

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF December 3, 2018, 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.

Jason Bunting led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called roll of the eleven held over board members with the following members **present**: John “Jack” Vietti, Jason Bunting, John Slagel, G. Michael Ingles, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, Carolyn Gerwin, Vicki Allen and Bob Young

Also Present: County Clerk-Kristy Masching, Executive Director-Alina Hartley and Circuit Judge Jennifer Bauknecht

NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

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

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE & REPORT

Temporary Chairman Vietti stated that he would be selecting one member from each of the three districts for the Credentials Committee and appointed Mike Ingles-District #1, Ron Kestner-District #2 and Tim Shafer-District #3. The appointed members met with Clerk Masching from 6:05p.m. until 6:15p.m. to review the elected board members credentials. Mike Ingles reported that the committee reviewed the final election results from the November 6, 2018 General Election and reviewed the documents presented by Clerk Kristy Masching. They found the credentials to be in order and accepted the results on behalf of the county.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Judge Jennifer Bauknecht was present to swear-in the nine re-elected members, as well as the four new Board members.

Temporary Chairman Vietti welcomed the four new members: Jim Blackard- District #1; Gerald Earing and Bill Wilkey-District #2; John Vitzthum-District #3; and invited them to address the board.

Clerk Masching called roll of the entire board, with the following **present**: Kathy Arbogast, Robert F. Weller, Linda Ambrose, James A. Carley, Steven Lovell, John Vitzthum, William Mays, Gerald Earing, Mark Runyon, James Blackard, Bill Wilkey, John L. Yoder, Patrick D. Killian, Jason Bunting, John Slagel, John L. Vietti, Joseph D. Steichen, Tim Shafer, G. Michael Ingles, Ronald L. Kestner, Paul A. Ritter, Carolyn Gerwin, Vicki Allen and Bob Young **Absent**: None

NOMINATION and ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Temporary Chairman Vietti called for nominations for the Board Chairman. *Motion by Weller, second by Yoder to nominate Bob Young. Motion by Weller, second by Kestner to close the nominations.*
MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE. The clerk called roll call with Bob Young being elected as Chairman of the Board. Ayes: Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Earing, Runyon, Blackard, Wilkey, Yoder, Killian, Bunting, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Shafer, Ingles, Kestner, Ritter, Gerwin, Allen and Young **Nays:** None **Absent:** None

NOMINATION and ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Young called for nominations for the Board Vice-Chairman. *Motion by Allen, second by Blackard to nominate Kathy Arbogast. Motion by Shafer, second by Kestner to nominate Jason Bunting. Motion by Weller, second by Ingles to close the nominations.* **MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.** *The clerk called roll call, with each member responding with the candidate they were voting for with Kathy Arbogast being elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board.*

Arbogast (19): Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Carley, Lovell, Vitzthum, Mays, Runyon, Blackard, Wilkey, Yoder, Killian, Slagel, Vietti, Steichen, Ritter, Gerwin, Allen and Young **Bunting (5):** Earing, Bunting, Shafer, Ingles and Kestner

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Young welcomed the new board members. He reminded all the members that even though they were elected by district they still represented all of Livingston County. He also noted that at the meetings the members could argue for any issue they wished to argue for but once the vote had been cast and the meeting was adjourned, they go back to having a professional and hopefully, friendly relationship. He stated that he was looking forward to working with all of the board members and stated that they had completed a lot of work but there was more to be done. He extended his gratitude for all the members on the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairman Young announced the tentative plans for the December committee meetings. The committee meetings will be held in fifteen minute increments beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, with the December Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. Young also noted that tomorrow, Tuesday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m., the following members would be working with him on the committee assignments: Kathy Arbogast, Jim Carley, Vicki Allen and Steve Lovell. Ms. Hartley stated that the committee assignments and committee and board packets would go out no later than Wednesday, December 5.

The next board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on motion by Mays, second by Vietti. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Robert Young, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Masching
County Clerk

December 11, 2018
Approved