

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16TH, 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.

Carley presented the invocation in the absence of Pastor Ginger Harris.
Marty Fannin 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, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, County Clerk Kristy Masching, Network & Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, State's Attorney Michael Regnier, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Public Defender Marinna Metoyer, Jail Superintendent Lisa Draper, Jail Lieutenant Scott Harmon, County Engineer Clay Metcalf, Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent Michael Haerr, Treasurer Nikki Meier and Adam Dontz (GLCEDC Chief Executive Officer)

AGENDA

Chair Carley called for any additions or changes to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Fannin, 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 October 12th, 2023 and October 18th, 2023. *Motion by Ritter, second by Earing to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

Carley reported that the following student volunteers helped participate in the E-Recycle Event: Ryson Eilts, Duncan Eilts, Henry Brummel, Kerr Bauman, Bailey Masching, Layden Masching, Gabriel Bohm, Olivia Lindsay and Adam Bell. Agriculture & Zoning Committee Chair Gerald Earing thanked all of the student volunteers on behalf of the County for their tremendous help and hard work.

APPEARANCES

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointment: MaLinda Hillman Livingston County Board of Health
- C. Acknowledgement of Receipt - Decennial Report on Local Government Efficiency
 - a. Sunbury Township

Motion by Fannin, second by Blackard for approval of the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

FINANCE

Ordinance (#2023-11-64): Providing for the Levy of Taxes: Mental Health Fund Levy & Developmentally Disabled Person Fund Levy: Fannin advised the Board of the annual tax levy for Livingston County Mental Health. *Motion by Haag, second by Welch to approve the Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Mental Health Funds.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Ordinance (#2023-11-65): Providing for the Levy of Taxes: Southeast Livingston County Ambulance Service Fund: Fannin advised the Board of the annual tax levy for SELCAS in five individual districts. *Motion by Earing, second by Fehr to approve the Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Southeast Livingston County Ambulance Service.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Ordinance (#2023-11-66): Providing for the Levy of Livingston County Taxes: Fannin advised the board that this is the General Fund of the County and the fiscal taxes for the upcoming year in the sum of \$8,826,170.00. *Motion by Earing, second by Haag to approve the Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for Livingston County.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Ordinance (2023-11-67): Adopting FY 2024 Annual Budget & Appropriations: Fannin advised the Board of the annual budget and expenditures for the succeeding fiscal year. *Motion by Haag, second by Ritter to approve the Ordinance of the FY 2024 Annual Budget and Appropriations.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nay:** Mark Runyon **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Resolution (2023-11-68): Authorizing GLCEDC Grant to Lifetime Auto in Dwight: Dontz reported that this Grant is for 10 full-time positions using a policy already set in place with the County for job creation of \$5,000 per job. The company must offer the employee a full-time position with a wage and benefit package at least \$34,148 per year and the position must be retained after it is created for at least a year. Dontz stated that \$25,000 will be given upfront and the additional \$25,000 will be given after a 6-month evaluation. *Motion by Ritter, second by Lovell to Authorize GLCEDC's grant request to Lifetime Auto.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nay:** Mark Runyon **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Resolution (#2023-11-69): Re-Appointment of Supervisor of Assessments: Fannin reported that this is the re-appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments, Shelly Renken, for a four-year term commencing on December 22, 2023 and ending on December 23, 2027. *Motion by Lovell, second by Earing to approve the re-appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Resolution (#2023-11-70): Authoring Transfer of Funds – FY 2023 Budget: Fannin reported that budgeted funds need to be moved to cover unanticipated expenses and employees' wages. *Motion by Manker, second by Haag to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds of the FY 2023 budget.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Resolution (#2023-11-71): Increasing Compensation of Election Judges: Masching reported that pursuant to Public Act 103-0008, the State Board of Election's Election Judge compensation reimbursement has increased by an additional \$20, noting the previous reimbursement was in the amount of \$45. Masching reported that the compensation for an Election Judge in Livingston will increase the set base amount to \$185 and \$205 for those who have completed a training course. *Motion by Haag, second by Fehr to approve the resolution increasing the compensation of Election Judges.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Abstain:** William Mays **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Resolution (#2023-11-72 & #2023-11-77): Authorizing Transfer of Deeds (01-01-02-226-029 & 15-15-29-100-012): Meier reported that two subject parcels were sold at the sealed bid auction. Parcel 01-01-02-226-029 was for an empty lot in Streator and parcel 15-15-29-100-012 was for a small strip of land out by the hospital in Pontiac, between the old gas station and interstate. *Motion by Ambrose, second by Mays to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of deeds for parcels 01-01-02-226-029 and 15-15-29-100-012.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Resolution (#2023-11-73): Supporting Rural Broadband Initiatives: Fannin reported this resolution shows the County's support of Rural Broadband Initiatives. *Motion by Ritter, second by Blackard to approve the resolution of support for Rural Broadband Initiatives.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Abstain:** Rebekah Fehr **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

HIGHWAY

- a. **Resolution (#2023-11-74):** Maintenance resolution appropriating MFT Funds for estimated 2024 County Highway general expenses.
- b. **Resolution (#2023-11-75):** Appropriating MFT Funds for the 2024 salary of the County Engineer, Section 24-CS105-00-AC.
- c. **Bridge Petition & Engineering Agreement:** Sullivan Rd. Dist. Sect No 23-27131-00-BR, proposed SN 053-5540 (1500 N, 3285E) – Hutchison Engineering, Inc. Township Bridge Program FY 2024. Design for replacement of existing bridge.

Motion by Ambrose, second by Runyon 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, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Committee Chair Steven Lovell reported that the Highway Department will be officially moving into the new building next week.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Resolution (#2023-11-76): Accepting Low Bid Entec/Helm Hot Water Heater Project: Vitzthum reported that Entec/Helm presented the lowest bid offer to replace the Hot Water Heaters at the Public Safety Complex. *Motion by Earing, second by Vietti to accept the low bid by Entec/Helm for the Hot Water Heater Project.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

Committee Chair John Vitzthum reported that he is very satisfied with the performance of the Facility Services Manager, Shawn Johnson.

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Committee Chair Gerald Earing reported that the Committee met twice this month to work on drafting a Battery Energy Storage System Ordinance and to listen to a presentation on CO2 Pipelines by a local resident. Ritter reported that the speaker, Julia Fosdick, provided insightful information on the effects CO2 has in our communities, CO2 pipelines in general and injection wells.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Committee Chair James Carley reported that committees will only meet in December if necessary, noting that there will still be a regular scheduled Board Meeting. Carley mentioned that Board Members should be cautious with their personal use of social media, making sure that what they are posting is factual.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Vice-Chair Mark Runyon reported that monthly department reports were given, the Jail door project is complete and Superintendent Draper is looking for a new food vendor due to the current company raising their prices.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the committee did not meet this month, but the I.T. Support Tech has resigned and the job has been posted with higher qualifications. Sear reported that they have received 14 applications so far.

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Committee Chair Jack Vietti reported that the Committee met before the Board Meeting and approved the appointment of Hillman to the Board of Health. Vietti reported that there was a fine turnout at the Elks Club last Sunday for the Veterans Day Luncheon and thanked the VAC Superintendent and staff for the great work they put in to plan this event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Fannin, second by Ritter to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Pending Litigation. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Mark Runyon, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Joel Barickman, Dan Myers and Robert F. Weller

The board took a brief break prior to Executive Session from 6:29p.m. – 6:31p.m.
Executive session began at 6:31 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:24 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on motion by Haag, second by Blackard. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

James A. Carley, Chair

Attest:

Jordan E. Uselding

Executive Assistant

On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching