

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2012 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

**OPENING**

Chairman Fairfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Public Safety Complex basement at 844 W. Lincoln St., Pontiac, Illinois.

Daryl Holt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Also Present:** Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Jack Hayes (FQC), John Eallonardo (FQC), David Winters-County Highway Engineer, David Ochs (GLCEDC), Carol Flessner – Executive Director Livingston County Mental Health, Barb Sear - Treasurer

**AGENDA**

Chairman Fairfield requested the agenda be amended to remove item VII. Executive Session from the agenda. Fairfield then called for any additional changes to the agenda with none being requested. *Motion by Yoder, second by Young to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Fairfield called for approval of the minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting. *Motion by Holt, second by Steichen to approve the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

**PRESENTATION - GLCEDC – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

David Ochs, GLCEDC President, was present to discuss various economic development opportunities within the County. Ochs reported that the GLCEDC is working to recruit a food processing plant to the county. Ochs stated they are currently working with a LED lighting company that is looking to locate in the Coils building in Dwight. This business will generate approximately 20 full time jobs initially. Ochs reported that EVT is looking to purchase an existing building within Fairbury, but if that doesn’t work out they will consider building new.

Ochs reported that Enbridge is looking to expand the Flanagan pipeline to Cushing, Oklahoma. Ochs stated that this project will create approximately 1,000 construction jobs. Ochs reported that Enbridge will host an open house on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Pontiac Parks and Rec. Steichen reported that a meeting was held with Enbridge public affairs staff and they are estimating 3-5 years’ worth of work and an \$8 billion investment (not all within Livingston County). Steichen reported that they have the potential of putting a new hub here in Livingston County. Fairfield reported that this project will create approximately 300-400 construction jobs within Livingston County and 50-150 at the plant. Fairfield stated that Enbridge has been encouraged to locate their lay down area within Livingston County.

**PRESENTATION – MENTAL HEALTH 2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

Carol Flessner reviewed the 2011 Mental Health Annual Report. Flessner reported that 2011 was another challenging year for human services within the State of Illinois. Flessner stated that the proposed 2013 budget only includes funding to serve Medicaid eligible individuals and crisis services. Flessner stated that the proposed state budget includes a 10% cut in mental health. Flessner stated that she will be meeting with legislators on the budget committee next week to discuss this issue. Flessner stated that their biggest issue with the proposed budget is that they are looking to cut psychiatric services which are the heart of mental health services in the community. Flessner stated that currently they are not proposing cuts for persons with developmental disabilities.

Flessner reported that last year the 708 board had to loan funds to local agencies because the state was behind on payments. Flessner stated that currently the state owes Futures \$200,000, IHR \$360,000 and Mental Health Board \$26,000.

Flessner reported that in fiscal year 2011 there were 2,765 Livingston County residents served through the 708 and 377 Mental Health levies. Flessner reported that this was an increase of 144 individuals served compared to FY 2010. Flessner stated that they received a \$2 million grant from the Illinois Children's Health Foundation. Flessner stated that they have implemented the program in eight schools within the county. Flessner stated that children will receive instruction on social and emotional skills within the classroom. Flessner stated that children with mental health disorders will be identified and their families will be offered services. Flessner stated that to date there have been 3,148 children between the ages of 0-18 that have been screened. Flessner reviewed other programs that have been implemented including the Juvenile Justice program and Operation Snowflake. Flessner stated that they are continuing to work on implementing mental health court.

Flessner stated that 53% of their funding comes from the state, 8% from the 708 local tax, 3% from the 377 local tax and 36% from self-generated fees and insurance payments. Flessner reported that the programs in Livingston County are doing well in spite of the obstacles that the state has created.

*Motion to approve the Mental Health 2011 Annual Report by Steichen, second by Campbell.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, Mike Ingles, William Flott, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

#### APPEARANCES

None

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills
- B. Appointments
  - a. Greg Yoder – Fairbury Fire Protection District
  - b. Jeanne Elliott – Livingston County Board of Health
  - c. Dr. Kate Austman – Livingston County Board of Health
  - d. Dale Schrock – Livingston County Housing Authority
  - e. Gary Marx – Dwight Fire Protection District
  - f. Dale Sass – Long Point Fire Protection District
  - g. Leland Berry – Reading Community Fire Protection District
- C. Staff Replacements
  - a. FT Correctional Officer – Sheriff's Department
- D. Regional Office of Education Quarterly Report

*Motion to approve the consent agenda by Young, second by Arbogast.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

#### LAW & JUSTICE CENTER / BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chair Flott introduced John Eallonardo of Frederick Quinn Corp. Eallonardo reported that the significant accomplishments within the historic courthouse include the completion of asbestos abatement, masonry holes for ductwork, the wood in the lobby has been stripped and the new stairs to the attic have been installed. Eallonardo reported that they are in the process of getting the tin patterns replicated. Eallonardo reported that the framing contractor has begun framing the restrooms and offices. The mechanical contractor is currently concentrating in

the basement and attic and has completed the installation of the chiller within the Law & Justice Center. Eallonardo reported that the project remains on schedule and within budget.

Eallonardo reported that the auction held on March 31<sup>st</sup> was successful and everything had been sold.

Bob Young questioned whether the courthouse design had been reviewed to ensure there will not be any ADA issues. Eallonardo reported that FQC had previously requested a design review from PSA to ensure that they are comfortable with ADA requirements within the historic courthouse and they are. Eallonardo stated that PSA has been in contact with State of Illinois officials to ensure where the building does and does not need to comply, because the building will never fully comply without significant changes to the character of the building.

## AG & ZONING

No Report

### HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Committee Vice Chair Ruff introduced David Winters-County Highway Engineer, who reviewed items to be approved on the **Consent Agenda** as follows:

I. **Letting Results:**

- April 3, 2012 letting

II. **Resolution:**

- Resolution appropriating \$10,000 from County Motor Fuel Tax and \$125,000 from County Matching Tax Fund to pay for Livingston County's share of resurfacing CH 8 (1200 N Road) from CH 13 (700 E Road) easterly 4.8 miles to the west approach of the I-55 overpass, Section 06-00100-02-RS

Item III. Gamesa Agreement was removed from the consent agenda. Winters noted that 17 of the 31 lettings were protested with the Illinois Department of Transportation involving three different contractors. Winters stated that the review is done by IDOT and is up to them to make a determination. Winters requested the lettings be approved contingent upon IDOT approval. *Motion by Ruff, second by Holt to approve the Highway Consent agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

### SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

**Odell Town Contract:** Committee Chair Vietti reported that the SJL committee is recommending the Board approve a six month contract for deputy patrol services with Odell for the remaining six months of the year. It was requested that the contract be amended to add that the contract is for the remaining six months of FY 2012. *Motion by Vietti, second by Arbogast to approve the amended Odell Town Contract.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

**Liquor License Renewals:** Committee Chair Vietti commented that the committee and the State's Attorney's Office had reviewed and recommended the renewal of the liquor license applications. *Motion by Vietti, second by Fannin to approve the Liquor License renewal applications commencing May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013.*

**MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

Chair Vietti reported that average daily jail population at 69 with 21 being the average number of days spent.

### FINANCE

**Treasurer's Annual Report:** Barb Sear stated that the report is on a cash basis and includes a comparison to the previous year. Sear stated that revenues were down in the special fee funds, fines and collections. The general fund ended with a slightly higher balance. Sear reported that the state reimbursement of salaries is down, but the state seems to be catching up recently. *Motion by Borngasser, second by Woodburn to approve the Treasurer's Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

**Resolution: Circuit Clerk's Salary** – Chair Borngasser explained that the committee had recommended that the salary for the Circuit Clerk be increased by \$1,000 per year for 2015 and 2016. The Circuit Clerks salary had previously been set for 2013 and 2014. *Motion by Borngasser, second by Heath to approve the resolution to increase the Circuit Clerk's salary by \$1,000 per year for 2015 and 2016.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Bruce Koerner, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

**Resolution: Coroner's Salary** – Chair Borngasser stated that the Finance Committee is recommending the Coroner's salary be increased to \$60,000 for 2013, plus an additional \$1,000 increase each year for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Borngasser stated that the Committee felt the base salary should be increased to be more in line with other department heads within the county. Discussion took place. Woodburn stated that in many of the other counties the Coroners salary is not in line with other elected officials and in some cases it is half of the amount. Woodburn noted that the current salary is comparable to both Woodford and Lee counties who have similar populations. Several board members raised concern about giving such a large increase when other employees and elected officials were given 1.5%. *Motion by Borngasser, second by Heath to approve the resolution to increase the Coroners salary to \$60,000 for FY 2013, \$61,000 for FY 2014, \$62,000 for FY 2015, and \$63,000 for FY 2016.* **MOTION FAILED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Bruce Koerner, Carl Borngasser, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Vicki Allen, **Nays:** Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Joseph Steichen, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, William Fairfield, Delores Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey

### ADMINISTRATIVE

**FY 2012 Goals** – The Board reviewed the proposed FY 2012 goals. *Motion by Flott, second by Steichen to approve the FY 2012 Goals.* **Ayes:** John "Jack" Vietti, Stanley Weber, William Flott, John Yoder, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl Holt, Kathy Arbogast, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Delores "Dee" Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Nays:** none **Absent:** Robert Weller, Mike Ingles, John McGlasson, Ronald Deany, Tim Shafer, and John Franey **Abstain:** Bruce Koerner **Present:** Judy Campbell

Fairfield noted that the GLCEDC will be sponsoring a welding program to assist in training individuals in welding to support a local business short fall in trained persons. The funds for the program will be paid from the original county grant funds. This program is open to anyone in the county.

Fairfield noted that he is working to appoint a committee to work on a county recreation plan.

### PUBLIC PROPERTY

No report

**NURSING HOME**

No report.

**ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION**

No report.

**PERSONNEL**

No report

**INSURANCE**

No report

**INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY**

Committee Chair Holt reported that Scott Koeppel reported that there is an echo problem in the courtrooms; adjustments were made and the issue seems to be fixed. Koeppel is working with Linda Daniels on posting job openings on the website. Holt reported that Koeppel and Hartley are working on the website to improve the ratings with the Sunshine Review and their recommendations for transparency.

**VETERANS**

Chair Koerner reported that the number of trips and individuals served were down this past month about 40%. Koerner reported that there is \$15,000 left in dental grant funds that need to be used.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Judy Campbell reported the following: **Public Health** – MaLinda Hillman noted the reappointments of Jeanne Elliott and Dr. Kate Austman to the Livingston County Board of Health. A grant was received for the ALIVE program, an employee wellness program, from the Illinois Public Health Institute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The floor was open for public comment.

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fairfield noted that the Enbridge open house will be held on April 23, 2012 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Pontiac Parks and Rec. Elected officials are invited to attend at 4:00 p.m..

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on motion by Yoder, second by Flott.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Public Safety Complex building.

**William Fairfield, CHAIRMAN**

Attest:

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

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Approved