

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2021

Committee Chair Mike Kirkton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse. Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, this meeting was held remotely with most individuals participating through Zoom or Teleconference.

Present: Kirkton, Manker, Blackard, Mennenga, Welch

Present via Zoom: Manker, Kestner

Absent: Vietti

Also Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Board Members Linda Ambrose, Mark Runyon, John Vitzthum, Joe Steichen, John Slagel and Joel Barickman, Veterans Assistance Superintendent Tom Bailey, Executive Director Alina Hartley, and Finance Director Diane Schwahn.

Kirkton called for any additions or corrections to the revised agenda with none requested.

Motion by Mennenga, second by Welch to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. All voted Aye; none Nay.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the December 6, 2021 Election, Rules & Legislation Committee and the Veterans Assistance Committee meetings. *Motion by Blackard, second by Manker to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* All voted Aye; none Nay.

Appointment – Brad Johnson – Long Point Fire Protection District – The Committee reviewed a request for the appointment of Brad Johnson to the Long Point Fire Protection District. *Motion by Kestner, second by Welch to recommend approval of the appointment of Brad Johnson. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* All voted Aye; none Nay.

Appointments: Cornell Fire Protection District – N/A

Veterans Assistance Report – Tom Bailey was present to review his monthly report with the Committee. Discussion took place regarding how often the Committee wished to receive the Veterans report. Consensus of the Committee was that the Superintendent would attend quarterly to provide a report. As the VAC liaison, Blackard will report as needed. The Committee further requested that should Bailey retire before April, that he attend a final meeting prior to his retirement.

Committee Goals – Kirkton stated that as a new Committee he would like the members to discuss the goals of the Committee and what the expectations are. Kirkton requested members prepare for the discussion to be held next month. A suggestion was made that the Committee review the Resource Directory as a start.

Other Business – Kirkton started that a question was raised concerning the Standing Rules requirement for the Highway Committee, that one member be from District 1, and three members each be from Districts 2 and 3. Discussion took place with the consensus being that this requirement should be included.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Linda Ambrose spoke regarding the minutes and the inclusion of public comments in the record. Ambrose also discussed the addition of an administrative position for the board office.

Joe Steichen commented regarding the VAC and encouraged the Committee to familiarize themselves with the commission.

Motion by Blackard, second by Welch to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. All voted Aye; none Nay. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director