

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4th, 2013

Committee Chair Jack Vietti called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the committee meeting room of Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Vietti, Ingles, Flott, Gerwin, Kestner, Young

Absent: Shafer

Also Present: Marty Fannin, Earl Rients, Alina Hartley, Chuck Schopp

Vietti called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none being requested. *Motion by Young, second by Kestner to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 7th, 2013 meeting. *Motion by Flott, second by Young to approve the minutes of the January 7th, 2013 meeting.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Appointment: David Heath Sheriff's Merit Commission – *Motion by Flott, second by Ingles to recommend the appointment of David Heath to the Sheriff's Merit Commission.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Commission – Responsibilities and Appointment Recommendations – Chuck Schopp was present to review the current members and upcoming vacancies for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission. Schopp stated he currently has three vacancies on the Planning Commission and has five individuals with terms expiring this year. Schopp stated that he expected that at least two of the five individuals will not be interested in reappointments. Schopp stated that according to the bylaws there should be 15 members appointed to the planning commission. Schopp stated that it is sometimes difficult to get a quorum. Schopp questioned whether the Committee had suggestions for appointments or if they were interested in reducing the size of the Planning Commission. Discussion took place. The Committee felt that an attempt should be made to fill the vacancies prior to considering reducing the size of the commission. It was suggested that the vacancies be reported at the board meeting as well to see if anyone had any recommendations. *Motion by Kestner, second by Gerwin to leave the Planning Commission at 15 members.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Appointment: Livingston County Housing Authority Kelly Cochran Cohlman – The Committee reviewed a request from the Livingston County Housing Authority to appoint Kelly Cochran Cohlman to fill the vacancy of Dee Woodburn. *Motion by Young, second by Ingles to recommend the appointment of Kelly Cochran Cohlman to the Livingston County Housing Authority.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Don Verdun, Maintenance Supervisor – Request for County Credit Card – Hartley reported that Don Verdun had requested to be issued a county credit card for maintenance purchases at the Public Safety Complex. Discussion took place. *Motion by Young, second by Flott to authorize*

Don Verdun to obtain a county credit card not to exceed \$1,500. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Proposal to Amend the Animal Control Ordinance – Gerwin stated that she had been in touch with Dr. Albright regarding a citizen complaint that she received regarding a dog that had bit a neighbor child. Gerwin stated that Dr. Albright indicated that the county animal control does not have much authority to act in these situations. Dr. Albright recommended the county consider adopting an ordinance similar to Peoria County. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was to look at other ordinances, such as LaSalle County, and discuss further with MaLinda Hillman.

Proposal to amend Standing Rules – Process Selection of Chair & Vice-Chair – Gerwin suggested that the Standing Rules be amended to put in a process for selection of the chair and vice-chair including the possibility of a run off. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was to consult with States Attorney Seth Uphoff as to if he has a recommendation on possible amendments to the Standing Rules to address this issue.

Resolution Supporting Individual Rights of Citizens to Keep and Bear Arms – Carolyn Gerwin presented a resolution that she received from Representative Josh Harms from Iroquois County. Gerwin stated that Harms had requested the county take official action on the topic. Discussion took place. *Motion by Young, second by Gerwin to recommend approval of a resolution in support of concealed carry and HB148 (now HB0997).* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** The Committee requested the States Attorney draft an appropriate resolution of support.

Other Business – Hartley distributed a draft copy of a Reference Guide to Boards, Commissions, Districts and other Misc. Agencies. Hartley stated that a copy is being forwarded to the States Attorney's office for review and approval.

Motion by Kestner, second by Ingles to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
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