

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF December 3, 2012, Organizational MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
(Amended 12-20-12)

OPENING

County Clerk Kristy Masching called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. in the Board Room at the Historic Courthouse at 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

Vicki Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Alina Hartley- Administrative Resource Specialist and Judge Jennifer Bauknecht

LOTTERY FOR TERMS

The Clerk conducted the lottery for terms during the next ten year period. Group A was designated as serving two, four and four years, and Group B was designated to serve four, four and two years. Members drew lots by district and by votes received in the November 6, 2012 General Election. Members in **Group A** were: Joan Bullard, Kathy Arbogast, Robert F. Weller, Carl Borngasser, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, Earl A. Rients, Judy Campbell, Randall M. Wittenberg, John L. Yoder, Mark Runyon and Marty Fannin. Members in **Group B** were: John L. Vietti, Tim Shafer, Paul A. Ritter, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Joseph D. Steichen, G. Michael Ingles, Vicki Allen, Bob Young, Carolyn Gerwin, William G. Flott, Ronald. Kestner and William H. Peterson.

NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

The Clerk called for nominations for temporary chair. Young nominated Weller, with a second by Flott. *Motion by Holt, second by Steichen to close the nominations.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

There being no further nominations, the Clerk declared Weller to be the duly elected Temporary Chair.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Weller explained that the Certificates of Election had been placed at each member's seat, as well as the Oaths of Office. Clerk Masching asked that the members return their oaths to her after the meeting, so that Judge Bauknecht would be able to sign them.

SWEARING IN

Weller called on Circuit Judge Jennifer Bauknecht to administer the Oath of Office to the Board.

ROLL CALL OF THE ENTIRE BOARD

Clerk Masching called roll of the entire board, with the following **present:** John "Jack" Vietti, Joan Bullard, Tim Shafer, Kathy Arbogast, Robert F. Weller, Paul A. Ritter, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Joseph D. Steichen, Carl Borngasser, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, Earl A. Rients, Judy Campbell, Vicki Allen, Randall M. Wittenberg, Bob Young, John L. Yoder, Carolyn Gerwin, William G. Flott, Mark Runyon, Marty Fannin, Ronald L. Kestner and William H. Peterson **Absent:** G. Michael Ingles

New Board members Bullard, Cohlman, Gerwin, Kestner, Peterson, Rients, Ritter and Wittenberg were each given an opportunity to briefly address the Board.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PERMANENT CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN

Temporary Chair Weller called for nominations for the permanent Board Chairman. *Motion by Runyon, second by Arbogast to nominate Marty Fannin. Motion by Young, second by Flott to nominate Tim Shafer. Motion by Rients, second by Campbell to nominate Gerwin. Motion by Weber, second by Arbogast to close nominations.* **Motion to close nominations carried with all eyes on voice vote.** Discussion was held as to whether the winner would be by plurality or by a majority of the vote and if there would be a run off. State's Attorney Seth Uphoff responded that the winner would be determined

by a majority of the quorum present. Since there were twenty-three members present the winner must have 12 votes. The clerk will call roll, with each member responding with the candidate they were voting for as follows: **Fannin (9)**: Bullard, Arbogast, Steichen, Borngasser, Weber, Allen, Runyon, Fannin and Peterson; **Gerwin (5)**: Cohlman, Rients, Campbell, Gerwin, Kestner; and **Shafer (8)**: Vietti, Shafer, Weller, Ritter, Holt, Wittenberg, Young and Flott. **Present:** Yoder **Absent:** Ingles

Temporary Chair Weller called for a run-off between the top two candidates. *Motion by Weber, second by Arbogast that a run-off be held between Fannin and Shafer.* At this time, State's Attorney Uphoff brought up a point of order, commenting that the Standing Rules of the Board do not address this issue, but do state that if an issue is not addressed in the rules, then Robert's Rules of Order would carry. After his review of Robert's Rules of Order on this issue, he determined that the low vote nominee is not removed from the vote, but that the vote would continue with the three nominees. A nominee may voluntarily drop out, but is not automatically eliminated. Carolyn Gerwin voluntarily chose to withdraw her name from consideration. As a result, Weller asked that a run-off vote be held between Fannin and Shafer. The clerk called roll for the run-off election as follows: **Fannin (13)**: Bullard, Arbogast, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Weber, Rients, Allen, Gerwin, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner and Peterson; and **Shafer (10)**: Vietti, Shafer, Weller, Ritter, Holt, Campbell, Wittenberg, Young, Yoder and Flott. **Absent:** Ingles

Newly elected Chairman Fannin was congratulated by Weller. He offered a few comments before conducting the rest of the meeting. His goal is to make Livingston County proud again, by ensuring that the Board does their best for the citizens of the County. His door is always open and he always answers his phone.

Chair Fannin called for nominations for the permanent Vice-Chairman. *Motion by Steichen, second by Borngasser Bullard to nominate Carl Borngasser. Motion by Weller, second by Steichen to close nominations.* **Motion to close nominations carried with all eyes on voice vote. MOTION FOR BORNGASSER AS VICE-CHAIR CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Vietti, Bullard, Shafer, Arbogast, Weller, Ritter, Cohlman, Steichen, Borngasser, Holt, Weber, Rients, Campbell, Allen, Wittenberg, Young, Yoder, Gerwin, Flott, Runyon, Fannin, Kestner, Peterson **Absent:** Ingles

Newly elected Vice-Chair Borngasser was escorted to his seat, by Stan Weber (the longest standing member).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alina Hartley commented that the committee assignments would be completed tomorrow (4th), posted on-line and e-mailed to all members. Committee meetings will be held the week of December 10th.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012.

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

Marty Fannin, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

December 20, 2013
Approved