

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2019

Committee Chair James Carley called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the committee meeting room of Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Carley, Allen, Fannin, Vietti, Vitzthum, Wilkey

Absent: Steichen

Also Present: Chairman Bob Young, County Board Members Linda Ambrose, Bill Mays, and Mark Runyon, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Gail Smythe (Deputy Clerk-Elections)

Carley requested the agenda be amended to remove item 2b. Carley then called for any additional changes to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Wilkey, second by Vietti to approve the second revised agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting. *Motion by Wilkey, second by Vietti to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Re-Appointment: Dean Wilhelm – Long Point Fire Protection District

Re-Appointment: William Bruer – Pontiac Rural Fire Protection District

Re-Appointment: David Roth – Gridley Fire Protection District

The Committee reviewed the requests for appointment and re-appointments as outlined above. *Motion by Wilkey, second by Vitzthum to recommend approval of the re-appointments as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Appointment: Sheriff Childress – Vermilion Valley ETSB – Hartley stated that in the past when a Board member has resigned their position on the Board, they are also replaced on any subsidiary boards in which they are appointed in their capacity as a board member. Hartley stated that since Mr. Ingles resigned, Chairman Young was inclined to appoint Sheriff Childress who has been requesting appointment to the Vermilion Valley Board. Hartley stated that Mr. Ingles has questioned whether his resignation from the County Board automatically triggered the resignation from the Vermilion Valley board. Hartley stated that the topic was reviewed with States Attorney Yedinak, and according to the bylaws the County is allowed to have a representative on that board and since Mr. Ingles is no longer a board member, he would no longer be the county representative and can be replaced. *Motion by Wilkey, second by Allen to recommend approval of Sheriff Childress to the Vermilion Valley ETSB. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Level the Playing Field for Retail Act – Hartley stated that the Act had passed the legislature and was awaiting the Governor's signature. Hartley stated that the Sheriff's Association is recommending that letters in support of the Act be sent to the Governor encouraging him to sign the bill. Hartley stated that the act would impose local taxes on online purchases; currently only state taxes are collected. *Motion by Wilkey, second by Vitzthum to authorize a letter be sent on behalf of Livingston County. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE.*

Owego Township Election Polling Site – Carley reported that the Pontiac Christian School, which is the current polling site for Owego Township, has decided not to open next school year. Carley stated that there are discussions currently going on in regards to the future of the building, but nothing has been

decided. An alternative polling site has not yet been identified. If a site cannot be identified it's possible that the township could be split and combine with other polling locations. Masching is still investigating the possibilities. The Committee will recess the meeting and continue discussions on this topic next month.

Review of SB 1966 & Effingham County Resolution – The Committee reviewed a draft resolution that was recently passed by Effingham County. The resolution was passed in response to SB 1966, which proposes an increase in FOID card fees, requires fingerprinting and reduces the number of years a FOID card is valid, amongst other things. Discussion took place regarding a pending appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court which questions the constitutionality of the FOID card. Further discussion took place regarding the status of the legislation and whether it had already passed the legislature. Consensus of the Committee was to table the topic until next month's meeting.

Motion by Fannin, second by Wilkey to recess. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**
Meeting recessed at 5:27 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director