

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2022

Committee Chair Mike Kirkton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Historic Courthouse.

Present: Kirkton, Manker, Blackard, Kestner, Welch, Vietti

Absent: Mennenga

Also Present: County Board Members Linda Ambrose and Joel Barrickman, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, VAC Superintendent Tom Bailey, Tara Graves LACC, and Mark Jontry Regional Office of Education

Kirkton requested that the agenda be amended to remove the appointment of Todd Cashmer as his paperwork is not yet complete. *Motion by Kestner, second by Manker to approve the revised agenda as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting. *Motion by Blackerd, second by Welch to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

**Appointment: Marvin Wood – Flanagan Graymont Fire Protection District**

**Appointment: Duane Meister – Cullom Fire Protection District**

**Appointment: Marlin Donley – Kempton Community Fire Protection District**

The Committee reviewed requests for the appointment of Marvin Wood to the Flanagan Graymont Fire Protection District, Duane Meister to the Cullom Fire Protection District and Marlin Donley to the Kempton Community Fire Protection District. *Motion by Manker, second by Blackard to approve the appointments as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

**Report by LACC –** Tara Graves was present to report on behalf of the LACC. Graves reported that the LACC was established in 1969 and is part of Pontiac Township High School but serves 6 high schools in the county. Graves reported that PTHS serves as the fiscal agent and the LACC is considered a department of PTHS, but they work with all of the local high schools. Graves stated that the LACC is one of 24 skills centers in the State of Illinois. Graves reviewed some of the programs that the LACC offers including automotive & diesel technology, certified nurse assistance, computer maintenance, construction trades, criminal justice, culinary arts, cyber security & networking, digital media & graphics, early childhood education, emergency medical technician, engineering & architectural, design, firefighting, medical terminology & health careers, welding and inter-related cooperative education. Graves reported that the LACC works with 6 community colleges and the students may earn college credit or certifications as part of the program. Graves thanked the board for the grant provided in 2017 which allowed for the purchase of equipment. When asked what would be needed in order to grow the program, Graves reported that space was the biggest issue, noting that they have enough participation to expand from two sections to three.

**Report by Regional Office of Education –** Mark Jontry was present to review the role of the Regional Office of Education with the Committee. Jontry reported that Livingston County is

part of region 17 which serves DeWitt, Logan, McLean and Livingston Counties. Jontry reported that there are a total of twelve school districts, 24 buildings and 5,000+ students in grades K-12, plus an addition 3 private schools. Jontry reviewed the roles of the office which included compliance (with school code, programs, state and federal requirements, and the alternative school), licensure (for teachers, administrators, para professionals and bus drivers), professional learning (providing workshops, continuous school improvement), and other shared services and collaborative efforts.

Jontry reported that the biggest issue at hand at the moment is the transition from Carnegie to competency. Jontry stated that this program lifts the constraints currently in place and no longer requires a certain number of hours, but once the individual reaches competency, they move on. Jontry reported that the office is getting ready to host Adulting Day for high school seniors where they focus on necessary skills including banking, law, automotive repair, etc., skills necessary and kids get ready to be on their own.

**Veterans Assistance Report** – Superintendent Tom Bailey was present to provide a quarterly report to the Committee. Bailey reported his official retirement date is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bailey reported that interviews for his replacement were held the prior weekend and a recommendation is being forwarded to the commission. Bailey reported that the commission will hold a special meeting to consider the hire. Blackard reported that the vans are running well with the exception of one which is hobbling along. Committee members thanked Bailey for his years of service.

The floor was opened for public comment.

*Motion by Vietti, second by Kestner to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*  
Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m..

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Alina M. Hartley  
Executive Director