

ELECTION BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2015

11:00 A.M.

Those in attendance: James Holland (President), Julie Schuette (Vice-President), Jay Phelps (Secretary), Shari Lentz (Voter Registration Supervisor), Dustin Renner (Chief Deputy)

The Bartholomew County Election Board meeting was called to order by President, James Holland, following the public test of election equipment. Bartholomew County Clerk, Jay Phelps, showed the board some examples of Apportionments of Municipal Election costs that other counties have charged cities for holding their elections. Jay reported that through conversations with the attorneys at the Indiana Election Division, it was suggested that the county shall charge the city for election costs. After discussion, the board decided to meet at a later date to look at specific details in regard to the change. Jay agreed to collect information to share with the board.

Jay discussed the employment of the machine technicians for the upcoming election. The party chairs will be contacted to make recommendations to fill the positions. Jim Holland suggested we review this information along with the number of machines at each vote center location.

The progression of the machine upgrade from Microvote was discussed. Jay asked for directives regarding the delay that our county is experiencing in receiving this needed upgrade prior to the 2016 elections. The certification is being tested by VSTOP at Ball State University. James Holland suggested that the board's attorney, Peter King, should be consulted on several of these matters.

Due to time restraints and the need to collect additional data for decision making, it was decided to reconvene this meeting until Tuesday, October 20th at 2:00 p.m.

President, James Holland reconvened the meeting with all those listed above in attendance. Jay Phelps reported on his conversation with City Clerk Treasurer, LuAnn Welmer, regarding the county charging the city of Columbus for election expenses for the 2015 Municipal Election. The budget for the 2015 City of Columbus is not reflective of this expense, since adequate notice of election charges were not prearranged with the city by the Election Board. LuAnn expressed that this expense would cause extreme hardship if the city were required to encumber election expenses at this time. The Election Board decided to create a resolution in the attempt to notify the city of Columbus of charges to be encumbered in the next Municipal

election in 2019. President, James Holland and the board's attorney, Peter King, will draft a resolution to address this issue.

Jay Phelps explained to the board that our MicroVote representative, Steve Shamo, had called him wanting to give our county 137 new or refurbished voting machines with the machine upgrade we are needing for the 2016 election cycle. One of MicroVote's customers in Tennessee is in need of our machines. Jay had asked Steve to come to today's meeting but he was unable to attend. The board requested that Steve report to the board at the next meeting regarding the card upgrade and certification as Steve has assured the board that the upgrade would be available by the first week of December.

The board members were notified by Jay Phelps that Dennis Baute and David Mann were willing to serve again this election as machine technicians. Julie Schuette recommended that the board ask Bartholomew County IT employees, Craig Pekar and the newly hired IT Director, Jeff Wehmiller to assist with the 2015 General Election at a rate of \$500.00 each. All members were in agreement of her recommendation. Jay agreed to contact IT employees to discuss the details of their employment for the upcoming election.

Jay Phelps then shared data from the 2015 Municipal Primary with board members. The board decided to send three machines to Healing Water Church and Main Source Bank. The board also reviewed and approved the proof for The Republic advertisement. It was decided to wait until 2016 to run the Comcast cable commercial. Julie Schuette requested that the staff look into using another room for voting at East Columbus United Methodist Church. The staff will contact the church to see if there is another space available at the church.

The board would like to approve vote center sites for the 2016 Elections in November of this year. Julie Schuette mentioned that the REMC building on Deaver Road might be a good vote center location. She asked the Election staff to explore the possibility of using the facility in 2016.

It was decided to meet on Friday, October 30th at 10:00 a.m. Jay Phelps will ask Steve Shamo of MicroVote to attend.

With no further business to discuss, President, James Holland, adjourned the meeting.