

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

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

Present: Kirkton, Manker, Blackard, Mennenga, Vietti

Absent: Kestner, Welch

Also Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Board Members Linda Ambrose, John Vitzthum, and Mark Runyon, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Mike Haerr Veterans Assistance Superintendent and Susan Bursztynsky from Safe Journeys.

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 14th and August 1st, 2022 meeting. *Motion by Manker, second by Blackard to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Report by Safe Journeys – Susan Bursztynsky was present to review the services provided by Safe Journeys. Bursztynsky reported that Safe Journeys (formerly SAS) is a non-profit that provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Services are provided not only for the victim themselves, but also for their children and/or support system. Bursztynsky reported that all services are provided free of charge and 24 hours a day. Bursztynsky reviewed the many services provided which include food, clothing, shelter, counseling, and advocacy for both medical and legal issues. Bursztynsky reported that they also provide services to the schools focusing on bullying and healthy relationships. Bursztynsky reported that funding for the organization comes from the 708 Board, state and federal grants, the United Way and donations. When questioned what the County could do to support the services, Bursztynsky reported that referrals are great to just help get the word out that these services are available to those in need.

VAC Veterans Day – Kirkton stated that he would like the Committee to take an active role in supporting the Veterans Day prayer breakfast to be held on November 12th. Kirkton reported that he has arranged for Chaplin Brown to be a guest speaker at the event. Kirkton stated that he would like the Committee to help out by raising donations for the event. Mike Haerr from the VAC reviewed a tentative agenda for the day which included brief introductions and prayer, the breakfast, followed by what the VAC does as well as local providers and mental health providers. Discussion took place regarding how the donations would be handled. Kirkton and Haerr will meet with the administrative team to discuss the options following the meeting.

Appointment: Sue Bergan – Reddick Community Fire Protection District
Appointment: Brad Johnson – Long Point Community Fire Protection District
Appointment: Rodney Kodat – Dwight Fire Protection District

The Committee reviewed requests for the appointment of fire protection district trustees as outlined above.

Motion by Blackard, second by Manker to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES.**
Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director