

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION BOARD
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St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
1:00 p.m.

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, Terri J. Rethlake, also present are:

Jerry J Miller-Voter
Robert E Miller-Jerry's son
Keith McGinnis-RBM
Rick Moffett-Head Machine Tech
Kim Riskovitch-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Nancy Lindzy-Absentee Clerk
Rita Glenn-Chief Deputy Clerk
Jason Critchlow-Democratic County Chair
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic County Co-Chair
Cindy Streich-Absentee Supervisor
Arielle Brandy-Dem. Member Voter Reg
Lynn Fitzpatrick-Republican County Chair
Penny Stratton-Election Clerk

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

Catherine moves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2018 and May 7, 2018. So, moved by Murray Winn, seconded by Terri Rethlake. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business

1. There was no old business.

New Business

1. Provisional Ballots

Murray suggested starting with Jerry J. Miller's provisional ballot. Mr. Miller's registration was cancelled by Voter's Registration. Upon further investigation it was found that Mr. Miller was cancelled in error, therefore the ballot should be counted. Terri informed the board that the Indiana Election Division said Mr. Miller needs to fill out a VRG-4/12. Kim Riskovitch said she had blank forms. Terri explained to Mr. Miller that he needed to fill out the form and this would re-instate his voter registration. Murray made a motion to accept Mr. Miller's provisional ballot. Terri seconded. So, ordered.

Martha Redden didn't present an ID at the polls on Election Day. She was given a provisional ballot. She came to the Clerk's office with her ID. Murray made a motion to accept Ms. Redden's provisional ballot. Terri seconded. So, ordered.

Tabitha Wiley's provisional ballot was for no ID at the polls. She didn't bring her ID to the Clerk's office; her provisional ballot will not be counted.

Margarite Bennett was a Military ballot received within ten days after Election Day. Murray made a motion to accept Ms. Bennett's military ballot. Terri, seconded. So, ordered.

Terri wanted the minutes to reflect that there were sixteen provisional ballots that could not be counted. Keith McGinnis tallied votes from the accepted provisional ballots and added the votes to Election night totals. Lynn Fitzpatrick, Jason Critchlow, observed this process as a bi-partisan team. Debbie Ladyga-Block and Nancy Lindzy attested to the observation. Debbie Ladyga-Block returned and gave the results of the provisional ballots. Tim Corbett sheriff candidate gained two votes from these ballots. Debbie said Lynn and Jason wanted a press release filed to update the change in votes. The board certified the votes.

2. Complaints about poll workers

Catherine informed the board a letter was received filing a complaint about a poll worker. The letter didn't designate a poll location it just gave the poll worker's name of Stephanie Sjako. The board asked Voter's Registration to not re-hire her as a poll worker for the General Election. Rita Glenn relayed a voter called her about concerns with the inspector Julie Rupel at Linden House in Mishawaka. The voter stated she was having trouble feeding her ballot into the machine and Ms. Rupel came over and took her ballot and was trying to every way to feed and was showing everyone her ballot. She also said she wasn't sure if her ballot was ever put in the machine because she was so upset she left.

3. Rick Moffett reported a machine tech informed him a poll worker at a multiple precinct had one stack of ballots and was giving all voters from this stack. Their concern is the voters weren't being given the proper ballot. Catherine said her recommendation would

be to go back to one precinct per machine. Terri said the poll workers weren't giving the proper ballots, so having one machine per precinct wouldn't fix the problem. Catherine thinks the volume of calls this year was more than the past had been with multiple precincts being on one machine.

4. Future Poll worker training

Catherine suggested condensing the training to under an hour. Catherine recommended removing the power point from training because we are losing the poll workers with the lengthy training. Terri said we needed more machine techs for checking people out after training.

5. Terri wanted to put on record that the Clerk's office would be opening the rejected ballots to record on each voter in SVRS that their ballot was rejected. The board said if a republican and democrat team work together there wouldn't be an issue.

6. Central Count

Catherine thinks we should continue to do Central Count, because it takes work off the inspectors and all the ballots were processed. We will need more workers for Central count in the fall, a larger room, the high-speed counter. Keith suggested 23 tables to process ballots to get the ballots to the counters. Terri wanted to know how many more deputy clerks would be needed, Murray wasn't sure at this time how many would be needed.

7. Rick Moffett wanted a thank you sent to Chip Porter with the County Highway and Steve Slauson of the County Parks because they supplied a truck and two men Election Day. He also requested a new laptop for the Machine Techs.

8. Kim Riskovitch brought to the attention of the board that on Election Day, there were voters who weren't showing up on the Epoll book but were registered in Voter's Registration system. Tim Vlock worked on these problems but Kim was unsure of what the problem was. The Epoll book was replaced and the issue was taken care of with the trade out.

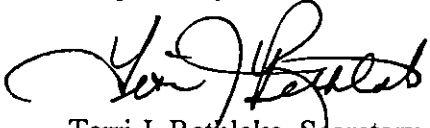
9. Catherine wants to know if the message center would be put back on the Epoll book. Terri said she would contact Knowink about this feature being included.

10. Complaint from voter

Murray read an email from a voter who was "creeped out" about having to vote at Timberland Bible Church. The voter had to walk into an anti-gay church. The voter asked that we stop using anti-gay churches as polling locations. The board wants a follow up on the complaint, to clarify how and why the voter felt this way.

The Chairman made a motion to adjourn at 2:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri J. Rehlake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "R".

Terri J. Rehlake, Secretary
St. Joseph County Election Board

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