

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2013 MEETING**

Committee Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm at the Livingston County Highway Department.

Present: Weber, Campbell, Allen, Holt (arrived 4:04), Peterson and Rients (arrived 4:07)
Absent: Weller
Other Board Members Present: Fannin
Others Present: Winters, Metcalf, Rainbolt, John Oltman

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Campbell, second by Allen. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Motion by Holt, second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS: Removed from agenda

CITY OF FAIRBURY – GOLF CART REQUEST: Winters spoke with Fairbury Mayor Lynn Dameron this afternoon. Mayor Dameron understood that the request to allow golf carts on the county portion of 7th Street is off the table due to the posted speed limit being in excess of 35 mph. He also told Winters that the city is not interested in pursuing a jurisdictional transfer of 1st Street and that the request for golf carts to be allowed on the county portion of 1st Street is totally up to the County Board. Currently the city ordinance does not allow golf carts on any portion of 1st or 7th Streets. The committee felt that the county should not consider allowing golf carts on 1st Street at this time. Winters will inform the city of this decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Oltman thanked the highway department for regrading the ditch on County Highway 8 in Section 24 of Pike Township. He also commented on the ad hoc recreation committee recommendation to consider the Route 66 Trail Bike Path. He felt that funds needed to built or maintain a bike path would be better used for other county needs.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Weber, second by Campbell to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) Personnel Matters. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Weber – Aye, Campbell, -Aye, Allen – Aye, Holt – Aye, Peterson – Aye, Rients – Aye and Weller – (Absent, did not vote). Closed session began at 4:15 p.m.

OPEN SESSION: Motion by Rients, second by Peterson to come out of closed session. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Open session resumed at 4:30 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Campbell, second by Allen to approve a tentative offer of employment to Ryan Stone for the vacant highway maintenance worker position. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. The highway department will hold a surplus equipment auction on December 3, 2013 for two pick-up trucks and a bat-wing mower.
2. Metcalf briefed the committee on results of the current bridge inspections on township roads in the county. There have been several timber substructure bridges that have been identified with serious structural problems due to decaying timber piles. So far bridges in

Newtown, Esmen and Dwight Road Districts have been closed by the IDOT Local Bridge Unit. Once IDOT completes their re-rating of problem bridges it is expected that more will be recommended to be closed or load posted. The department will be working on a priority list of these structures for either repair or replacement. It is hoped that more information will be available to the committee at its December meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Holt, second by Campbell to approve the bills. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion to adjourn the meeting by Campbell, second by Rients. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Winters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "W".

David R. Winters, County Engineer