

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2015

Committee Chair Jack Vietti called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the committee meeting room of Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Vietti, Gerwin, Kestner, Runyon, Steichen

Absent: Carley, Goembel

Also Present: Alina Hartley (Administrative Resource Specialist), Chris Myer (Executive Director – Mental Health), John Clemmer (Finance Resource Specialist),

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Kestner to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Credit Card Requests – Chris Myer from Livingston County Mental Health was present to request a credit card be issued to be used by the Mental Health Department for items such as conferences, trainings and hotel expenses. Myer noted that the Mental Health Board had approved the request. *Motion by Steichen, second by Kestner to approve the issuance of a credit card for the Mental Health Department. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Department of Labor – Exempt Salary Requirement – Gerwin stated that she had followed up to see if there was a sample resolution for counties to oppose this new regulation, but she was sent only a link to provide comments. Discussion took place regarding the County opposing the regulation; it was felt that either Chairman Fannin or States Attorney Uphoff could provide the feedback on behalf of Livingston County. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Runyon to request that Chairman Fannin or States Attorney Uphoff submit feedback on the record of Livingston County's opposition. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Review of Standing Rules – Gerwin stated that she would like the board to consider incorporating more of Roberts Rules into the Standing Rules or to look into a group training session on parliamentary procedure. Discussion took place. The Committee requested that Hartley look into the options and cost associated with parliamentary procedure training.

Size & Number of Districts – County Board – Gerwin stated that she recognizes that the board size cannot be changed until 2021, but the topic came up during the Q&A session at her last town hall meeting. Gerwin stated that if the number of districts were increased it may be possible to get equal representation from the rural areas. Discussion took place regarding possibilities.

Review of Pending Legislation – Steichen reported that there is currently a bill pending that will exempt all disabled Vets from paying property taxes. Steichen stated that he wasn't sure what the impact would be if the legislation passes.

Discussion also took place regarding local government consolidation, and the possibility of Livingston County being a leader in the initiative.

Motion by Kestner, second by Runyon to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES.**
Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist