

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2024 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. Seth Welch 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, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, County Clerk Kristy Masching, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Judge Jennifer Bauknecht, Judge Randy Yedinak, Judge Charles Feeney, States Attorney Michael Regnier, Public Defender Marinna Metoyer, VAC Superintendent Michael Haerr, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Treasurer Nikki Meier, Assessor Shelly Renken, Zoning Administrator Brittney Miller, IT Administrator Jon Sear.

AGENDA

Chair Carley called for any additions or changes to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Ritter, second by Weller 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 September 12, 2024. *Motion by Blackard, second by Lovell to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

Paul Ritter introduced exchange student Ruhshona Muhammadrasulova from Uzbekistan, who is presently enrolled at Pontiac High School and expressed her desire to gain knowledge about the County Government.

PRESENTATION

Resolution (#2024-10-81) of Appreciation: Judge Charles Feeney: Haerr presented Judge Feeney with a resolution of appreciation to recognize his valuable contributions to the veterans and residents of Livingston County. *Motion by Ritter, second by Blackard to accept the resolution of appreciation for Judge Charles Feeney.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Carley announced that Livingston County will declare October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Carley provided a concise summary of domestic violence and highlighted the contributions of Safe Journey in offering services and support to individuals within the community. *Motion by Lovell, second by Ambrose to accept the proclamation for domestic violence awareness month.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPEARANCES

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Acceptance of Decennial Reports

- a. Kankakee Community College
- b. Dwight Township
- c. Eppards Point Township
- d. Nevada Township

Motion by Ritter, second by Earing for approval of the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

FINANCE

Presentation of FY 2025 Budget, Levies & Capital Expenses: Schwahn provided a brief overview of the budget and its contents. *Motion by Earing, second by Haag to place the FY 2025 Budget, Levies & Capital Expenses on display. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Resolution (#2024-10-82): Authorizing Transfer of Excess Property to Mosaic: Earing reported that there is an excess conference table and chairs, which Mosaic has shown interest in acquiring, as these items are not wanted by any county department. *Motion by Weller, second by Ritter authorizing the transfer of excess property to Mosaic. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.*

Resolution (#2024-10-83): Amending Livingston County Purchasing Policy: Earing reported this is an amendment to the Purchasing Policy allowing elected officials and department heads to purchase surplus property through the bidding process. *Motion by Monson, second by Vitzthum to approve the resolution amending the Livingston County Purchasing Policy. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Ordinance (#2024-10-84): Establishing Application Fee & Deadline – Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption: Earing reported this ordinance grants the Assessor the authority to impose an annual fee of \$750 for the processing of applications related to the Affordable Rental Housing Program, while also setting an application deadline of July 1st for each tax year. *Motion by Ritter, second by Welch to approve the establishment of the application fee and deadline for affordable rental reduction in assessed value. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Resolution (#2024-10-85): Authorizing Sale of Mobile Home Sealed Bid Auction: Earing reported that there was a mobile home located in Pontiac that was sold at the sealed bid auction. *Motion by Earing, second by Vitzthum to approve the resolution authorizing the sale of mobile home. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Resolution (#2024-10-86): Zoning Case SF-2-24 – Ken Broquard Farm Subdivision: Earing reported the landowners wish to divide their property situated in Indian Grove in order to separate the residential homestead from the agricultural land. *Motion by Earing, second by Barickman to approve Zoning Cases SF-2-24 Ken Broquard Farm*

Subdivision. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Substantial Completion Deadline Extensions:

Resolution (#2024-10-87): Zoning Case SU-14-22 Allium Solar, LLC

Resolution (#2024-10-88): Zoning Case SU-15-22 Beebalm Solar, LLC

Earing reported that Cultivate Power is seeking a one-year extension to complete the projects and will return to the board should additional time be needed. Barickman discussed state regulations and whether or not extensions must be approved. *Motion by Haag, second by Lovell to approve the extensions for Zoning Case SU-14-22 and Zoning Case SU-15-22.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Robert F. Weller, John J. Vitzthum, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, William Mays, and Jim Blackard **Absent:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Approval of Decommissioning Plans:

Resolution (#2024-10-89): Zoning Case SU-20-22 Lincoln LI18 (formerly TPE IL LI18)

Resolution (#2024-10-90): Zoning Case SU-1-24 Pontiac Renewables, LLC

Resolution (#2024-10-91): Zoning Case SU-10-23 North Road Solar 1, LLC

Resolution (#2024-10-92): Zoning Case SU-8-23 Esmen Solar 1, LLC

Resolution (#2024-10-93): Zoning Case SU-9-23 Esmen Solar 2, LLC

Motion by Blackard, second by Ritter to approve the decommissioning plans for Zoning Case SU-20-22, SU-1-24, SU-10-23, SU-8-23 and SU-9-23. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, 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:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin and Dan Myers

Committee Chair Gerald Earing reported there will be an electronic recycling event on November 16, 2024.

HIGHWAY

Committee Chair Steven Lovell reported that the committee did not meet this month.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Vice Chair Joel Barickman reported that flock cameras were discussed at the committee meeting and the significance they are having within the county.

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Committee Chair Jack Vietti reported the committee did not meet this month.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair John Vitzthum reported the electrical system is being installed at the drive-thru facility and doors will be installed next week.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the committee did not have a quorum this month.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chair James A. Carley thanked all of the board members for their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haerr reported the Veterans' Assistance Commission will host their annual veterans' lunch & benefit orientation on November 10th at the Pontiac Elks Club, noting that Judge Feeney will be the keynote speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Haag. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

James A. Carley, Chair

Attest:

Jordan E. Uselding

Executive Assistant

On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching