

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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September 25, 2018

St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
2:30 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, Terri J. Rethlake, also present are:

Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Rick Moffett-Head Machine Tech
Keith Mc Ginnis-RBM
Cindy Streich-Absentee Clerk
Nancy Lindzy-Absentee Clerk
Rita Glenn-Chief Deputy Clerk
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic County Co-Chair
Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Arielle Brandy-Dem. Member Voter Reg
Lynn Fitzpatrick-Republican County Chair
Kim Riskovitch-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Penny Stratton-Election Clerk

2. Approval of the minutes from September 7, 2018 and September 12, 2018 meetings.

Catherine moves to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2018 and September 12, 2018 meetings. So, moved by Murray Winn, seconded by Terri Rethlake. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business

3. Keith McGinnis informed the board the Freedom Vote Equipment will arrive Thursday September 27, 2018, he would like to start training Tuesday October 2, 2018. The equipment will be set up on Monday, so he would like to train Cindy and Nancy then.

Penny requested to be trained with Cindy and Nancy. Keith suggested anyone who wanted to learn how the Freedom Vote works be involved in the training on Monday. All other Absentee Clerks will be trained on Tuesday. Keith suggested adding two clerks to Mishawaka to activate the machines. After training we will decide how many clerks will be doing what jobs and what location they will be at.

4. Lana explained she got a quote from Insty-prints and Carothers for a larger quantity of I Voted stickers. Debbie Ladyga-Block offered to contact League of Women Voters, so an outside group collected the donations for the stickers. The board agreed to have Debbie contact the League of Women Voters for their help.
5. Kim and Arielle explained that they have most of the polling locations confirmed but they are still waiting on some of the written confirmations to come in from some of the schools and a few other locations.
6. Arielle said the democrats need five more people for Central Count. Kim said the republicans have their twenty-three people.
7. Penny told the board that Rita and herself have confirmed the use of the County Council Chambers for Central Count. The County Council Chambers are reserved for Monday, November 5th afternoon through Tuesday, November 6th night. Catherine confirmed with Rick that they had card tables for us to use for Central Count.
8. Resolutions
Murray made a motion to accept Resolution 2018-11 amending Resolution 2018-05 IC 3-6-6-38.5 Serving as Inspector for more than one Precinct (For General Elections in 2018). Terri seconded. Resolution approved.
The Board also signed Resolution 2018-10 Establishing the Dates and Times for Voting Before the Absentee Voter Board, and Resolution 2018-12 (Rescinding Resolution 2018-08) Programming of M-100 Machines in 2018 General Election.

New Business

9. Terri stated that Keith gave her Resolutions from Vigo and Floyd County, so we can see how their resolutions read. Terri also explained that she talked to Angie Nussmeyer from IED who said that Matthew no longer agrees with the opinion he wrote when only three months into the job. Keith explained in 2015 Vigo, Floyd and Jackson County asked for an opinion for IED to feed the voted ballot through the scanner and then putting the voted ballot in an envelope and dropping in a ballot box. They got the opinion from Matt and have been using it since. Matt is now changing his mind because the Freedom Vote is a hybrid and there isn't a statute identifying how the system works. He would recommend processing the ballots the way as the other counties. Catherine asked why Matt is changing his opinion. Terri said he was taking it as an electronic machine and now they are saying it is an actual ballot. Catherine asked how Vanderburg County does their election. Keith said they put in an identifying code for each vote. If they have to pull a ballot they have to go to the handwritten ledger and find the voter's identification number

to recall that voter's ballot. Catherine asked what the State Election Commission called the Freedom Vote when they certified it. Terri said she would find out what the State certified the Freedom Vote as. Catherine raised concern about the secrecy of the voter when we put the ballot in the envelope. Catherine said she wanted to investigate a few things, so we will reconvene on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 12:00 PM. Terri asked what information the board wanted her to gather for the Monday meeting. Catherine said she wants an official opinion from the State Election Commission, and if one doesn't exist the board is going to as an election board figure out what our position is until an official position exist.

10. Terri informed the board that the absentee ballot deadline was met. All ballots were mailed or emailed for any applications we had.

11. Rick asked both parties for the ten precincts for the Public Test Date. He also informed the board that they have the Election Day ballots at the warehouse.

Public Comment

The next Election Board Meeting will be held at October 1, 2018 at 12:00 PM
The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 3:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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

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