

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2015

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, Gerwin, Goembel, Kestner, Runyon, Steichen

Absent: Carley

Also Present: Marty Fannin, Alina Hartley, June Slagel, Sheriff Childress, Sup. Cox, Donnie Simmons, Barb Sear

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting. *Motion by Steichen, second by Goembel to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Appointment: Brittany Gray – Livingston County Housing Authority – The Committee reviewed a request for the appointment of Brittany Gray to the Livingston County Housing Authority. Ms. Gray will replace Ms. Norton and will fill the residency requirement. *Motion by Steichen, second by Runyon to recommend approval of the appointment of Brittany Gray to the Livingston County Housing Authority.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Appointment: Joan Bullard – Merit Commission

Appointment: Terry Sullivan – Merit Commission – The Committee reviewed requests for the appointment of Joan Bullard and Terry Sullivan to the Merit Commission, submitted by Sheriff Tony Childress. Bullard will replace Heath who resigned due to being elected to the County Board. Sullivan will replace Ron Vedder whose term has expired and did not wish to be reappointed. *Motion by Kestner, second by Runyon to recommend the appointment of Joan Bullard and Terry Sullivan to the Merit Commission.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

Appointment: Jason Bunting – Livingston County Board District 2 – Fannin stated that he received recommendations and interest from five applicants for the board position. Fannin stated that he interviewed all five candidates personally and is recommending the appointment of Jason Bunting. Kestner stated that he felt that board members should be given the opportunity to meet with the candidates as well. Kestner recommended tabling the issue until next month. Hartley noted that the item was put on the agenda more as an FYI and did not require Committee approval. Hartley stated that it is the chairman of the board that makes the appointment with the consent of the board. Hartley stated that Chairman Fannin's recommendation will be presented to the full board next Thursday for approval. Further discussion took place. *Motion by Steichen, second by Vietti to recommend approval of Jason Bunting to fill the District 2 vacancy.* **MOTION FAILED ON VOICE VOTE.**

Proposed Water Ordinance Amendment – Donnie Simmons was present to review proposed amendments to the county water ordinance with the Committee. Simmons stated that the health department is proposing that a section be added as Division 3, Surface Water Supply Systems. Simmons stated that these regulations are already part of the state regulations, but the amendments add a permitting, inspection and enforcement aspect that has not previously been done. Simmons stated that this would also not apply to existing systems, but when there is new construction or new systems are put in. The Committee reviewed a summary of the proposed changes. *Motion by Steichen, second by Goebel to recommend approval of the proposed water ordinance amendment.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

Balanced Budget Amendment – Steichen stated that he recommended this item be put on the agenda for discussion purposes only at this time. Steichen stated that with all the different funds, there is a lot of shell game. Steichen further stated the board does have the ability to manage the funds more with the use of audits. Runyon stated that he would be for balancing the budget, but would need examples to look at. Runyon further stated that he realized that this would need to be a multi-year approach. Steichen stated that he will look for examples and suggests that others do the same. *Motion by Steichen, second by Gerwin to continue to review and discuss the possibility of a balanced budget amendment.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Animal Control Fees and Fines – Sheriff Childress was distributed a list of the proposed fees. A question was raised as to if the fees presented were the current fees or the proposed fees. Sheriff Childress will review the item further and present figures for the Committee to review.

Review of Pending Legislation - N/A

Motion by Kestner, second by Steichen to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
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