April 24, 2019

St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
9:30 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:

Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Keith McGinnis-RBM
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic County Vice-Chair
Rick Moffett-Head Machine Tech
Caleb Bauer-South Bend Tribune
Jamie Woods-County Attorney
Arielle Brandy-Dem. Member Voter Reg
Terri Rethlake-Chief Deputy Clerk
Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Rick Hunt-Citizen
Cindy Streich-Absentee Supervisor
Nancy Sindzy-Absentee
Kim Riskovich-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Penny Stratton-Election Clerk

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 L. Glenn. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business
2. Catherine made the requested changes to the poll worker training material and will distribute this afternoon. Dave Smith approved the Epoll worker training guide.
3. Penny said she was going to contact Schmucker Middle School to make sure everything we needed for training was in place for Saturday April 27th.

4. Dave informed the Election Board that the poll workers will be able to be checked in with the Epoll book.

5. Arielle said that the Democrats had all their poll workers and were getting more to be at headquarters just in case some were needed. Kim said the Republicans had all their poll workers.

6. Catherine asked Jamie when the Commissioners meeting was to be held. Jamie said he thinks it is May 6th at 10:00 AM. Catherine asked to be placed on the agenda for the RBM contract.

7. Catherine explained that Jamie prepared a letter for the nursing facilities that said they didn’t have anyone who wanted to vote in the Primary Election. The travel board clerks will send these letters to those facilities.

8. Catherine asked Terri to forward the watcher memo to the party chairs.

New Business

9. Catherine had asked Penny to compare our Central Count Guidelines to the ones that were given out at the election convention in December. Penny and Rita said they didn’t see anything different between the two. Catherine questioned how we are to notify a voter that their ballot was rejected in Central Count. A discussion was held about this question.

10. Rita thanked Jamie for contacting Century Center and getting them to change the training room for the poll workers.

11. The training dates of Saturday April 27th, Thursday May 2nd, and Monday May 6th will need to have notices put out as meeting.

12. The Absentee Clerks provided a signature challenge to the Election Board. The application was rejected because the signature on file didn’t match.

Public Comment

The Chairman makes a motion to recess at 10:33 AM.

No discussion was held for a meeting on April 27, 2019.
Meeting reconvened on May 2, 2019

13. A discussion was held about a complaint filed from the Mueller campaign. The board decided Phyllis Emmons will be required to attend the election board meeting scheduled for May 17th to answer questions from the board. Catherine will notify the complainant of the board’s decision.

14. The Absentee Clerks provided a signature challenge to the Election Board. The application was rejected because the signature on file didn’t match.

The Chairman makes a motion to recess at 5:55 PM

Meeting reconvened on May 6, 2019


16. The Election Board had a discussion about watchers being in the Auditor’s office during counting on Election night. It was decided watchers will be allowed access to view through the window.

Next meeting is not scheduled.

The Chairman makes a motion to recess at 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Rita L. Glenn, Secretary
St. Joseph County Election Board

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