

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 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 Ginger Harris presented the invocation. Bob Weller 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, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, County Clerk Kristy Masching, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, States Attorney Michael Regnier, Circuit Clerk LeAnn Dixon, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Treasurer Nikki Meier, IT Support Tech Jack Phillips and Attorney John Heil (Heyl Royster).

AGENDA

Chair Carley requested to amend the revised agenda to remove business item 2a. Zoning Case SU-18-24 – Yeshivas Kesser Yonah. *Motion by Ritter, second by Haag to approve the revised agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Carley called for approval of the meeting minutes from October 17, 2024. *Motion by Lovell, second by Blackard to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

Resolution (#2024-11-94) of Appreciation – John Vitzthum: Carley expressed the county’s appreciation for the services that John Vitzthum has dedicated to the citizens of Livingston County during his term as a member of the County Board. *Motion by Myers, second by Ambrose to accept the resolution of appreciation for John Vitzthum.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

Resolution (#2024-11-95) of Appreciation – LeAnn Dixon: Carley presented LeAnn Dixon with a resolution of appreciation for her many contributions and public service to the citizens of Livingston County as the Circuit Clerk and wished her well in retirement. *Motion by Haag, second by Ritter to accept the resolution of appreciation for LeAnn Dixon.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPEARANCES

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

Motion by Earing, second by Vietti for approval of the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

FINANCE

Ordinance (#2024-11-96): Providing for the Levy of Taxes: Mental Health Fund Levy & Developmentally Disabled Person Fund Levy: Earing reported this is the annual tax levy for Livingston County Mental Health. *Motion by Ritter, second by Vietti 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, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

Ordinance (#2024-11-97): Providing for the Levy of Taxes: Southeast Livingston County Ambulance Service Fund: Earing reported this is the annual tax levy for SELCAS in five individual districts. *Motion by Blackard, second by Weller 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, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

Ordinance (#2024-11-98): Providing for the Levy of Livingston County Taxes: Earing reported this is the levy of general taxes for all other county purposes. *Motion by Haag, second by Blackard 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, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

Ordinance (2024-11-99): Adopting FY 2025 Annual Budget & Appropriations: Earing reported this is the annual budget and expenditure appropriations for the succeeding fiscal year. *Motion by Weller, second by Vietti 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, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

Resolution: Authorizing Transfer of Deeds: Earing reported these parcels were sold at the sealed bid auction.

- i. 26-26-03-309-019 (Resolution #2024-11-100)
- ii. 10-10-10-105-003 (Resolution #2024-11-101)
- iii. 27-27-04-433-009 (Resolution #2024-11-102)
- iv. 10-10-10-105-015 (Resolution #2024-11-103)
- v. 01-01-15-427-001 (Resolution #2024-11-104)

Motion by Haag, second by Myers to approve the resolutions authorizing the transfer of deeds. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

Resolution (#2024-11-105): Appellate Prosecutor: Earing reported this is an annual resolution for the services the Appellate Prosecutor provides to the State's Attorney's Office on behalf of the county. *Motion by Barickman, second by Ritter to approve the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor resolution.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

Resolution (#2024-11-106): Authorizing the Transfer of Surplus Property to Odell Fire: Earing reported the Odell Fire Protection District has requested the county transfer a surplus Ford Explorer to be utilized for EMS response, personnel carrier for emergencies and transportation for training of personnel. *Motion by Earing, second by Ambrose to approve the resolution transferring surplus property to Odell FPD.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL**

CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

Resolution (#2024-11-107): Authorizing Infrastructure/Equipment Grant for Flock Cameras: Earing reported this is a resolution authorizing appropriated grant funds for the purchase and installation of security/surveillance cameras (flock cameras) throughout Livingston County. *Motion by Weller, second by Ritter to approve the resolution authorizing the infrastructure improvements/purchase of equipment grant for flock cameras.*

MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Resolution (#2024-11-108): Zoning Case SU-18-24 — Yeshivas Kesser Yonah - removed from agenda

Extending Substantial Completion Deadline:

a. **Resolution (#2024-11-109): SU-9-18 Vermillion Solar 1, LLC**

b. **Resolution (#2024-11-110): SU-10-18 Vermillion Solar 2, LLC**

Earing reported that the developer of Vermillion Solar 1 and Vermillion Solar 2 are asking for an extension on the deadline due to the materials being on backorder. *Motion by Haag, second by Lovell to approve the resolutions extending substantial completion deadline for Zoning Case SU-9-18 and SU-10-18.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** Dan Myers and Jim Blackard **Absent:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

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

HIGHWAY

a. **Bridge Petition: Newtown Road District** – Replacing existing box culvert 2865N, 660E Estimated Cost =\$25,000. Section 24-17000-00-AB

b. **Quarterly Report:** 3rd Quarter, FY24

Motion by Earing, second by Blackard to approve the Highway action items. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Steven J. Lovell and Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Recused:** Joel Barickman **Absent:** Gina Manker, Marty Fannin, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Liquor License Amendment: Indian Creek Golf Club: Weller reported that this is a regular personnel change from Indian Creek due to their board changing and the liquor license being transferred to the chairs name. *Motion by Fehr, second by Ambrose to approve the liquor license amendment.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

Committee Chair Robert Weller reported that monthly reports were provided by the Sheriff, housing report was provided by the Jail Superintendent, and a raffle license and liquor license amendment was submitted by Indian Creek.

Ritter reported that on November 23rd, the P2D2 Drug Take Back Day will be at the Pontiac Walmart from 9a.m.-1p.m., collecting unused medications. Ritter reported that because of the sponsors, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Pontiac PD, Pontiac Township High School, and Institute for Human Resources, they have been able to

continue this program and have collected over 8 ½ million pounds of pharmaceuticals being properly disposed of in our County.

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolution (#2024-11-111): Rural Transportation: Vietti reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation gave three options for Livingston County to continue rural transit following the withdrawal of McLean County from the IGA. After much consideration, this resolution is to accept option two; whereas Livingston County could decide to be the rural funding recipient and purchase transportation. This would mean that Livingston County would purchase transportation through a public transportation provider. The County would still be responsible for providing oversight of the transit program. This is done through a Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM) and a list of responsibilities would be provided. *Motion by Vietti, second by Fehr to approve the resolution for rural transportation.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Vice Chair Gerald Earing reported that in January they will begin replacing the scaffolding of the east-side of the roof on the Historic Courthouse.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chair James A. Carley reported that the committee did not meet.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chair James A. Carley reported that on November 18th, a few members will be attending Ford County's Board Meeting, along with Iroquois County, to discuss the options of rural transportation. Carley reported they will also be meeting with IDOT, that Senator Bennett has arranged, on November 19th in Springfield to continue the discussion of rural transit and come up with the best possible outcome.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Lovell, second by Ritter to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Pending Litigation and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Dan Myers, Craig Monson, Robert F. Weller, 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, William Mays and John J. Vitzthum

The board took a brief break prior to Executive Session from 6:27p.m. – 6:32p.m.

Executive Session began at 6:32 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 8:02 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Weller, second by Blackard to approve for content the executive session minutes of August 17, 2023; October 18, 2023; November 16, 2023; December 14, 2023; and May 16, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Motion by Weller, second by Ritter to open the executive session minutes of February 24, 2022; August 11, 2022; November 17, 2022; February 16, 2023; April 13, 2023; and August 17, 2023 and authorize the destruction of all

*verbatim records dated eighteen months and older previously approved for content. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. on motion by Blackard, second by Lovell. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.***

James A. Carley, Chair

Attest:

Jordan E. Uselding

Executive Assistant

On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching