

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2022

Committee Chair Mike Kirkton called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

Present: Kirkton, Manker, Blackard, Welch, Vietti

Absent: Kestner, Mennenga

Also Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Board Members Linda Ambrose and Mark Runyon, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Mike Haerr Veterans Assistance Superintendent, Molly Evans from Children's Advocacy Center, Ladonna Russell and Allyson Saxton from Livingston Workforce Development Board

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 September 7, 2022 meeting. *Motion by Manker, second by Welch to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Presentation by Children's Advocacy Center – Molly Evans, Executive Director of the CAC was present to review the services provided by the organization. Evans stated that the organization is to provide forensic interviews, advocacy, and therapy to children ages 3-18 and adults with disabilities who are victims of physical or sexual abuse, or who have witness acts of violence. The CAC only steps in when they are referred by Law Enforcement or DCFS. Evans provided 2021 statistics. Discussion took place regarding the funding of the CAC and if they have the capabilities to add more staff within their budget, in which Evans confirmed that is something they can do.

End of Year Report – Livingston Workforce Development Board – Ladonna Russell and Allyson Saxton were present to review their annual report for the term July 2021 – June 2022. The report indicated that 78 clients were served and \$165,000 were spent on clients. Majority of the funds go to Allyson Saxton, WIOA Coordinator, for training scholarships. Discussion took place concerning the ARPA grant that was previously awarded and has not yet been expended. Saxton explained that paramedic training is currently being held with an anticipated graduation date of September 2023. OSF is having a hard time finding an instructor to teach the EMT Training Course which has made it difficult to meet their deadline on grant funding. Due to most of their expenses going to this training course in the near future, Russell questioned the possibility of an extension for spending the grant funding until this time next year. The Committee concurred that was likely a possibility.

VAC Veterans Day – In regards to the Veteran's Day Prayer Breakfast being held on November 12th, Mike Haerr from the VAC stated he received back a signed contract to hold the event. Haerr stated he has been coordinating with various departments to get this event organized. Tables & chairs will be provided by maintenance, community service workers will be provided by

Probation and food will be provided by the local family restaurant. Haerr discussed that they are looking for volunteers to help that day with sign-in at 7am in which Manker offered her time.

Appointment: David Schultz – Dwight Fire Protection District

The Committee reviewed a request for the appointment of David Schultz to the Dwight Fire Protection District. *Motion by Blackard, second by Vietti to recommend approval of the appointment as presented.*

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The floor was opened for public content.

Motion by Blackard, second by Manker to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m..

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director