

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2018

Committee Chair Marty Fannin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the committee meeting room of Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Fannin, Allen, Runyon, Shafer, Vietti

Absent: Carley, Steichen

Also Present: Chairman Bob Young, Executive Director Alina Hartley, County Board Members John Slagel and Kathy Arbogast

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting. *Motion by Shafer, second by Allen to approve the minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Re-Appointment: Gary Marx – Dwight Fire Protection District – The Committee reviewed a request for reappointment of Gary Marx to the Dwight Fire Protection District. *Motion by Vietti, second by Runyon to recommend approval of the reappointment of Gary Marx to the Dwight Fire Protection District.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Standing Rules Amendment – The Committee discussed recent quorum issues that have occurred amongst committees. Hartley stated that some of the committees have had a hard time getting a quorum for their meetings, so there is a need to make sure that the Board can still take action, and departments can still gain authorization and be able to move forward with their business without delay. Hartley listed a few options for the Committee's consideration which included authorizing the Chairman to forward action items to the full board without recommendation if a committee lacks a quorum, allow the Chairman to serve as an alternate, and allow the Chairman to change committee assignments mid-term as needed. Consensus of the Committee was that it was their understanding that the Chairman already possessed the authority to make committee assignment changes and the set the agenda as he sees fit, but agreed it should be made formal. The Committee also concurred that the Chairman could serve as an alternate on any committee, but concern was expressed regarding other board members being assigned. *Motion by Runyon, second by Vietti to authorize the outlined changes be drafted and presented to the full board for formal action in April.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Other Business – Hartley distributed an updated copy of the county comparable information in regards to board size and composition; per diem/salary information was also included. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was that a reduction to eighteen board members would be appropriate during the next reapportionment. Discussion took place regarding the appropriate number of districts and how to ensure that rural communities received representation. The Committee acknowledged that the available data may change based on the

next census, but requested that a couple scenarios be developed for the Committees consideration.

Motion by Vietti, second by Shafer to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED WITTH ALL AYES.
Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director