

ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2023

1:00 P.M.

Those in attendance: James Holland (Chairman), Mark Kevitt (Vice-Chairman), Shari J. Lentz (Secretary), and Taylor Seegraves (Elections Administrator)

Chairman, James Holland called the meeting to order.

The first order of business the election board reviewed the hearing minutes from August 18, 2023. The board unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes by acclamation.

The board reviewed a request that was made by James D. Lienhoop, Mayor of Columbus. Mayor Lienhoop is requesting that the election board set the early voting period from October 16th to November 6th for the City's 2023 Municipal General Election. The board reviewed costs, early voting turnout from the 2019 Municipal General Election & the 2023 Primary Election. Shari J. Lentz informed the board that September 7th is the deadline to submit an amendment to allow this change to the Indiana Election Division. Shari J. Lentz made a motion to honor the request of the city of Columbus to set the early voting period from October 16th to November 6th at noon for the City's 2023 Municipal General Election. James Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with an order adopting the 2023 Municipal Vote Center Plan Amendment to follow.

Shari J. Lentz informed the board that set-up for the Early Voting location, NexusPark, will be on October 13th and the set-up for Election Day locations will be November 6th.

Mark Kevitt made a motion to accept all proposed Vote Center Locations which are the same as the 2023 Municipal Primary Election. Shari J. Lentz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shari J. Lentz verified with the board that the public test will be conducted on October 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The board discussed the new machine cases & new storage arrangements. Due to the new machines cases and transportation issues, the board discussed alternate return procedures for the equipment on Election Day to lessen the strain on our poll workers as well as the need for addition personnel.

Shari J. Lentz informed the board that she has included the cost of new poll pads into next year's budget. Mark Kevitt made a motion to authorize Shari J. Lentz, Bartholomew County Clerk to purchase the new poll pads subject to the County Council's approval. James Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board briefly discussed the Election Night tabulation process and chose to keep things the same as previous elections.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.