LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2026 MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

OPENING

County Board Chair James A. Carley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

Pastor Ginger Harris presented the invocation. Gerald Earing led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, States Attorney Anthony Tomkiewicz, Zoning Administrator Brittney Miller

AGENDA

Chair Carley called for any changes or additions to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Lovell, second by Fannin to approve the 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 May 14, 2026 meeting. *Motion by Earing, second by Ritter to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.**

PRESENTATION

Mapping Vertical Access – Illinois Broadband Lab: Richard Proffer, Community and Economic Development Educator with Illinois Extension, and Kat Johns of the Illinois State University Illinois Broadband Lab presented information on vertical assets in Livingston County. Johns explained that the project uses ArcGIS mapping to identify and map vertical assets that could support future broadband expansion. The data may assist internet service providers, landowners, and county leadership in planning for improved broadband access in underserved areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Approving SFY 2027 Service Agreement with Futures Connections: Vietti reported that the agreement between Livingston County and Futures Unlimited, Inc., dba Futures Connections, provides rural public transportation services through the Section 5311 Rural/Downstate Operating Assistance Program for State Fiscal Year 2027. *Motion by Vietti, second by Ritter to approve the Service Agreement with Futures*

Connections for SFY 2027. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman

Resolution (#2026-06-38): Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement/Lease Agreement with Gibson City and Agreement with Gibson City Telecare Services, Inc.: Vietti reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gibson City allows the County to use a city-owned building for vehicle storage and to take over community transportation services previously provided by Telecare. Vietti reported that, as part of Telecare's transition and dissolution, Livingston County will assume transportation services in Gibson City and receive the transfer of assets, including two handicap-accessible mini-vans and any remaining funds. *Motion by Earing, second by Manker to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gibson City and Transition of Services Agreement with Gibson City Telecare Services, Inc.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman

AGRICULTURE & ZONING

Resolution (#2026-06-39): Extending Zoning Case SU-6-23 Granite Solar, LLC: Haag reported this is a two-year extension.
Resolution (#2026-06-40): Extending Zoning Case SU-7-22 Old 66 Solar, LLC: Haag reported this is a one-year extension.
Resolution (#2026-06-41): Extending Zoning Case SU-5-23 Junegrass Solar, LLC: Haag reported this is a one-year extension.
Motion by Ritter, second by Weller to approve the extensions of Zoning Cases SU-6-23 Granite Solar, SU-7-22 Old 66 Solar and SU-5-23 Junegrass Solar. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gerald L. Earing, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** Gina Manker, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman

Committee Chair Haag reported that 30,000 pounds were collected at the Electronic Recycling Event.

FINANCE

Ordinance (#2026-06-42): FY 2026 Budget Amendment: Fannin reported that the budget amendment was placed on display last month and no changes have been made since. *Motion by Ritter, second by Manker to approve the FY 2026 Budget Amendment.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman

Resolution (#2026-06-43): Authorizing Loan to Veterans Assistance Fund from Pontiac Host Fund: Fannin reported that this is a $40,000 loan to cover payroll and office expenses, to be reimbursed from the tax levy once collected. *Motion by Manker, second by Welch to approve the $40,000 loan to the Veterans Assistance Fund from the Pontiac Host Fund.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman

Committee Chair Marty Fannin reported that Livingston County received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fourth consecutive year and recognized the Finance Director and staff for their work.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Resolution (#2026-06-44): Authorizing Change Order – Historic Courthouse Roof Project: Earing reported that the change order request covers structural repairs at the four corners of the eave edge, with an estimated cost of $86,635.37. *Motion by Ritter, second by Haag to approve the change order request submitted by Hewn in the amount of $86,635.37.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Gina Manker, Gerald L. Earing, Marty Fannin, Steven J. Lovell, Leroy Rodriquez, John L. Vietti, Michael Haag, Craig Monson, William Mays, Linda Ambrose, Jim Blackard, Dan Myers, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter **Nays:** None **Absent:** Rebekah Fehr, Joel Barickman

SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE

Committee Chair Robert Weller reported that monthly reports were provided and the Jail Superintendent informed the committee of a MOU with the Illinois Department of Human Services and Kankakee County to provide mental health housing services.

HIGHWAY

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chair Carley advised there was nothing to report this month, as the committee did not meet.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee Chair Gina Manker reported that the committee discussed updates to the StateLink Module, county servers, and the committee room speaker system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open for public comment.

Board Member Paul Ritter provided public comment on the State's Attorney appointment process and other matters, emphasizing respectful discussion and consideration of differing viewpoints.

Roger Wahls, representing the Livingston County Farm Bureau, announced that Breakfast on the Farm will be held at Kilgus Farmstead in Fairbury on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on motion by Vietti, second by Earing. **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

James A. Carley, Chair

ATTEST:

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