

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2018

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

Present: Fannin, Carley, Allen, Runyon, Shafer (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), Steichen, Vietti

Absent:

Also Present: Chairman Bob Young, Board Members Carolyn Gerwin and Bill Mays, Executive Director Alina Hartley, County Clerk Kristy Masching,

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting. *Motion by Runyon, second by Carley to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Appointment of Election Judges - Kristy Masching was present to request approval of a resolution certifying the election judges. Masching stated that the judges are certified every two years. Masching stated that they have 177 judges, 160 of whom have confirmed, but they need around 200. Masching stated that once the board approves, the request will go through the courts as the election judges are deemed officers of the court. Masching further stated that she will be requesting an increase in the per diem for election judges. Masching stated that the current rate is \$115 for non-certified judges and \$135 for certified, \$45 of which is reimbursed by the State. Masching stated that she would like to increase the rate to 165/\$185 respectively. Discussion took place. *Motion by Carley, second by Steichen to forward the certification of election judges to the full board for approval. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Re-Appointment: Duane Meister Cullom Fire Protection District - The Committee reviewed a request for the re-appointment of Duane Meister to the Cullom Fire Protection District. Discussion took place regarding the possibility that Mr. Meister no longer lived within Livingston County and possibly the district. *Motion by Runyon, second by Vietti to recommend full board approval pending residency within Livingston County and the District. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Resolution: Supporting 2nd Amendment Rights – Fannin reported that the States Attorney reviewed the draft from Effingham County supporting the 2nd amendment, and will approve the resolution for content with the removal of the final paragraph. Discussion took place both for and against county involvement in the topic. *Motion by Carley, second by Runyon to remove the last paragraph and forward to the full board for approval. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Committee Restructure – Fannin presented a draft of the Committee restructure being proposed. Fannin stated that changes were made after last month's discussion and the concern over some committees having too much responsibility or control. Fannin stated that Property and Sheriff, Jail & License will remain separate. Gerwin stated that she would prefer the committee of the whole structure. Steichen felt that the number of members would need to be

increased on each committee. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was to review the proposed changes with the States Attorney and draft changes to the Standing Rules.

Discussion took place regarding the consolidation of Committees from ten to five. Some members stated that felt the change should not be made into the reduction of the board size goes into effect. Some members felt that no changes should be made and some expressed support for the change. Fannin stated that he felt it shows that that board is sincere about saving money and making changes in the board structure. The Committee will continue discussion at the next Committee meeting.

County Board Reorganization / Redistricting – N/A

Motion by Vietti, second by Carley to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.
Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director