

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES OF December 15, 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.

Pastor Brian Bill of the Pontiac Bible Church, provided the invocation. Tim Shafer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Also Present:** County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley-Administrative Resource Specialist, David Winters-County Highway Engineer, Treasurer Barb Sear and Sheriff Martin Meredith

**AGENDA**

Chair Fairfield called for any additions or deletions to the agenda with none being requested. *Motion by Ingles, second by Holt to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Fairfield called for approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2011 meeting. *Motion by Runyon, second by Deany to approve the November 17, 2011 meeting minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**PRESENTATION**

None

**APPEARANCES**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Bills**

*Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda by Shafer, second by Ruff.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** 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:** Vietti and Franey

**FINANCE**

**Resolution (#2011-11-70) Authorizing Conveyance of Deed for Back Taxes:** Treasurer Sear explained that a gentleman had offered the minimum bid on this piece of property in Newtown Township, after the Trustee's sealed bid auction in September. She recommends that the Board accept the offer and put the parcel back on the tax rolls. *Motion by Borngasser, second by Holt to authorize the conveyance of deed (PIN#02-02-01-200-004 Newtown Twp/Kozak).* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** 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:** Vietti and Franey

**Contract Counsel Extension Agreement: William Bertram** – Chair Borngasser explained that this agreement would extend services provided by William Bertram as contract counsel through November 30, 2012. This agreement would include a 1.5% increase. *Motion to approve the contract counsel extension with William Bertram through November 30, 2012 by Shafer, second by Ruff.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL**

**VOTE. Ayes:** Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Arbogast, Campbell, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Fairfield, Woodburn and Runyon  
**Nays:** None      **Abstain:** Koerner      **Absent:** Vietti and Franey

### AG & ZONING

**Proposal: Diegan & Associates** – Chair Ruff reported that this proposal would provide for continued environmental/Solid Waste landfill consulting services to the County for 2012. *Motion by Ruff, second by Flott to approve the proposal with Diegan & Associates for environmental/Solid Waste landfill consulting services for 2012.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** 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:** Vietti and Franey

### HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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

#### I. **Resolutions:**

- (#2011-12-71) Appropriating \$65,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for Livingston County's proportionate share of engineering and construction of a bridge on the Grundy-Livingston County Line, Section 11-00222-00-BR. Livingston County coordinates, 3533E, 3300N.

*Motion by Deany, second by Weller to approve the resolution appropriating \$65,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for Livingston County's proportionate share of engineering and construction of a bridge on the Grundy-Livingston County Line.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** 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:** Vietti and Franey

#### II. **Resolutions:**

- (#2011-12-72) Setting the 2012 salary and travel expenses of the County Engineer
- (#2011-12-73) Appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 2012 salary and travel expenses of the County Engineer

*Motion by Deany, second by Young to approve the resolutions setting the County Engineer's 2012 salary and travel expense and appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County Engineer's salary and travel expenses.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** 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:** Vietti and Franey

**High Speed Rail Update-** David Winters reported that a public meeting had been held in Odell Township to gather feedback from the residents on the proposed bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad in Odell Township. He voiced his concerns with the post design of the proposed grade separation structure, in a letter sent to IDOT Bureau of Railroads. The proposed design would greatly increase inspection costs for the township. IDOT responded back that they had reconsidered and were not going to replace the bridge structure, but would leave it as is. At this time, negotiations are on-going. The committee had directed David to develop a resolution on behalf of the county regarding their concerns with the bridge proposal. Discussion followed.

### LAW & JUSTICE CENTER COMMITTEE

**Resolution (#2011-12-74) Approving 9 Bid Packages (Historic Courthouse):** Chair Flott reported on the trade packages that had been let for restoration of the historic Courthouse. The committee had discussed the items at length and had concurred with FQC's recommendations. Discussion followed regarding whether the overall expenses fell within the budget guidelines or not; replacement of the rotunda tile floor; and the variance in the electrical bids. *Motion by Flott, second by Weber to approve the following bid packages: 1) 2-06 Rough & Finish Carpentry-McCoy (\$830,000.), 2) 2-08 Aluminum, Glass & Glazing-Replacement Window Systems (\$52,518.00), 3) 2-09 Tiling-Commercial Floor Covering (\$151,531.00), 4) 2-09f Painting & Wall Covering-Cosgrove Construction (\$81,395.00), 5) 2-10 High Density Storage – Bradford Systems (\$91,375.00), 6) 2-12 Window*

*Treatments-Indecor Contract Window Treatments (\$6,675.00), 7) 2-27 Communication & AV- Bennett Electronics-\$292,492.00), 8) 3-26 Electrical-Foster Jacob, Inc. (\$818,000.00) and 9)3-33 Site Utilities-Eppel & Co., Inc. (\$45,950.00). MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Weller, Weber, Ingles, Flott, Yoder, Koerner, Steichen, Borngasser, McGlasson, Holt, Deany, Arbogast, Shafer, Ruff, Heath, Fannin, Young, Allen, Fairfield, Woodburn and Runyon Nays: Campbell Abstain: None Absent: Vietti and Franey*

**Historic Courthouse Update:** Chair Flott presented an update on the work at the historic courthouse. The second floor court rooms have been totally gutted, revealing an amazing site: a twenty-five foot ceiling with two skylights, grand arched wooden beams and lots of tin work extending from the arched ceiling to the floor in some spots. The dilemma is whether to continue with the original plan of gutting the tin work or delaying the abatement process in this area to allow the Board time to analyze the situation and determine if it is feasible to salvage/and/or restore the work. A search is being conducted to find a contractor who does tin work, in order to quote a cost estimate to repair or replace the tin work. The demolition crew would be able to work elsewhere in the building while this issue is being reviewed. This slight delay could affect numerous contracts. It was suggested that pictures be taken and placed in the Board office for members to view as access wasn't available due to the abatement process. Consensus of the Board is to take time to pursue the cost of salvaging or restoring the tin work in the board room.

#### **SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE**

**Intergovernmental Agreement: Law Enforcement Task Force** - Vice-Chair Holt reported that the jail had a daily average jail population of 49, with the average number of days spent being 17. The committee had also reviewed the proposed intergovernmental agreements with Ford, McLean, Marshall and LaSalle Counties to form the Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Task Force. This group would be comparable to the Pro-Active Unit and would be able to work and pool resources, to help combat illegal activities overlapping into the aforementioned adjacent counties. The State's Attorney had reviewed the agreement and had suggested that it be referred to the Insurance Committee, due to possible liability issues that could arise in the event an officer was injured in another county. Holt suggested that no action be taken at this time until the liability issue is resolved. Sheriff Meredith presented in depth information regarding how this task force would work.

#### **NURSING HOME**

No report

#### **PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Chair Flott reported they had a good meeting with maintenance representatives from most of the buildings (PSC, L&J).

#### **PERSONNEL**

No report

#### **ELECTION, RULES & LEGISLATION**

No report

#### **INSURANCE**

Chair Woodburn reported that the committee had approved the renewals for the Property, Liability and Workers Compensation policies. They also approved a builder's risk policy for the duration of the courthouse restoration work.

#### **INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY**

Chair Holt stated that all of the offices had been moved with no major problems. The committee had granted an extension for one of the interns due to the heavy IT work load at this time.

**VETERANS**

Chair Koerner stated that the trips remain the same as last month. They will be hiring another part-time driver to fill in as needed for.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

No report

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Mental Health** –They heard information from the recently attended Community Health Care Association Conference. State funding remains an issue. **Public Health** – Involved in an outreach program with the NACo prescription benefit through the county association, with twenty-three individuals with an average price savings of 23% utilizing the program. Concerns have been voiced regarding the electronic record keeping requirements of the Health Care Reform Act and incompatibility issues with some systems.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The annual Employee Holiday Luncheon will be held from 11-1:30pm at the Law & Justice Center Jury Assembly Room on the second floor.
- Any changes to per diem forms should be to Kristy no later than 10:00am tomorrow (Friday).
- Any Board member wishing to have a bound copy of the FY2012 Budget book needs to notify Kristy.
- Chair Fairfield commented that he will be meeting with some committee chairmen and members to evaluate the current committee structure and discuss the possibility of restructuring some.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Public Safety Complex building.

**BILL FAIRFIELD, CHAIRMAN**

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching

County Clerk

January 19, 2012

Approved