

# LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020, 7:30 a.m.

304 E. Grand River, Board Chambers, Howell MI 48843

Members Present: Carol Griffith, Dennis Dolan, Kate Lawrence, William Green, Wes Nakagiri, Douglas Helzerman, Robert Bezotte, and Gary Childs

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Carol Griffith called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

### 2. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. ROLL CALL

Roll call by the Clerk indicated the presence of a quorum.

District 5 Commissioner Seat is vacant.

### 5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Yvonne Black, Marion Township, spoke regarding the District 5 vacant seat.

Harold Melton, Howell Township, introduced himself as an interim candidate for the District 5 vacant seat.

Doug Heins, Howell City, introduced himself as an interim candidate for the District 5 vacant seat.

John Lobur, Howell City, introduced himself as an interim candidate for the District 5 vacant seat.

### 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

It was moved by G. Childs

Seconded by D. Helzerman

**MOTION Carried (8-0-0)**

### 7. CONSIDERATION AND RECONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENT TO VACANCY TO DISTRICT 5 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM

The Board will accept and consider Commissioner nominations for appointment of individuals to the vacant District 5 office for the remainder of the unexpired term. Pursuant to Board of Commissioner action on March 9, 2020, this may include a second reconsideration of Board action as to individual nominations made on March 4, 2020, and reconsidered on March 9, 2020.

Chairperson Griffith opened the floor for nominations of candidates that applied to fill the vacancy for District 5, Livingston County Board of Commissioners for the remained of the current unexpired term.

Commissioner Dolan nominated Lee Ann Blazejewski.

Commissioner Bezotte nominated Jay Drick.

Commissioner Helzerman nominated Doug Heins.

Commissioner Lawrence nominated John Lobur.

Commissioner Helzerman nominated Harold Melton.

Following no further nominations, Chairperson Griffith closed the nominations.

Discussion

Nomination to appoint Lee Ann Blazejewski as commissioner for District 5 to fill the vacancy in office for the remainder of the appointment term until December 31, 2020.

Nomination by D. Dolan

Roll Call Vote: Yes: (4) D. Dolan, K. Lawrence, C. Griffith, and G. Childs; No: (4) W. Green,

W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, and R. Bezotte; Absent: (0) None.

**NOMINATION Failed (4-4-0)**

Nomination to appoint Jay Drick as commissioner for District 5 to fill the vacancy in office for the remainder of the appointment term until December 31, 2020.

Nomination by R. Bezotte

Roll Call Vote: Yes: (4) R. Bezotte, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, and D. Helzerman; No: (4) D. Dolan, K. Lawrence,

C. Griffith, and G. Childs; Absent: (0) None.

**NOMINATION Failed (4-4-0)**

Nomination to appoint Doug Heins as commissioner for District 5 to fill the vacancy in office for the remainder of the appointment term until December 31, 2020.

Nomination by D. Helzerman

Roll Call Vote: Yes: (2); D. Helzerman and W. Nakagiri; No: (6) K. Lawrence, C. Griffith, G. Childs, D. Dolan,

W. Green, and R. Bezotte; Absent: (0) None.

**NOMINATION Failed (2-6-0)**

Nomination to appoint John Lobur as commissioner for District 5 to fill the vacancy in office for the remainder of the appointment term until December 31, 2020.

Nomination by K. Lawrence

Roll Call Vote: Yes: (4) K. Lawrence, C. Griffith, D. Dolan and G. Childs; No (4): R. Bezotte, W. Green,

W. Nakagiri, and D. Helzerman; Absent: (0) None.

**NOMINATION Failed (4-4-0)**

Nomination to appoint Harold Melton as commissioner for District 5 to fill the vacancy in office for the remainder of the appointment term until December 31, 2020.

**Moved By** D. Helzerman

Roll Call Vote: Yes: (2); D. Helzerman and W. Nakagiri; No: (6) K. Lawrence, C. Griffith, G. Childs, D. Dolan,

W. Green, and R. Bezotte; Absent: (0) None.

**NOMINATION Failed (2-6-0)**

Commissioner Childs moved to reconsider the nomination of John Lobur.

It was moved by G. Childs

Seconded by K. Lawrence

Discussion

Roll Call Vote: Yes: (4): K. Lawrence, C. Griffith, G. Childs, D. Dolan,; No: (4) R. Bezotte, W. Green,

W. Nakagiri, and D. Helzerman; Absent: (0) None.

**MOTION Failed (4-4-0)**

**8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

John Lobur, Howell City, addressed the Board.

Mike Randall, Howell, addressed the Board.

Glen Miller, Howell Township, addressed the board.

Jay Drick, Howell City, addressed the Board regarding public usage of the EMS Building.

Lee Ann Blazejewski, Howell City, addressed the Board.

Harold Melton, Howell Township, addressed the Board.

Jeff Warder, Undersheriff, updated the Board on the coronavirus procedures at the jail.

Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk, commended city and township clerks on the success of Tuesday's Presidential Primary.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

It was moved by K. Lawrence

Seconded by G. Childs

**MOTION Carried (8-0-0)**

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Elizabeth Hundley, Livingston County Clerk