

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2019

Committee Chair James Carley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the committee meeting room of Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Carley, Allen, Fannin, Vietti, Vitzthum

Absent: Steichen, Wilkey

Also Present: Chairman Bob Young (left at 5:25 p.m.), County Board Members Linda Ambrose, Mark Runyon, and John Slagel, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Network & Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, County Clerk Kristy Masching, Elections Clerk Gail Smythe

Carley requested the agenda be amended to add 2020 Policy Platform. Carley then called for any additional changes to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Fannin, second by Vietti to approve the second agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting. *Motion by Fannin, second by Vitzthum to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Review & Approval of Elections Equipment Proposals – Kristy Masching was present to review the results of the bids for elections equipment with the Committee. Masching advertised the RFP in the local newspaper and sent the RFP to three vendors who she knew served the Central Illinois area. Masching stated that she heard back from one vendor that they were not going to submit a bid as their equipment had not yet been certified. Masching stated that she received bids from the other two agencies. Masching stated that she conducted demos of the equipment presented and preferred the Unisyn equipment offered by Liberty Systems. Masching stated that the Unisyn system was much more light weight, and contains an internal backup storage of the election results, so if something happened to the USB, the results could be downloading onto another instead of recalculating manually. Masching stated that service is also a large part of process. Masching stated that she had been with Liberty for years and received excellent service. Masching stated that ES&S is also a good company, but they are not a single service provider and a 3rd party would also need to be retained if the County choose to go with them. Jon Sear indicated that his preference was also the Unisyn system has it provided a higher level of security utilizing Linux as opposed to Windows 10 utilized in the DS200 system. Discussion took place. *Motion by Fannin, second by Allen to approve the proposal submitted by Liberty Systems for the Unisyn equipment, including a six year service contract. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Appointment: Zoning Board of Appeals – Hartley noted that Chairman Young had scheduled an interview for the possible appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Hartley stated that Young should have a recommendation ready for the Board meeting. Discussion took place. *Motion by Vitzthum, second by Fannin to accept the Chairman's recommendation and forward to the full board for approval. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

2020 Policy Platform – Hartley reported that the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissions are accepting proposals for the 2020 policy platform. Hartley stated that the association employees their own lobbyists who will work towards any initiative that benefits counties. Hartley stated that there is a panel that will review the recommendations and decide which ones are accepted. Hartley noted that the County has until November 1st to submit any recommendations it may have.

Hartley stated that one consideration for change may be in regards to the new marijuana legislation. Hartley stated that the current law allows for the expungement of prior marijuana convictions that aren't tied to other crimes. Hartley stated that at a recent conference there was some discussion on the difference between expungement and sealing of the records. Hartley stated that the expungement will fully delete all files as if it had never happened, while if the records were sealed, law enforcement and the States Attorney would be able to still see what past crimes were committed, but they wouldn't show up on any background check. Hartley stated that the Committee may wish to consider this as part of their recommendation. The Committee will continue discussion at next months meeting.

Motion by Fannin, second by Vietti to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**
Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director