

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF April 11, 2013 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

Chairman Fannin called the meeting to order at 6:20p.m., in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

Kelly Cochran Cohlman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called roll with the following **present:** John “Jack” Vietti, Joan Bullard, Tim Shafer, Kathy Arbogast, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Carl Borngasser, G. Michael Ingles, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, Earl A. Rients, Judy Campbell, Vicki Allen, Bob Young, John L. Yoder, Carolyn Gerwin, William G. Flott, Mark Runyon, Marty Fannin, Ronald L. Kestner, William H. Peterson **Absent:** Joseph D. Steichen **Vacancy:** Randall M. Wittenberg

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, Adam Dontz-GLCEDC, Mike McCoy- GLCEDC Chairman, Linda Daniels-Human Resources, David Winters-County Highway Engineer, Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp, Daryll Bragg-HVAC Coordinator

AGENDA

Chair Fannin asked that item 1.b. Contract: William Bertram, be removed from the Finance Committee report and that Executive Session be added after VI. Public Comment pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Pending Litigation. *Motion by Arbogast, second by Ritter to approve the revised agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Fannin called for approval of the March 14, 2013 minutes. *Motion by Holt, second by Allen to approve the March 14, 2013 revised meeting minutes.* Gerwin asked that the following changes be made: add under the Sheriff, Jail & License Report, Addition of 2 FT Correctional Officers (page 3), “the cost of hiring two officers would be higher than continuing to give current officers OT”; and under Ag & Zoning report, change “affect” to “effect”, and change “2%” to say “up to 2%”. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

PRESENTATION

None

APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Bills

B. Appointments

- **Brian Stansbury** – Reading Community Fire Protection District, term ending first Monday of May, 2016
- **Patricia Riley** – Livingston County Housing Authority, term commencing May 23, 2013 through May 23, 2018.
- **Dr. James Day** - Livingston County Board of Health, 3 year term commencing June, 2013.
- **Dr. James Day** - Livingston County TB Board, 3 year term commencing June, 2013.
- **Patricia Platz** - Livingston County Board of Health, 3 year term commencing June, 2013.

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda by Ingles, second by Weller. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles,

Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Young, Yoder, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** None
Present: Gerwin **Absent:** Steichen **Vacancy:** Wittenberg

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ACTION ITEMS

Glen Ludwig encouraged the committees and board to be willing to find better ways of handling issues rather than adhering to the “we’ve always done it that way” mantra.

FINANCE

Resolution (#2013-04-16) Granting funds to GLCEDC to fund Manufacturing Skills Training Program – Adam Dontz-CEO of the GLCEDC presented information on his request for one-time funding (\$42,900.) for a Manufacturing Skills Training Program. This program, developed in conjunction with Heartland Community College, is a result of interactions with local manufacturing businesses. The six week, 100 hour training program will have a maximum of twenty students and will focus on manufacturing skills needed in our county to attract new businesses as well as to help retain current businesses. To participate in the program, the students must be Livingston County residents, possess a high school diploma or GED, pay a \$90.00 tuition fee and pass a drug test. Each student who successfully completes the program will be guaranteed an interview with each participating company. If hired, the employer will reimburse the revolving fund up to 50% of the cost, based on full enrollment, up to ten students. The first class is scheduled for May 13-June 28, with the academic training to be conducted at the Pontiac Caterpillar site, and the hands on portion taking place at Heartland’s Vocational Building in Normal. Dontz explained that the original \$500,000.00 allocated to the GLCEDC was intended for grants and loans, whereas this monetary request was strictly for job training. Mike McCoy (Chairman GLCEDC) stated that the financial aspects of this training program would be accounted for separately from the main program. A majority of members were in favor of the program as it offered an opportunity to help the manufacturing community of the county, as well as offering residents a chance to diversify their knowledge and skills in a time of economic hardships. Some were concerned with our reliance on subsidiary funding which could be depleted at the rate we are dipping into it for other service projects. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ingles to approve the one-time \$42,900.00 payment to the GLCEDC for the initial funding of the manufacturing job skills training course, payable from the Enterprise Zone Fund.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Young, Yoder, Flott, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Gerwin and Runyon **Absent:** Steichen
Vacancy: Wittenberg

HIGHWAY

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

I. **Resolution:**

- Resolution appropriating \$10,000 from County Motor Fuel Tax and \$300,000 from County Matching Tax Fund to pay for Livingston County’s share of resurfacing CH16 (300E Rd) from IL Rte 116 (1700N Rd) northerly 9.45 miles to the Long Point Spur (2650N Rd), Section 10-00196-03-RS.

Motion by Weber, second by Weller to approve the Highway Consent agenda items. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson
Nays: None **Absent:** Steichen **Vacancy:** Wittenberg

PERSONNEL

Resolution (#2013-04-18): Amending Personnel Policies to Address Retiree Health Insurance - Chair Holt reported that the resolution would allow employees to retain county health insurance coverage for a dependent(s) as long as the dependent(s) was enrolled in the plan at the time of the employee’s retirement, or at the time the employee qualified for permanent disability, and met the eligibility requirements of the plan. A dependent(s) may not be added after retirement or qualification for permanent disability.

Motion by Holt, second by Ingles to approve the resolution amending the personnel policies. Discussion followed on the federal and state laws regarding the coverage of dependents up to twenty-six years of age; the employee (retiree) would be paying 100% of the premium; and that retiree claims are included in our county claims history which could adversely affect our premiums. It was noted that we have very good claims experience at this time. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

AG & ZONING

Resolution (#2013-04-19): Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-01-13 (D&L Smith Construction) - Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp reported that the applicant would like to change the zoning classification on the property from a C2, Central Business District classification, to an I1, Light Industry District classification. The property is located in downtown Graymont. Smiths have been located on this property for a long time and wish to demolish an old building and replace it with a new building. After reviewing this property it was determined to have the zoning classification correspond to the use of the property. The Livingston County Regional Planning Commission and the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals have recommended approval of this zoning case. *Motion by Young, second by Riens to approve the resolution approving Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-01-13 (D&L Smith Construction).* Discussion followed on who receives notification when there is a map amendment to the ordinance, set back criteria and potential parking issues. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

Chair Young stated that complaints have been received from Minonk area residents regarding TV interference from the wind towers, with no response from the wind farm company as to a resolution for the problem. Chairman Fannin reported that a letter was sent to the landfill regarding issues stemming from the blowing trash.

ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION

Resolution: Amending Standing Rules - Chair Vietti reported that this resolution wasn't going to be addressed tonight. It was on their desks for their review with action to be taken at a later date.

BUILDING/RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Proposal: Dewald Construction – Daryll Bragg (HVAC Coordinator) reported on the three proposals solicited from local contractors to address the negative air pressure issue and the insulation of the four corner towers of the Historic Courthouse. Dewald Construction was the low bidder with a bid of \$25,400. Bragg reviewed the work to be performed. He also addressed how the negative air pressure issue was discovered. *Motion by Runyon, second by Arbogast to approve the proposal from Dewald Construction.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Riens, Campbell, Allen, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson **Nays:** Young **Absent:** Steichen **Vacancy:** Wittenberg

Daryll informed the group that the ductwork for the north cooling tower of the Law and Justice Center had been completed, with work on the acoustic wall to begin in two weeks. Chair Runyon noted that even though the minutes reflected that the recommendation had passed authorizing Chairman Fannin to disband the Building/Renovation Committee, it has been put on hold as an issue has surfaced that may need to be addressed by this committee.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Chair Runyon reported that the committee had the bid opening for the electricity contract with the low bid submitted by Integrys. The contract has been signed and will be in effect for eight months and then will coincide with the other contract's schedules. He also noted that the committee is looking into a policy on tours of the Historic Courthouse Clock Tower, contingent upon the State's Attorney review and approval.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Liquor License Applications – *Motion by Borngasser, second by Weller to approve the liquor license applications.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Chair Arbogast announced that Louis Kehinde had been hired as the IT Specialist and will start on Monday, April 29.

VETERANS

Vice-Chair Rients (in the absence of Steichen) stated that they had purchased a new van. They have started work on their 2014 budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Schmidt commented on the format of the new board and on the job opening posted on the county website for the Home Health Aide/Homemaker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Young, second by Weller to move into executive session pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Pending Litigation. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Borngasser, Ingles, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson *Nays:* None *Absent:* Steichen *Vacancy:* Wittenberg

There was a break from 7:25 until 7:35p.m. Executive Session commenced at 7:35p.m., open session resumed at 7:43 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fannin announced that he will be out of the office the month of May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Ritter. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at the Historic Courthouse Board Room.

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

Approved