January 18, 2019

St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
1:30 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, Rita L Glenn, also present are:

Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Bill Wilson-Voter and Pollworker
Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Kim Riskovitch-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Jamie Woods-County Attorney
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic County Acting-Chair
Lynn Fitzpatrick-Republican County Chair
Rick Hunt-Citizen
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 Rita Glenn. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business

Rita informed the Election Board that the Security Grant application went in front of the County Commissioners on Tuesday 1-15-19 and it was approved. The money will be set aside in a special account. The County Council will hear it next Tuesday 1-22-19 and the information has been sent to the State informing them we will moving forward with the grant application. Rita explained that Brian Davidson (Head of Maintenance) didn’t think the proposal quote would go up since it was from October of 2018. He also stated that they would be moving forward installing the cameras. Dave asked if the camera at the warehouse would be placed in the outside portion of the warehouse or the inside, because the proposal describes two different doors for one camera. Catherine and Murray suggested taking one of the six cameras from the Clerk’s office and putting two at the warehouse.
New Business

Jamie Woods explained that an individual requested voting history dealing with two individuals and how they voted in Primary Elections from 2008 to 2018. Jamie has met with Kim in Voters Registration and she is tracking down paper records documentation that would be available at the county level and working to get it from archives. As it would relate to electronic information pursuant to Indiana Election Division and a policy we implemented in 2017 all that information would be confidential. Jamie has had contact with the individual and informed them they should have the information requested within 30 days but doesn’t think it will take that long.

Rita stated she spoke with Keith McGinnis and he suggested tabling the proposal until our next meeting and he would be able to attend and be available for any question or concerns. Murray made a motion to table the RBM proposal over to next meeting. Rita seconded. So ordered.

Catherine stated we needed to have discussions on ways to make the Election run smoother and to use the technology that we have the way it is to be used. She also suggested that we investigate polling locations that could be eliminated.

Rita explained that we had proposal for voting booths that hold 4 voting units per booth. Catherine asked Jamie to look at this proposal from a purchasing perspective. Murray wants to look at the booths as to safety issues with electrical and cords. Catherine would also like to see what else is available.

Kim explained that the Order Establishing Boundaries were areas that had very few voters that were annexed. They were moved from the county to the city.

Kim said she contacted The Battell Center for training dates. The availability for the Primary training is Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 PM and Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 PM, and the General training is Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 PM and Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 PM. Catherine stated we will set all training at the next meeting.

Kim said she talked to Steve Miskin with South Bend Community Schools and he said that John Marshall School should be available to use for the Primary Election, so we shouldn’t have the problems at Grand Emerald Place that we had in the General last year.

Kim informed the Election Board that 9069 voters were cancelled due to no activity since before 2016.

Rita read the Oath of Election Board Member to Murray and Catherine.

Public Comment

Bill Wilson a South Bend voter stated that he participated in the first round of discussions for Vote Centers and was against them. He listened to explanations of pollworker shortages, so
he became a poll worker. He asked that the ID chute that explains what types of identification is accepted, states that it be an Indiana issued for the state ID.

Next meeting February 1, 2019 at 1:30 PM

The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita L. Glenn

Rita L Glenn, Secretary
St. Joseph County Election Board

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