

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2020

Committee Chair Marty Fannin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.. Pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 and the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation related to COVID 19, participation in this meeting was offered in person, through Zoom and by teleconference.

Present: Fannin, Allen, Vietti
Present via Zoom: Barickman, Manker, Vitzthum

Absent: Steichen

Also Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Board Members Linda Ambrose and Mark Runyon. Executive Director Alina Hartley, Network & Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, County Clerk Kristy Masching and Finance Director Diane Schwahn.

Fannin called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Vietti, second by Allen to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* Ayes: Fannin, Allen, Barickman, Manker, Vietti, and Vitzthum. Nays: None. Absent: Steichen.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting. *Motion by Manker, second by Barickman to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* Ayes: Fannin, Allen, Barickman, Manker, Vietti, and Vitzthum. Nays: None. Absent: Steichen.

Certification of Election Judges – Kristy Masching was present to request approval of the certification of election judges. Masching reported that every two years a list of election judges is submitted to the judge for certification. Masching stated that first the list is approved by the Board, then it's published with a 30 day waiting period, and final it's submitted to the courts for final certification. Masching stated that she currently only has 162, which is not enough. Masching stated that with COVID a lot of prior judges did not wish to serve. Masching stated that is the same case for some of the students who's parents did not wish for them serve this year. Masching stated that they are currently sending out vote by mail due to COVID. Discussion took place regarding the safeguards that are in place to avoid voter fraud. Masching also noted that Election Day has been declared a state holiday. *Motion by Allen, second by Vietti to approve the certification of election judges. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* Ayes: Fannin, Allen, Barickman, Manker, Vietti, and Vitzthum. Nays: None. Absent: Steichen.

Appointment: Andrew Abry – Odell Fire Protection District
Re-appointment: Carl Krause – Cullom Fire Protection District
Re-appointment: Janine Boggs– TB Board
Re-appointment: Ed Legner – Mental Health 708 Board
Re-appointment: Bob McCarty – Mental Health 377 Board
Appointment: Lynette Barnett – Mental Health 708 Board

The Committee reviewed requests for the appointments of Andrew Abry to the Odell Fire Protection District and Lynette Larnett to the Mental Health 708 Board, as well as the re-appointments of Janine Boggs to the TB Board, Ed Legner to the 708 Board, and Bob McCarty to the 377 Board. *Motion by Vietti, second by Manker to recommend approval of the appointments as presented. MOTION*

CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Fannin, Allen, Barickman, Manker, Vietti, and Vitzthum. Nays: None. Absent: Steichen.

Open Meetings Act Amendments for Remote Access During Disaster – Hartley reviewed recent changes to the open meetings act that addressed remote meetings during disaster regulations. Hartley stated that the new legislation makes clear that remote meetings are allowed when a disaster declaration has been issued. Hartley stated that it's up to the head of the public body (the county board chair) to decide whether an in-person meeting is practical or prudent. Hartley stated that the county has already been doing many of the requirements. Hartley noted that in addition at least one member of the public body must be physically present, all votes must be done by roll call and a verbatim recording must be kept. Hartley noted that it would be nearly impossible for all the board members to attend the full board meeting in person, while maintaining appropriate social distances and being able to hear each board member through the audio. Hartley noted that additional microphones are being tested during committee meetings this week to ensure the board meeting can run smoothly.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Motion by Vietti, second by Manker to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** Ayes: Fannin, Allen, Barickman, Manker, Vietti, and Vitzthum. Nays: None. Absent: Steichen. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director