

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF March 1st, 2012 GOAL SETTING WORK SESSION

OPENING

Chairman Fairfield called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. in the Public Safety Complex basement at 844 W. Lincoln St., Pontiac, Illinois.

Administrative Resource Specialist, Alina Hartley called roll, with the following members **present:** John “Jack” Vietti, Stanley Weber, Mike Ingles, William Flott, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Ronald Deany, Kathy Arbogast, Tim Shafer, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores Woodburn, Mark Runyon **Absent:** Robert Weller, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, John McGlasson, Daryl Holt, Judy Campbell, John Franey,

Also Present: Administrative Resource Specialist, Alina Hartley and Finance Resource Specialist, June Slagel. Chuck Hanlon arrived at 6:20 p.m..

AGENDA

Chairman Fairfield called for the approval of the agenda. Motion by Steichen, second by Arbogast to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Chairman Fairfield briefly discussed a possible economic development opportunity in Dwight. Fairfield stated that the business will bring approximately 15 full time jobs initially and can possible result in up to 100 full time jobs. Fairfield stated that the business hopes to be online as early as May.

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The board broke out into four sub-groups to review ideas and possible goals for 2012.

Chuck Hanlon from Land Visions presented information on developing a county wide comprehensive plan. Hanlon stated that they would complete individual plans for each town and incorporate those into a county wide plan. Hanlon reported that there are some grant opportunities currently available through the federal government. Discussion took place. It was felt that this could be a good tool for economic development and could also assist in bringing the mayors group back together.

The sub-groups reviewed the proposed identified goals for the upcoming year. The identified goals for 2012 were as follows.

Financially Sustainable County Government

1. Cap landfill transfers/expenditures at \$2.5 million for both general fund & capital expenses.
2. Work towards reducing the transfer cap to \$2 million.

Quality Services Delivered in a Professional Manner

1. Communicate the real estate tax structure
2. Investigate video streaming the county board meetings
3. Expand the county website with a frequently asked questions section
4. Study the possible reorganization of the committee structure

Planned Quality Growth/ Promote Economic Growth

1. Promote economic development resulting in job creation, retention and population stimulation. (The GLCEDC must play a critical role)
2. Legislative Committee (Elections) to be Pro-Active with legislators and legislative issue

3. Collaborate with WECS and local governments/schools to establish a tower to be used for educational purposes.
4. Create a five year and long term plan for county buildings

Partnering for Success with our Citizens and other Governments

1. Reactivate Livingston County Mayors Meeting for purpose of idea sharing and promoting business relationships
2. Promote county wide tourism, programs, and events
3. Partner with the landfill & others on gas conversion/ solar
4. Partner with Wind Energy Conservation Systems (WECS) on training and education
5. Investigate the interest and possible grant opportunities for a county wide comprehensive plan

The next regular board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Heath. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

William Fairfield, Chairman

Attest:

Alina M. Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist
In the Absence of County Clerk Kristy Masching

March 15th, 2012 - Approved