

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF August 16, 2012 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

Vice-Chairman Shafer (in the absence of Chairman Fairfield) called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., in the lobby of the Law and Justice Center, 110 N. Main, Pontiac, Illinois.

Vicki Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Jack Hayes & John Eallonardo (FQC), David Winters-County Highway Engineer, Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp, Circuit Clerk Judy Cremer and Attorney Tom Blakeman

AGENDA

Vice-Chair Shafer called for approval of the agenda. *Motion by Woodburn, second by Weller to approve the agenda as revised.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Shafer called for approval of the minutes from the July 19, 2012 meeting. *Motion by Holt, second by Fannin to approve the July 19, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Bills**
- B. Staff Replacements**

- Sheriff’s Department – FT Correctional Officer

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda by Flott, second by Holt. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen and Woodburn **Nays:** Runyon **Absent:** Arbogast, Campbell, Franey and Fairfield

LAW & JUSTICE CENTER COMMITTEE

Chair Flott reported that discussions were on-going with the Historical Society regarding their request to use the former States Attorney’s Office as a historical display area. Furniture selections and finishes for the historic courthouse have been finalized with Becky Beary (PSA-Dewberry). **Historic Courthouse Update-** John Eallonardo (FQC) reported the following: the air-conditioning system was turned on to pre-condition spaces in order to continue installation of millwork; electrical raceway work is being installed on the first floor; plumbers will finish installation of fixtures when trim work is completed in bathrooms; they are also working on the dry chemical system which will be installed in the County Clerk’s vault; second floor painting is nearing completion, with first floor prep work starting; and the committee authorized replacement of the original exterior limestone stairs, due to their deteriorated condition. **Law & Justice Center Update-** Jack Hayes (FQC) reported that roof pavers had been installed and are waiting for the acoustical engineers to return to analyze the impact. Filters have been installed in the water system, which has enabled use of the water fountains. The water will be formally

tested according to EPA standards by an EPA accredited laboratory. The States Attorney's Office has forwarded the county's response to the Attorney General for review. No response has been received at this time from the AG's office. He also explained that the grounding system in the building is completely intact, functional and doesn't seem to be the source of the problem in connection with the alleged water issue.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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

- I. **Letting Results:**
 - Letting Results: August 7, 2012
- II. **IDOT Supplemental Audit Report No. 58 (Twp Bridge Program)**

Motion by Deany, second by Runyon to approve the Highway Consent agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Woodburn and Runyon
Nays: None **Absent:** Arbogast, Campbell, Franey and Fairfield

David Winters commented on the following: the Fairbury Seventh Street bridge work scheduled to begin August 15 will be delayed due to complications encountered with electrical lines (the delay is not anticipated to delay the project completion date); reported that the on-going situation with Commonwealth Edison regarding the Nebraska Twp. Bridge Program Project, has been remedied with Com Ed's legal counsel agreeing that existing statutes and case law support the highway department's position; and explained the status of the construction problem with the excavation by the Union Pacific's contractor under the bridge over the tracks on 2400N road in Odell Road District.

AG & ZONING

Chuck Schopp, Zoning Administrator reported that they hope to bring a recommendation to the Board's September meeting with regards to the proposed Minonk Wind Farm transfer of ownership. He also stated that there would be an open house at the landfill on Friday, August 17th from 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. He also briefed the group on the Enbridge Pipeline spur project.

FINANCE

Circuit Clerk Semi-Annual Report: Circuit Clerk Judy Cremer highlighted her report. *Motion by Borngasser, second by Steichen to approve the Circuit Clerk's Semi-Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Sheriff's Semi-Annual Report: *Motion by Vietti, second by Fannin to approve the Sheriff's Semi-Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Temporary Liquor License: Dominy Public Library – Vietti stated that the committee had approved the license contingent upon the receipt of an updated insurance bond. He was informed that since the meeting, the insurance bond had been received. *Motion by Vietti, second by Holt to approve the Sheriff's Semi-Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Chair Vietti reported that the daily average jail population had been 77 with 6 days being the average length of stay. Sheriff Meredith had informed him that four people were in custody for the twenty-six burglaries which had taken place in the northwestern part of the county.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

No report

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Chair Weber reported that the committee is making progress on the updating of the standing rules of the board and hope to have them finished for the November meeting.

INSURANCE

No report

NURSING HOME

Chair Heath stated that Good Samaritan had appeared before the Health Facility Planning Board on July 23rd, asking for their Certificate of Need (CON) approval. They were given approval, contingent upon the condition that they secure firm financing by December 31, 2012.

PERSONNEL

Chair Shafer reported that the committee had met to review the request for the replacement of a correctional officer.

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Chair Holt reported the following IT department activities: the 911 CAD system would need to be replaced as it had crashed; the customized remote system had been utilized successfully in a Tamms Correctional Center trial, allowing employee testimonies to be heard remotely; the mug shot software was upgraded and will expedite the processing of inmates; and Johnson Controls is upgrading the system to allow the HVAC Coordinator to monitor and access the system remotely via computer or hand-held device.

VETERANS

Chairman Koerner stated that they had very little activity with regards to utility bills, but had more trips with people utilizing their transportation services this month.

PUBLIC HEALTH

No report

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Konieczka introduced himself as the Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator, working out of the University of Illinois Extension office in Pontiac. Additional information on his programs may be found at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lmw>.

Joan Bullard inquired as to the extent of the States Attorney's office involvement in the response letter to the Attorney General's Office and was informed that the States Attorney's office had final review of the letter before it was sent to the AG's office.

Ryan Ammermann from Gamesa Energy presented an update on the wind farm energy project on the west side of the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Fannin, second by Steichen to move into executive session pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Negotiating Matters. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Woodburn and Runyon **Nays:** None **Absent:** Arbogast, Campbell, Franey and Fairfield

There was a short recess from 6:45 until 6:50p.m. Executive Session commenced at 6:55p.m. Open session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steichen, second by Weber to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police on behalf of the Correctional Officers, Court Security and Secretaries, subject to final attorney review and authorize the Board Chairman and Secretary to sign on behalf of the county. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, and Woodburn **Nays:** Runyon **Absent:** Arbogast, Campbell, Franey and Fairfield

Motion by Deany, second by Heath to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #150, subject to final attorney review and authorize the Board Chairman and Secretary to sign on behalf of the county. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, and Woodburn **Nays:** Runyon **Present:** Koerner, Steichen **Absent:** Arbogast, Campbell, Franey and Fairfield

Motion by Steichen, second by Fannin to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police on behalf of the Deputies, subject to final attorney review and authorize the Board Chairman and Secretary to sign on behalf of the county. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, and Woodburn **Nays:** Runyon **Absent:** Arbogast, Campbell, Franey and Fairfield

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Fannin. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Jury Commission Room at the Law and Justice Center.

William Fairfield, CHAIRMAN

Attest:

County Clerk

Approved