

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2016

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, Kestner, Runyon, Steichen

Absent: Goembel

Also Present: Alina Hartley, County Board Members Paul Ritter and Bob Young

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 September 7, 2016 and October 13, 2016 meetings. Hartley noted that revised minutes were distributed for the September 7th. The original draft showed Runyon as both present and absent, where Runyon was absent. Gerwin noted that the start time of the October 13th meeting should also be changed to 5:45 p.m.. *Motion by Runyon, second by Steichen to approve the minutes as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Appointment: Rose Smith Mental Health 708 Board – The Committee reviewed a request for the appointment of Rose Smith to fill the unexpired term of Robert Walters who has resigned. Discussion took place. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Steichen to approve the appointment of Rose Smith to the Mental Health 708 Board.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Policy Regarding Public Defender Reports: - Gerwin stated that new legislation allows the County Board to determine the frequency that they wish to receive the Public Defender reports. Gerwin stated that she felt that reducing the reports to quarterly would be sufficient. *Motion by Gerwin, second by Kestner to recommend the County Board establish that Public Defender reports be received quarterly.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Invocation Policy – Gerwin stated that she was bringing the topic up once more due to a recent request. Gerwin stated that if invocations are allowed, there should be a policy or guidelines established. Discussion took place regarding whether invocations were appropriate and what possible guidelines would be. *Motion by Kestner, second by Gerwin to present a question to the full board as to whether or not invocations should continue.* **MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.**

Options for Restructuring County Government – Gerwin stated that she felt that now was the appropriate time to start the process and begin investigating options in regards to restructuring the county board. Gerwin stated that she also had several discussions with citizens who felt that the County should go with the administrative model. *Motion by Steichen to send the option of restructuring the county government policy to the full board.* The motion died for lack of second. Further discussion took place regarding the need to look at restructuring and the

timeline in which to begin. It was suggested that goal setting may be the appropriate place to begin discussions. The reapportionment process cannot officially begin until 2021.

Motion by Kestner, second by Runyon to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES.**
Meeting adjourn at 5:29 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director