

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
RULES, LEGISLATION, VETERANS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2024

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, Seth Welch (arrived at 4:01 p.m.) and John Vitzthum

Absent: Mike Haag and Marty Fannin

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, and County Board Members Rebekah Fehr, Gerald Earing and Craig Monson

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the August 5, 2024 meeting. *Motion by Blackard, second by Vitzthum to approve the minutes as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Rural Transportation: Hartley reported that McLean County has relinquished their role as the designated rural recipient for transit related funding for DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, and Macon Counties beginning July 1, 2025. Hartley reported that she, Chairman Carley, Gerald Earing, and Craig Monson, have been meeting with Senator Bennett, Representative Bunting and other effected counties (Iroquois, Ford and Kankakee). Hartley stated that a joint letter was mailed to IDOT requesting a meeting, a recalculation of the allocation and additional time. Hartley reported that IDOT provided a letter outlining funding, vehicles and 3 options on how the county can move forward with transportation.

Option 1: Livingston County could decide to be the rural funding recipient and operator. This means the county would hire drivers, dispatchers, and relevant support staff to run the transit service.

Option 2: Livingston County could decide to be the rural funding recipient and purchase transportation through a public transportation provider. The county would still be responsible for providing oversight of the transit program, through hiring a program compliance oversight monitor (PCOM).

Option 3: Livingston County could assign their rural funding apportionment to a neighboring county to provide service throughout Livingston County.

Hartley reported after considering all of these options and speaking with the neighboring counties, only option 1 and 2 could be considered due to Kankakee County backing out since IDOT wanted a 5-year commitment. Hartley stated that IDOT needs a response by the end of the month to ensure there is enough time to get the funding set. After much discussion, consensus of the committee was to move forward with option 2. Discussion took place regarding working with Ford and Iroquois Counties should they wish to join in with Livingston County. Committee members were in favor of partnering with Ford and Iroquois Counties if those counties so desired.

Motion by Blackard, second by Vitzthum to move forward with Livingston County being the rural funding recipient, purchase transportation and hire a program compliance oversight monitor. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE WITH ALL AYES.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Motion by Vitzthum, second by Welch to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.
Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Jordan E. Uselding
Executive Assistant