

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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August 2, 2018

St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
1:30 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:

Rick Moffett-Head Machine Tech
Janet Buchanan-RBM
Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Jason Critchlow-Democratic Party Chair
Arielle Brandy-Dem. Member Voter Reg
Brandie Ecker-Thorne Grodnik
Kim Riskovitch-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Keith Mc Ginnis-RBM
Rita Glenn-Chief Deputy Clerk
Nick Abernathy-RBM
Rick Hunt
Lynn Fitzpatrick-Republican County Chair
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic Party Co-chair
Penny Stratton-Election 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 Terri Rethlake. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business

3. Terri informed the Election Board that Randy Kelly paid the fine assessed for delinquent CFA-4 forms. He accepted the reduction of the fine and paid the five hundred dollars. Case closed.
4. Brandi Ecker updated the Election Board that the Attorney General's office declined to pursue the Braun petition, unless the Election Board holds a hearing. Catherine asked the board if they wanted to hold a hearing. The board unanimously voted to not hold a hearing.

New Business

5. Catherine stated she serves as bond council for Union Township and they are in a petition remonstrance process. The notice of public hearing sent to the St. Joseph County Clerk Terri Rethlake is required by statute.
6. Terri updated the Election Board that the Secretary of State is continuing the token project that we were a part of in the Primary. The pilot required a token for workers to have access to SVRS. She didn't opt out of using the tokens because you would have to use a two-factor authentication to access SVRS without it.
7. Catherine suggested going over the spring dates for pollworker training. Murray and Terri suggested having more machine techs available for checking people out when training is done. Catherine suggested moving the weekday training in South Bend to Mishawaka. The dates and times are as follows:

Pollworker training

IUSB: October 20, 2018 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

October 27, 2018 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Battell Center: October 25, 2018 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

November 1, 2018 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Inspector training

Council Chambers: November 3, 2018 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:00p.m.

November 4, 2018 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

8. Murray and Terri made modifications to the letter to polling locations. Dave suggested adding the equipment will be delivered the Wednesday October 31, 2018 before the election.
9. Lana relayed a few of the accounts for election were overdrawn. Her concern was a few people might have been paid for working Election Day that shouldn't have. She also noted that the County Council scaled back the budget without consulting the Clerk or the Election Board. She has money in other accounts that could be in-line transfers to the overdrawn accounts.

10. Murray and Lana informed the Election Board that the Budget Committee was receptive to getting new Election equipment but felt like they still wanted to wait another year. Terri also mentioned new equipment in the IT governance meeting. The County's website wouldn't be able to do the real time election update because of the age of the equipment. They told Terri to get some numbers and put it on the next agenda.
11. Keith McGinnis went over his proposal for Walk-in Absentee equipment. The voter would check in and register, they would be given an activation code and the ballot will come up on the screen. They vote their ballot, then print it and put it in the tabulator. The ballots would be tabulated on Election night. Catherine asked the party chairs what their thoughts were on this equipment. Jason and Lynn both liked this system. Murray made a motion to accept the proposal for new equipment for absentee. Terri, seconded. Motion approved.
12. Terri informed the Election Board that we had to wait for New Carlisle Town Council Races because Town Convention had to be held. There are contested races in both parties.
13. Terri made a motion to that non-contested Town races not be put on the ballot. Murray, seconded. Motion approved.
14. Terri stated that the Township at-large races would not be part of the straight party ticket. There will have to be new language on the ballot explaining this to the voters. Janet will leave this information with Terri and she will email to the other board members.
15. Rick asked for another person for Election Day. Rick and Lynn also discussed the Republican position. Dave and Lynn will interview the person interested.
16. Terri suggested to everyone to start thinking about things we can do for election security.

Public Comment

Next meeting August 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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