

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2023

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

Present: Jack Vietti, Jim Blackard, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin and Seth Welch

Absent: Mike Haag and John Vitzthum

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Veterans Assistance Commission Assistant Superintendent Natasha Furlano, County Board Members Rebekah Fehr, Mark Runyon, Bob Weller, Debbie Ruff and Becky Taylor (Soil & Water Conservation District)

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting. *Motion by Fannin, second by Ambrose to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

**Livingston County Soil & Water** – Debbie Ruff and Becky Taylor from the Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) were present to give an overview of what their organization does within the community. Taylor went over the purpose of the SWCD and the purpose & intent of the Natural Resource Information (NRI) Report. Taylor explained the programs/meetings that they hold such as “Partners for Conservation Cost-Share Program”, “Toolshed Talks” and “Women Landowner Learning Circles.” Ruff explained that the SWCD plans many educational events and programs for children within the County, noting this is a great way to educate them on agriculture. Becky Taylor explained the Natural Resource Information (NRI) Report that is provided for every wind and solar project, as well as the Land Evaluation & Site Assessment (LESA). Taylor volunteered to provide a more detailed training to board members and the ZBA on the reports provided, to which the Committee expressed appreciation.

**VAC Quarterly Report-** Furlano reported that everything is on track at the Veterans Assistance Commission and they are busy planning their annual Veterans Day Event. Furlano stated they are hosting a free veterans’ lunch & benefit orientation on November 12, 2023, at the Pontiac Elks Club to honor all veterans. Furlano mentioned that they have a women speaker scheduled who is currently active in the army.

Blackard reported that Michael Haerr and Natasha Furlano are both now trained in setting veterans up into an online database. This is beneficial in keeping track of who they are helping and providing the opportunity to help more veterans than ever before.

The floor was opened for public comment.

*Motion by Fannin, second by Welch to adjourn.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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Jordan E. Uselding  
Executive Assistant