**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD**
**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2025 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

## OPENING

County Board Chair James A. Carley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

Pastor Victor Randall presented the invocation. Paul Ritter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Director Alina Hartley called roll with the following members **Present:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** None

**Also Present**: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Treasurer Nikki Meier, Zoning Administrator Brittney Miller, VAC Superintendent Michael Haerr, IT Administrator Jon Sear, IT Support Tech Alex Sandoval

## AGENDA

Chair Carley requested to amend the agenda to add the Housing Authority Report as item (b) under Rules, Legislation, Veterans & Community Services, and to include an Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining Matters. *Motion by Earing, second by Blackard to approve the agenda as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Carley called for approval of the meeting minutes from the September 11, 2025 meeting. *Motion by Ritter, second by Lovell to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

## APPEARANCES

N/A

## CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Classification Change PS3 – Accounting Assistant**
B. **Approval of Bills**

*Motion by Fannin, second by Ritter for approval of the Consent Agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

## AGRICULTURE & ZONING

**Resolution (#2025-10-49): Zoning Case SU-19-23 - 1400 E Solar 1, LLC: Decommissioning Agreement & Extension**
**Resolution (#2025-10-50): Zoning Case SU-20-23 – 2700 E Solar 1, LLC: Decommissioning Agreement & Extension**

*Motion by Earing, second by Ritter, to approve the decommissioning agreements and one-year extensions for Zoning Case SU-19-23 and SU-20-23.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gerald L. Earing, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, Joel Barickman, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** Gina Manker, Rebekah Fehr, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers **Absent:** None

**Resolution (#2025-10-51): Zoning Case SU-15-24 – Rooks Creek Solar 1, LLC: Extension** – Haag reported that this is a request for a six-month extension. *Motion by Earing, second by Lovell to approve Zoning Case SU-15-24, Rooks Creek Solar 1, LLC.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, Joel Barickman, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** Gina Manker, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers **Absent:** None

**Resolution (#2025-10-52): Zoning Case SF-2-25 Sass: Plat of Subdivision** – Miller reported that this case pertains to the review of a proposed preliminary plat of subdivision. The subject property is located on a 12.05-acre tract of land in Section 27 of Reading Township, in unincorporated Cornell. Miller stated the RPC and Agriculture & Zoning Committee have both recommended approval of this case. *Motion by Ritter, second by Barickman to approve Zoning Case SF-2-25.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Committee Chair Michael Haag reported that the Electronic Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 9:00AM – 1:00PM.

## RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Resolution (#2025-10-53): Ratifying Termination of ShowBus and Authorizing Temporary Contract with CRIS and Futures Unlimited** – Hartley reported that this agreement is primarily for Futures Unlimited, operating as Futures Connection, which is a new initiative they are undertaking. The purpose of the agreement is to establish a baseline for determining their cost per hour. Hartley noted that this is intended as a temporary contract, likely lasting only a few months, to ensure a structure is in place for payments and to protect the interests of both parties. This arrangement will allow Futures to operate under the new model and reevaluate to ensure all needs and costs are covered.

**Housing Authority Report** – Vietti reported that the Housing Authority met on September 18th and that the property in Chatsworth is currently for sale, noting there are interested parties. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20th.

Committee Chair Jack Vietti reported that the Veterans Luncheon will be on November 9th from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m. at the Elks Club.

## FINANCE

**Presentation of FY 2026 Budget, Levies & Capital Expenses:** Schwahn presented a copy of the Fiscal Year 2026 draft budget for board review. *Motion by Manker, second by Haag to place the Fiscal Year 2026 draft budget on display.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

**Resolution (#2025-10-54): Authorizing Sale of Mobile Home Sealed Bid Auction**
**Resolution (#2025-10-55): Authorizing Sale of Real Estate Sealed Bid Auction**
*Motion by Ritter, second by Manker to approve both resolutions authorizing the sale of mobile home and real estate sealed bid auctions.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

**Resolution (#2025-10-56): Authorizing the FY 2025 Budget Transfer:** *Motion by Earing, second by Manker to authorize the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Transfer in the amount of $45,000.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

**Resolution (#2025-10-57): Accepting Low Bid for Prisoner Transit Van**: Fannin reported that the low bid was received from MobilityWorks in the amount of $109,297.18. *Motion by Weller, second by Blackard, to accept the low bid from MobilityWorks for the prisoner transit van.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Committee Chair Marty Fannin thanked the Finance Committee and Administrative Team for their hard work and dedication in completing the budget.

## HIGHWAY

Committee Chair Steven Lovell reported that the committee did not meet this month.

## PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Vice Chair Craig Monson reported that the Facility Manager provided his monthly report.

## SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chair Robert Weller reported that monthly reports were provided, the probation report was presented by Ron Baker, and a raffle license was approved.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the committee met and reviewed the monthly department and budget reports, as well as the Strategic Plan and IT-related concerns.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Chair Carley reminded everyone about the upcoming electronic recycling event and the Veterans Day luncheon.

Chair Carley congratulated Executive Director Alina Hartley for her 20 years of dedicated service to the county.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open for public comment.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Motion by Fannin, second by Ritter to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Bargaining Agreement.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

Executive Session began at 6:26 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 6:48 p.m.

## ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

## COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Blackard announced that he will not be running in the upcoming March election.

## ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. on motion by Ritter, second by Blackard.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

**James A. Carley, Chair**

Attest:

*Jordan E. Uselding*
Executive Assistant,
On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching