

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2021

Committee Chair Mike Kirkton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

Present: Kirkton, Barickman, Manker, Mennenga, Welch, Vietti, Vitzthum

Absent:

Also Present: County Board Members Linda Ambrose, Mark Runyon, and Jim Blackard, and Executive Director Alina Hartley

Kirkton called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Vitzthum, second by Manker to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 1st, 2021 meeting. It was noted that Manker needed to be added to those present. *Motion by Manker, second by Welch to approve the minutes as amended.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Appointment: Mathew P Cavanagh – Chatsworth Fire Protection District

Appointment: Greg Yoder – Fairbury Rural Fire Protection District

The Committee reviewed requests for appointment as outlined above. *Motion by Vietti, second by Welch to approve the requests for appointment as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Reapportionment Plan – Kirkton stated that he was hoping to have the census data by now, with the goal being to complete the district maps this month. Kirkton stated that although the official data is not in, he felt that the reductions will be consistent throughout the county and not concentrated to one area. Discussion took place with members concurring with Kirkton's comments. Hartley stated that it's been reported that some other public bodies were considering utilizing alternate data sources to determine population. Hartley stated that she pulled that data just to see what the deviation would be should the districts remain the same. Hartley noted that the deviation was less than 1.5% based on that data source. Discussion took place. *Motion by Barickman, second by Welch to stay with the same three districts.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** All voted Aye; None Nay.

Kirkton questioned whether the Committee wished to revisit the number of board members that was decided last month. Barickman stated that last month he voted to go with the 21, because he felt that some reduction was good, even if it wasn't the reduction he wanted. Barickman stated that after further consideration, he doesn't feel that a reduction of 21 is even good. Barickman stated that he felt the unevenness would cause major issues with the elections. Barickman further stated that after a number of conversations, he felt that it was also unlikely that 21 would pass the board. Discussion took place with members providing arguments both for and against reduction. *Motion by Barickman, second by Manker to recommend the Committee change their recommendation from 21 to 18 members divided into three districts.* **MOTION CARRIED ON**

ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Kirkton, Manker, Barickman, Mennenga, Vietti, Vitzthum. Nays: Welch.

Review of Standing Rules – Kirkton stated that he was made aware of a provision of the Standing Rules that was in conflict with the Purchasing Policy. Kirkton reported that he has asked both Manker and Welch to review those provisions and provide a recommended revision. Kirkton stated that he would like to begin reviewing the rules in May or June.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Motion by Barickman, second by Mennenga to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED ON WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.** Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director