

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair John Vitzthum reported that they are still working on the Hot Water Heater Replacement Project at the Jail.

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Committee Chair Jack Vietti stated that the Committee had 5 appointments this month that were all approved at tonight's meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Committee Chair James A. Carley reported that the Committee received reports from the HR Director and Executive Director. Carley also stated that the Committee discussed strategic planning, in which there will be a presentation portion on April 25th at 5:00pm, breakout sessions on May 3rd and 4th, and a goal setting on May 9th at 5:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session *Motion by Ritter, second by Blackard to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – Collective Negotiating Matters.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, 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 **Nays:** None **Absent:** Joel J. Barickman and Marty Fannin

The board took a brief break prior to Executive Session from 6:38p.m. – 6:43p.m.

Executive session began at 6:43 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 6:55 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Weller, second by Lovell to ratify the agreement with FOP Probation as presented and further approve the holiday resolution with FOP Corrections. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, 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 **Nays:** None **Absent:** Joel J. Barickman, Linda Ambrose and Marty Fannin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. on motion by Vietti, 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