

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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February 1, 2019

St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
1:30 PM

1. Call to order

It being the appointed date and time, Chairman M. Catherine Fanello calls the St. Joseph County Election Board Meeting to order. Present are Murray Winn, Republican Member and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Circuit Court, Rita L Glenn, also present are:

Kim Riskovitch-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Keith Mc Ginnis-RBM
Arielle Brandy-Dem. Member Voter Reg
Andre Stoner-Faith in St. Joseph County
Jon Jenkins-Faith in St. Joseph County
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democrat County Acting-Chair
Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Brandie Ecker-Thorne Grodnik
Zach Potts-Republican County Chair
Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Terri Rethlake-Chief Deputy Clerk

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

Catherine moves to approve the minutes of the last meeting. So, moved by Murray Winn, seconded by Rita L Glenn. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business

3. Catherine started the meeting with a list of goals for the Election Board:

- 1) Upgrade equipment
- 2) Improve Central Count procedures
- 3) Make elections accessible and convenient for everyone
- 4) Fixing the issues with polling places

Catherine thought the way Marion County has changed every precinct to a vote center is the way to go in St. Joseph County, this way we can identify later what precincts can be

eliminated and consolidated based on statistical data. She doesn't think there is enough time to do this for the Primary, but election equipment must be up graded, and cost savings isn't the goal at this time. Discussion was held on things to do going forward.

4. Catherine wanted to know if any polling location can be combined logically. The Primary will be non-vote centers, then in the General we will try to move to vote centers. Rita said that during the Primary we will see which locations will be used by voters. Kim stated that during the Primary we can combine ninety-three polling location can be combined to seventy-six. Catherine doesn't think we can buy Freedom Votes for the Primary Election. Keith suggested having one OVO (tabulator) and three Freedom Votes for the Primary. Catherine said we need the number comparison of precinct voting versus vote centers. Discussion was held about the amount of equipment at each polling location and paper ballot back up. Murray asked Kim if Penn 13 can be moved to Fire Station 4. Discussion was held regarding precincts. Catherine wants to know how the Election Board wants to proceed. She suggested moving forward with traditional precinct voting for Primary, work on just the City Election for now, work on three Freedom Votes and one OVO at each location. Board agrees. Catherine asked Lana to confirm the amount in HAVA money. Murray said to proceed with 93 polling locations for municipal.
5. Keith made changes to the RBM proposal that Jamie Woods suggested except for license.

New Business

6. Rita asked that we purchase ropes to guide the voters during the absentee process.

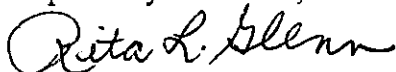
Public Comment

7. Andre Stoner and Jan Jenkins representing Faith in St. Joseph County wanted to share their concerns to increase voter participation, asked the board to expand number of early voting days, wants to encourage members to vote early and to have Spanish speaking help.
8. Debbie Ladyga-Block contacted Mishawaka School and they are closed Primary & General

Next meeting February 15, 2019 at 1:30 PM

The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 2:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Rita L. Glenn, Secretary
St. Joseph County Election Board

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