

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 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, Carley, Goembel, Kestner, Steichen
Absent: Runyon
Also Present: Marty Fannin, Alina Hartley, Sheriff Childress, Sup. Cox, Deputy Hardyman, Barb Sear, Kathy Arbogast, Paul Ritter & PTHS AP Environmental Science Class States Attorney Seth Uphoff, Chuck Schopp

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 January 5, 2015 meeting. *Motion by Goembel, second by Steichen to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Ordinance: Prohibiting the use of Plastic Bags in Grocery Stores – Paul Ritter introduced his Advanced Placement Environmental Science Class to the Committee. The class gave a presentation on the harmful effects of using plastic bags. The class was present to request the County pass an ordinance that would prohibit the use of plastic bags in the County. The class explained that the State of California has already done so, and they felt that Livingston County should be the leader for the State of Illinois. Ritter distributed a copy of an ordinance enacted by the City of Evanston which also regulates the use disposable plastic bags.

States Attorney Seth Uphoff, stated that the County's only enforcement power is within the unincorporated areas of the County. Uphoff stated that in order for a county ordinance to be enforceable he would need to find the enabling power within the statute, which he has not yet located. Uphoff stated that the County could choose to do a resolution that would encourage municipalities to adopt such an ordinance.

Gerwin questioned the cost of such a policy. Gerwin stated that she felt that the citizens should have the right to choose which type of bag they would want to use, noting that she preferred using plastic bags herself due to the ability to carry more in one single trip. Gerwin further stated that she felt that the County did not need more regulation, but rather less regulation.

Kestner also stated that he also didn't want to see more regulation. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was to table the issue until the next meeting.

Appointment: Joan Huisman – Zoning Board of Appeals - Chuck Schopp was present to request the reappointment of Joan Huisman to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Schopp stated that it is vital that Mrs. Huisman remain on the ZBA in order to finish the hearing process on the Pleasant Ridge Application. Schopp noted that this would be a five year appointment. *Motion by Kestner, second by Gerwin to recommend the appointment of Joan Huisman to the Livingston County Zoning Board.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

Appointment: Scott Sand – Livingston County Regional Planning Commission – Chuck Schopp further requested the reappointment of Scott Sand to the Livingston County Planning Commission. Discussion took place. *Motion by Goembel, second by Kestner to recommend the reappointment of Scott Sand to the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission.*
MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.

Appointments: Forrest / Strawn / Wing Fire Protection District – The Committee reviewed a request for the appointment of Mark Slagel to replace Barry Garard, who resigned as of December 31, 2014. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Goembel to recommend the appointment of Mark Slagel to the Forrest / Strawn / Wing Fire Protection District.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Appointment: Justin Goembel – Regional Transportation Board – Chairman Fannin recommended the appointment of Justin Goembel to the Regional Transportation Board. Goembel will replace Bob Young as the Livingston County representative. *Motion by Vietti, second by Carley to recommend approval of the appointment of Justin Goembel to the Regional Transportation Board.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Appointment: Joe Steichen – Recreation Committee – Hartley stated that Chairman Fannin is recommending the appointment of Joe Steichen to the recreation committee as a representative of the County Board. Hartley noted that Judy Campbell previously filled this roll. Hartley further noted that the recreation committee is also requesting that Mrs. Campbell be allowed to continue participating on the committee as a member of the public. Consensus of the Committee was to allow Judy Campbell to continue on the Committee. *Motion by Kestner, second by Gerwin to recommend approval of the appointment of Joe Steichen to the recreation committee.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Animal Control Fees and Fines – Sheriff Childress introduced Deputy Hardyman who was present to review the current animal control fees, as well as, the recommended increases. It was noted that the only fee that was not on the proposed fee animal control fee schedule was the adoption fee of \$50.00. The second page of the proposal was recommended ordinance violation fines. Sheriff Childress noted that these proposals would need to be reviewed by the States Attorney's office prior to enactment. Discussion took place. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Carley to recommend the board adopt the proposed fees outlined in the animal control fee schedule, page 1, including the adoption fee of \$50.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Consensus of the Committee was to forward the proposed fines for ordinance violations to States Attorney Uphoff.

Review of Pending Legislation - N/A

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

Alina M. Hartley
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