

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF July 14, 2011 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

**OPENING**

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

Daryl Holt 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, Joseph Steichen, Carl Borngasser, John McGlasson, Daryl Holt, Ronald Deany, Kathy Arbogast, Judy Campbell, Tim Shafer, Eldon Ruff, David Heath, Vicki Allen, William Fairfield, Marty Fannin, Bob Young, Delores “Dee” Woodburn and Mark Runyon **Absent:** John Franey

**Also Present:** County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, George Knudsen-former Board Member, John Eallonardo & Jack Hayes-FQC, Chuck Schopp-Zoning Administrator, David Winters-Highway Dept., Sheriff Marty Meredith and Carey Luckman-Asst. State’s Attorney

**AGENDA**

Chair Fairfield asked that under 1.a. Law & Justice Center Committee, item a. Grant of Easement-ComEd be removed. *Motion by Ingles, second by Weller to approve the agenda as revised.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Fairfield called for approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2011 meeting. *Motion by Shafer, second by Ingles to approve the June 16, 2011 meeting minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**PRESENTATION**

Chairman Fairfield and member Bill Flott presented former board member George Knudsen with the first flag that flew over the Law & Justice Center as it was being constructed. Flott commented that not only had George been a great board member, but a true patriot and a very determined one at that.

**APPEARANCES**

John Eallonardo (FQC) presented his monthly progress report on the Law & Justice Center. Some of his comments were: work on the west plaza step area is substantially complete; concrete paving work being done on the east side employee parking area; finishing casework and trim work; completed initial start-up of the A/C system to the extent that needs to be for the installation of the laminate casework and wood paneling and trim in the courtrooms; and are on schedule for furniture move in sometime the first part of September.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Bills**

**B. Appointments**

- **Linda Dionne** – Livingston County Board of Review, two-year term commencing June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013.
- **Nancy Giovanini** – Livingston County Board of Review, two-year term commencing June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013.

**C. Staffing**

1. Maintenance – HVAC Coordinator (New Position)
2. Health Department – WIC Coordinator (Replacement)
3. Circuit Clerk – PT Courtroom Clerk (Replacement)

*Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda by Young, second by Weller.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser,

McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Arbogast, Campbell, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Fairfield and Woodburn      **Nays:** Runyon      **Absent:** Franey

**LAW & JUSTICE CENTER COMMITTEE**

**Grant of Easement – ComEd:** Removed from agenda

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**Resolution (#2011-07-34) taking appropriate action on Deed: 620 W. Howard, Pontiac** – Asst. State’s Attorney Carey Luckman presented information on a property located at 620 W. Howard. The taxes had been purchased at the 2007 tax sale by the trustee on behalf of the county. Since the period for redeeming the taxes had expired, an order was entered for issuance of a tax deed in June. Shortly thereafter, a tree fell on the unoccupied building, causing considerable damage, leaving the county liable for repairs or demolition. The City contacted the County with a plan where the City would deal accordingly with the demolition or repair of the structure by use of an intergovernmental agreement between both parties, which would allow the county to take title to the property under a tax deed. The County would then re-convey the property to the City. The State’s Attorney’s Office has approved the intergovernmental agreement. The committee recommended this process. Discussion followed. *Motion by Flott, second by Steichen to adopt the resolution directing acceptance of tax deed and authorizing transfer of title to City of Pontiac pursuant to contemplated Intergovernmental Agreement as to property at 620 W. Howard Street in the City of Pontiac.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** **Ayes:** Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Arbogast, Campbell, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Fairfield, Woodburn and Runyon      **Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Franey

**AG & ZONING**

**Request for Public Meeting: Harms Livestock Management Facility** – Zoning Administrator Chuck Schopp reported on Patrick Harms intent to build two swine facilities, approximately three miles south of Saunemin. Rich and Julie Fox who live approximately one quarter of a mile away from the proposed site attended the Ag & Zoning Committee meeting and requested that the county request that the Illinois Department of Agriculture conduct a public information hearing regarding the proposed swine facilities. Some of their concerns were: location of the sites with regards to their home; waste management plan; affects on their water well; and the effect on area property values. This is being requested as the Department of Agriculture is the division which regulates livestock management facilities throughout the state. Since the A&Z meeting, the county has received a notice of Patrick Harms intent to construct the swine buildings. The county has thirty days to request the public informational hearings. The consensus of the A&Z Committee was to recommend that this hearing be requested. Discussion followed. *Motion by Young, second by Woodburn, that based on its own discretion, the Livingston County Board recommends that the Livingston County Board Chairman submit in writing a request to have the Illinois Department of Agriculture conduct public informational hearings pertaining to the Notices of Intent to Construct a Livestock Management Facility, for the Patrick Harms, Harms-Stoller’s Facility and the Patrick Harms-Kevin’s House Facility.* **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON VOICE VOTE.**

Chuck also commented that Dan Faust had presented information to the committee on the Livingston County Environmental Association’s first annual Vermilion River clean up event. It will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. They are looking for more sponsors and volunteers. Judy Campbell may be contacted for additional information.

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

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

- I.      **Letting Results:** July 5, 2011 letting
- II.     **Engineering Agreements:**
  - Coombe-Bloxdorf, P.C., Springfield, IL – Biennial Inspection of 301 Road District Bridges. Fee not to exceed \$40,718.
- III.    **Bridge Petitions:**

- Amity Road District: Replace existing 3’x3’x26’ Nelsen culvert with a 48” x 50’ precast CMP @ 2595N, 1100E, Section 11-01000-00-AB. Estimated cost = \$6,000.
- Pleasant Ridge/Avoca Road District: Replace existing 36”x44’ CMP culvert with a 36” x 44’ precast CMP @ 1180N, 2400E, Sections 11-21000-00-AB and 11-02000-00-AB. Estimated cost = \$5,000.

**IV. Resolution:**

- **(Res #2011-07-35)** Rescinding contract awards of April 5, 2011 to Glenn McCann Company and re-awarding to Steffens 3-D Construction, Inc. and General Materials Corp.

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

**Other items of interest:** Winters elaborated on the hearings relating to the disqualification of the Glenn McCann Company at the April 5<sup>th</sup> contract letting. Winters reported on a meeting held with representatives from the County Highway Department, IDOT Bureau of Railroad, Parsons Brinckerhoff (lead consultant on the high-speed rail project) and Odell Township trustees, regarding alternative solutions for the proposed replacement of the bridge structure over the UPRR tracks on 2400N in Odell Township (Fosen Bridge). Discussion followed.

**FINANCE**

**Resolution (#2011-07-36) Authorizing Transfer of Funds-Working Cash to Social Security** – Sear stated that this resolution pertains to a working cash loan to the social security fund to cover the employer share of the third payroll in July. This is being done due to a timing issue as the tax distribution won’t be done before the third payroll is due. The Finance Committee has approved this transfer. *Motion by Borngasser, second by Arbogast to adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer from Working Cash to the Social Security Fund to cover the third payroll in July. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Arbogast, Campbell, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Fairfield, Woodburn and Runyon      **Nays:** None      **Absent:** Franey

Chair Borngasser also stated that they are working on the FY2012 budget. A meeting was held with the Department Heads earlier in the day to review and discuss the guidelines and parameters for expense reductions.

**SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE**

**Resolution (#2011-07-37) Authorizing Sheriff’s Exchange of Property** - Chair Vietti explained that this action would allow the Sheriff to exchange 26 unused shotguns for 26 tasers. Sheriff Meredith stated that the department would be receiving about \$30,000. worth of equipment in exchange for the worn-out shotguns. *Motion by Vietti, second by Weller to authorize a Certain Non-Like Property exchange by the Sheriff. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:* Vietti, Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Arbogast, Campbell, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Fairfield, Woodburn and Runyon      **Nays:** None      **Absent:** Franey

**ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION**

No report

**INSURANCE**

No report

**PERSONNEL**

No report.

**NURSING HOME**

Chair Heath reported that Steve Johnson-Nursing Home Administrator resigned effective June 30, with Glenda Tannahill-CFO for the Good Samaritan organization being named as the interim Administrator.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Highlights of Chair Holt's report were: the replacement of PC's in Judge Traver's Courtroom is complete, with software training scheduled for the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>; checking into different commissary companies for the jail; earmarked \$20,000. for PC replacement in 2012; looking into replacement systems for the wellness checks at the Jail in 2012; and will be replacing the DevNet System server next year too.

**VETERANS**

Chair Koerner reported that the number of veterans being served remains the same. New lettering will be put on the new van next week.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

No report

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Tom Ewing and Donovan Gardner on behalf of the Historical Society had contacted Chair Fairfield to discuss their efforts to make the Strevell House a state tax exempt entity. The gentlemen were asking for support from the county, as the State had denied their application for tax exempt status. Discussion followed with consensus of the Board to draft a letter of support for the Historical Society in their pursuit of tax exempt status.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Bennett was present to introduce himself as a candidate for State Representative in the 106<sup>th</sup> district.

**Communications/Announcements**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Deany.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**BILL FAIRFIELD, CHAIRMAN**

Attest:

*Kristy A. Masching*  
County Clerk

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Approved