

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF December 5, 2016, Organizational MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

**OPENING**

County Clerk Kristy Masching called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. in the Board Room at the Historic Courthouse at 112 W. Madison, Pontiac, Illinois.

Kathy Arbogast led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called roll of the eleven held over board members with the following members **present:** Kathy Arbogast, Justin Goembel, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, David W. Heath, John L. Yoder and Marty Fannin **Absent:** None

**Also Present:** County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley and Circuit Judge Mark Fellheimer

Clerk Masching announced there was one change in the agenda. Circuit Judge Mark Fellheimer would be administering the oath of office to the newly elected members instead of Judge Bauknecht since she had contracted the flu.

Clerk Masching called for nominations for a temporary chairman. *Motion by Fannin, second by Weber to nominate Bob Weller as temporary Chairman. Motion by Ritter, second by Arbogast to close nominations.* **MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.** Bob Weller was elected as temporary Board Chairman with all ayes on voice vote.

Temporary Chair Weller stated that he would be selecting one member from each of the three districts for the Credentials Committee and nominated Kathy Arbogast-District #1, David Heath-District #2 and Vicki Allen-District #3. *Motion by Ingles, second by Holt to approve the nominees for the Credentials Committee.* A short discussion was held regarding which group a nominee could be selected from. It was determined that the members appointed to the committee should come from the held over members. As a result, Temporary Chair Weller asked that the District #3 appointee be Justin Goembel rather than Vicki Allen. *Motion by Ingles, second by Holt to amend their motion to approve the following to the Credentials Committee: Kathy Arbogast-District #1, David Heath-District #2 and Justin Goembel-District #3.* **MOTION CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

The appointed members met with Clerk Masching from 6:05p.m. until 6:10p.m. to review the elected board members credentials. Kathy Arbogast reported that the committee examined the election results and found the credentials to be in order and that each member had been duly elected.

Judge Fellheimer was present to swear-in the eleven re-elected members, as well as the two new Board members.

Temporary Chair Weller welcomed the two new members, Steven Lovell-District #2 and John Slagel-District #3 and invited them to address the board. Both men thanked their constituents for their support and stated they looked forward to serving on the Board.

Clerk Masching called roll of the entire board, with the following **present:** John L. Vietti, Jason Bunting, John Slagel, G. Michael Ingles, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Kelly Cochran Cohlman, Bob Young, Paul A. Ritter, Carolyn Gerwin, Ronald L. Kestner, Vicki Allen, Kathy Arbogast, Steven Lovell, Justin Goembel, James A. Carley, Robert F. Weller, Mark Runyon, William Mays, Daryl N. Holt, Stanley R. Weber, David W. Heath, John L. Yoder and Marty Fannin

Temporary Chair Weller called for nominations for the permanent Board Chairman. *Motion by Runyon, second by Gerwin to nominate Tim Shafer. Motion by Ingles, second by Holt to nominate Bob Young. Motion by Ritter, second by Bunting to close nominations.* **MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.** At this time, both nominees were given the opportunity to address the Board and the public as to why they wanted the chairmanship and how the county would benefit from their leadership. **Tim Shafer** felt that his work in the banking industry for over thirty years and his leadership as Finance Chairman have enabled him a good command of the financial issues that continually face the county. He noted that one of our challenges is bringing in new businesses to our area and with his connection and actual involvement in the business community he feels that they may be more in tune to what is happening in that area. **Bob Young** felt that his twenty-five years of experience and leadership as a school administrator, involved in all areas of school functions has helped to qualify him for the chairmanship position. He commented that since he retired, being a member of the county board and working on their many projects with many wonderful people, has been one of the most worthwhile experiences he has been a part of. **The clerk called roll call with Bob Young being elected as Chairman of the Board.** **Shafer (11):** Vietti, Slagel, Shafer, Gerwin, Arbogast, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Mays, Weber and Fannin **Young (13):** Bunting, Ingles, Steichen, Cohlman, Young, Ritter, Kestner, Allen, Lovell, Weller, Holt, Heath and Yoder **Absent:** None

Newly elected Chairman Young was escorted to his seat by Stan Weber (the longest standing member) and John Slagel (new member).

Chairman Young called for nominations for the permanent Board Vice-Chairman. *Motion by Young, second by Weller to nominate Mike Ingles. Motion by Arbogast, second by Mays to nominate Marty Fannin. Motion by Steichen, second by Gerwin to nominate Tim Shafer. Motion by Holt, second by Steichen to close the nominations.* **MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS CARRIED ON UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.** Discussion was held on how the winner would be selected. The winner would be determined by a majority of the quorum present. The low vote nominee is not removed from the vote, the vote would continue with the three nominees. A nominee may voluntarily drop out, but is not automatically eliminated. At this time, the three nominees were given the opportunity to respond if they were interested in running for vice-chairman and why. **Marty Fannin** stated that with his daily involvement in how the county had been run the last four years, it was hard to stop and that he'd like to continue to serve as vice-chairman and help the current chairman fulfill his duties. **Mike Ingles** stated the following: he would accept the job if elected; had been approached by Bob to run as vice-chairman after Bob had decided to run for chairman; he and Bob were from different districts which gives them a geographical balance; he doesn't have a particular agenda; has served on most of the committees during his ten years as a board member; has a good understanding of the overall business; never been chairman or vice-chairman; and would appreciate the board members support but would also support whoever was elected. **Tim Shafer** was honored but questioned the motive behind his nomination and stated that he would be willing to serve as vice-chairman if elected by his peers. Comments were heard from other board members with their reasons for nominating an individual as well as why they were supporting a candidate. **The clerk called roll call, with each member responding with the candidate they were voting for with Tim Shafer being elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board.** **Fannin (2):** Arbogast and Mays **Ingles (9):** Bunting, Ingles, Young, Kestner, Lovell, Weller, Holt, Heath and Yoder **Shafer (13):** Vietti, Slagel, Steichen, Shafer, Cohlman, Ritter, Gerwin, Allen, Goembel, Carley, Runyon, Weber and Fannin

Chairman Young thanked District 3 voters for electing him to serve on the board and expressed his gratitude for the confidence the Board had placed on him by allowing him to serve as their chairman. He encouraged the public to contact their district board members or him by phone, e-mail or in person if they had any questions or concerns. Bob stated that work would begin on Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. on committee assignments and asked Vicki Allen, Ron Kestner, Mike Ingles and Tim Shafer to help with that process. The committee assignments will be posted at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alina Hartley announced the tentative plan for committee meetings. The regular County Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15 with committee meetings being held in fifteen minute increments prior to the board meeting for those committees needing to only pay bills. Committees having action items will tentatively meet on Tuesday, December 13. The committee and board packets will be sent out at the same time. For this month, the Highway meeting will be held at the Historic Courthouse instead of at the Highway Department. Alina also noted that she had set a draft copy of the confidential contact list for the members to review and asked that they contact her immediately with any changes.

Clerk Masching asked the recently elected board members to sign both copies of their oath and return them to her after the meeting.

The next board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

*The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on motion by Fannin, second by Kestner. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES ON VOICE VOTE.***

**Robert Young, Chairman**

Attest:

*Kristy A. Masching*  
County Clerk

January 12, 2017  
Approved

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