

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 14TH, 2024 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

County Board Vice-Chair Steven J. 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 Jan Ambrose presented the invocation. Gina Manker led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Kristy Masching called roll with the following members **present:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Gina Manker, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, County Clerk Kristy Masching, Network & Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, I.T. Support Specialist Jack Phillips, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, State's Attorney Michael Regnier, Public Defender Marinna Metoyer, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Jail Superintendent Lisa Draper, Highway Engineer Clay Metcalf, Treasurer Nikki M. Meier, Public Health Administrator Jackie Dever, Mental Health Board Director Taylor Hartman, Director of Health Education Erin Fogarty, Adam Dontz (GLCEDC Chief Executive Officer), Becky Ropp (Heartland Community College Board of Trustees Chair), Janet Hood (Heartland Community College Board of Trustees Vice-Chair), Joshua Crockett (Heartland Community College Board of Trustees Secretary), and Keith Cornille (Heartland Community College President)

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Lovell called for approval of the meeting minutes from February 15, 2024. *Motion by Blackard, second by Ritter to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

Heartland Community College Decennial Report: Heartland Community College Board of Trustee Member Joshua Crockett provided an introduction of all the members present and gave an overview on the work of the College and the population that they serve. The Board of Trustee Chair Becky Ropp provided an overview of the work that the Decennial Committee has done.

Public Health Annual Report: Public Health Administrator Jackie Dever was present to go over the Health Department's annual report for the year 2023 and provided the Board with a hardcopy. *Motion by Manker, second by Ritter to accept the Public Health's annual report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

Dever announced that she will be retiring in the Summer of 2024 and Erin Fogarty will be taking over in her position.

Mental Health Annual Report: Mental Health Board Director Taylor Hartman provided the Board with a synopsis of the department’s annual report for the year 2023. Hartman stated the Mental Health Board and agencies they partnered with were able to address the needs of people with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use issues. *Motion by Vietti, second by Fannin to accept the Mental Health Board’s annual report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPEARANCES

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments:
 - a. Brett Smith – Flanagan Graymont Fire Protection District
- C. Acceptance of Decennial Reports:
 - a. Heartland Community College
 - b. Avoca Township & Road District

Motion by Fannin, second by Manker for approval of the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Gina Manker, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Committee Chair Gerald Earing reported that there will be an E-Recycling Day Event on April 13th, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the old K-Mart parking lot.

HIGHWAY

- a. **Letting Results:** February 29, 2024 Letting
- b. **Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation:** Federal-Aid Agreement for superstructure replacement of Structure No. 053-0102 on Ch 3 located at 2830N, 3300E
- c. **Agreement:** Illinois Generation LLC Road Use Agreement & Traffic Impact Analysis – (TIA) Review
- d. ~~**Agreements:** Avangrid Renewables LLC – County Highway Road Use Agreement – Attorney & Consultant~~
- e. **Certificate of Authority:** Required per Central Management Services (CMS) for joint purchasing contracts

Motion by Blackard, 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, Gina Manker, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Amendment of Standing Rules related to ESDA: Vietti reported that the ESDA Coordinator position has been separated from the Regional Planning and Zoning Department, noting that due to these changes ESDA should report to the Sheriff, Jail & License Committee. *Motion by Vietti, second by Fannin to approve the amendment of the Standing Rules.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Gina Manker, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim

Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

FINANCE

Resolution (2024-03-18): Authorizing End of Year Budget Transfer: Fannin reported that this is the final end of year budget transfer for 2023, for last minute maintenance bills that came in. *Motion by Haag, second by Manker to approve the authorization of the end of year budget transfer.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Gina Manker, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

Resolution (2024-03-19): Property Tax Abatement Agreement – Sealite Insulation & Coatings: Fannin reported that this is a 5-year tax abatement, where years 1-3 are 100% and years 4-5 are 50%. *Motion by Fannin, second by Ambrose to approve the Property Tax Abatement Agreement.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** Gina Manker **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

Resolution (2024-03-20): Establishing the Circuit Clerk’s Salary: Fannin reported that the Committee recommended matching the County Clerk’s and Treasurer’s salary for years 2025 and 2026, and a \$1000 increase in years 2027 and 2028 for the Circuit Clerk’s salary. *Motion by Fannin, second by Manker to approve the resolution establishing the Circuit Clerk’s salary for the next four years.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Gina Manker, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, William Mays, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

Resolution (2024-03-21): Establishing the Coroner’s Salary: Fannin reported that the Committee recommended a \$750 increase each year from 2025 to 2028 for the Coroner’s salary. *Motion by Fannin, second by Welch to approve the resolution establishing the Coroner’s salary for the next four years.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Gina Manker, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, John J. Vitzthum, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** William Mays **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Robert F. Weller and James A. Carley **Vacancy:** Mark Runyon

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair John Vitzthum reported that the Facility Services Department has been providing regular maintenance to the buildings, as well as working on things that have been neglected over time.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the Committee did not meet this month.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee member Gina Manker reported that the Committee took a moment of silence for the passing of Committee Vice-Chair Mark Runyon. Manker reported that the Sheriff provided his monthly reports, the housing is remaining steady, a raffle license was approved for St. Paul School in Odell, and Deputy Jenkins was present at the Sheriff’s town meeting to introduce himself and discuss flock cameras.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Committee Vice-Chair Steven Lovell stated there was nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 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