LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 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 Ginger Harris presented the invocation. Jack Vietti led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Kristy Masching called roll with the following members **Present:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller**,** Paul A. Ritter **Absent:** Marty Fannin, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Seth L. Welch

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, States Attorney Michael Regnier, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, VAC Superintendent Michael Haerr, IT Administrator Jon Sear, IT Support Tech Alex Sandoval

AGENDA

Chair Carley called for any additions or corrections to the revised agenda with none requested. *Motion by Ritter, second by Manker to approve the revised agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Carley called for approval of the meeting minutes from the November 13, 2025 meeting. *Motion by Blackard, second by Lovell to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

Certificates of Appreciation for Voluntary Community Service – Livingston County E-Recycling Event

a. PTHS/HCC Environmental Earth Science
b. LACC Computer Maintenance
c. LACC Cyber Security
d. Boys & Girls Club Wi-Fighterz Robotics
e. Boy Scouts of America Troop 876
f. Cub Scouts Pack 3876

Motion by Lovell, second by Haag to formally recognize and present certificates of appreciation for voluntary community service at the Livingston County Electronic Recycling Event. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

APPEARANCES

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

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

FINANCE

Resolution (#2025-12-75): Appellate Prosecutor: Earing reported that this is an annual resolution for the services the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor provides to the State's Attorney's Office on behalf of the county. *Motion by Ritter, second by Weller to approve the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller**,** Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Marty Fannin, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Seth L. Welch

Resolution (#2025-12-76): Temporarily Changing Hours of Operation for County Clerk's Office during Primary Election: Earing reported that due to the Primary Election scheduled for March 17, 2026, the County Clerk's Office is requesting authorization to temporarily close the office to all services not related to Election operations for that day only. *Motion by Blackard, second by Earing to approve the resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the County Clerk's Office to non-election services on March 17, 2026.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

HIGHWAY

Committee Chair Steven Lovell had nothing to report.

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Resolution (#2025-12-77): SU-8-22 Broadlight Solar Extension
Resolution (#2025-12-78): SU-2-22 Bluestem Solar Extension
Haag reported that the applicant is requesting 18-month extensions for both Broadlight Solar and Bluestem Solar, which was recommended for approval at the Agriculture and Zoning Committee Meeting. *Motion by Lovell, second by Ritter to approve the resolutions authorizing the applicant's requests for 18-month extensions.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, Dan Myers, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller**,** Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** William Mays, Jim Blackard **Absent:** Marty Fannin, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Seth L. Welch

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

VAC Superintendent Michael Haerr attended the meeting to inform the board about an upcoming event, "Brothers After War," which will be in Pontiac this weekend to present their film and seminar.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Committee Chair Gerald Earing reported that the committee met and discussed heating issues at the Health and Education Building, and Johnson provided an update on the Historic Courthouse Roof Project.

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chair Robert Weller reported that the committee met before the board meeting to approve two raffle licenses.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the committee did not meet.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chair Carley extended holiday wishes to everyone and thanked all board members for their service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Executive Session began at 6:20 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 6:27 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement – FOP Probation
Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement – Local 150 Highway
Motion by Ritter, second by Haag to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreements for FOP Probation and Local 150 Highway. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Rebekah Fehr, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller**,** Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Marty Fannin, Joel Barickman, Linda Ambrose, Seth L. Welch

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Lovell. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

James A. Carley, Chair

Attest:

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