

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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St. Joseph County
Election Board Meeting
1:00 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:

Keith McGinnis-RBM
Phyllis Emmons-Absentee Clerk
Patrick Curran-Voter
Caleb Bauer-South Bend Tribune
Jamie Woods-County Attorney
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic County Vice-Chair
Joe Canarecci-Democratic County Chair
Kim Riskovitch-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Muhammad Shabazz
Trisha Carrico
Cindy Streich-Absentee Supervisor
Nancy Lindzy-Absentee
Terri Rethlake-Chief Deputy Clerk
Charles Leone-Citizen/Attorney
Amanda Kulwicki-Poll worker (Judge)
Sharyl Dawes-St. Joseph County GOP
Lisa DeBerry
Lana Cleary-Deputy 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 L. Glenn. So, ordered. Minutes stand approved.

Old Business

3. Malcolm Phelan filed a complaint against an absentee worker Phyllis Emmons. Catherine explained that the complaint was addressing concerns about electioneering. Phyllis Emmons touched a ballot and selected a candidate specifically Jason Critchlow. Cindy Streich explained that after she was informed of the complaint she asked all absentee employees how they explain the process of voting and reiterated they are not to touch the screen of the freedom votes. Phyllis explained that she thought they were to explain to the voter that they could clear a vote cast and recast another candidate, so that is what she was doing. Jamie Woods said the Election Board did their due diligence to investigate the complaint filed by the Mueller campaign. The Election Board agreed that the issue was addressed, and they found it to be a misunderstanding in training. Catherine made a motion that no further investigation is required. So, moved by Murray. Seconded by Rita.
4. Catherine informed everyone that the Auditors office is pursuing lease financing arrangement. Next Tuesday the Election Board will make a presentation to the commissioners about the RBM contract. Catherine informed the board that Keith will be disposing of the M-100s there won't be a credit from the M-100s. If we reduce the number of polling locations RBM will allow us to trade in 1 OVO scanner for 2 Freedom Votes. We will be purchasing 10 UPSs and we are purchasing 2 large scanner and trading in 2 minis for 1 large scanner for a total of 3 large scanners. A discussion was held about the costs in the contract. Murray made a motion to approve the presentation to the Commissioners for the RBM contract.

New Business

5. Jamie Woods stated there were eight ballots that were received in the mail after the deadline and they were not military or overseas. There were 28 provisional ballots that were rejected for various reasons: no election held in their precinct, voter was too young when they registered, voter not in correct precinct, ballot wasn't in a privacy envelope, privacy envelope not completed, privacy envelope not sealed, voter moved and didn't re-register in time, voter was canceled, voter not registered. Catherine read the absentee totals: 351 mail ins, 2491 walk-ins, 153 travel board for a total of 2995 absentee ballots. There were 7 signatures issues, 5 missing clerks initials, 1 no application, 1 privacy envelope not sealed, 1 power of attorney paperwork not filled out properly, 1 absentee envelope not signed for a total of 16 rejected absentee ballots. Catherine made motion to accept the official results of the 2019 Primary Election. So, moved by Murray. Seconded, by Rita.
6. Patrick Curran told the Election Board that he went to his precinct and was told he could vote because the system was down at 7:00 AM. He was told he had to come back later. He stated he couldn't come later and asked to do a provisional ballot. He was told to take the provisional ballot with him and to return it to the Clerks office. He was concerned about the training of the Inspectors of the polls. Catherine addressed his concern and

informed him the Inspector are trained and are told not to guess and to call the Election Board if they have any questions. Patrick submitted his ballot to see if it can be counted. The provisional ballot envelope was not filled out properly by the poll worker, so his ballot can't be counted.

7. Amanda Kulwicki said she was a judge at precinct 090502 & 090504 and wanted to know if it was appropriate for a minor to be an inspector. Kim explained the process she uses when filling positions on the poll worker board. There was a discussion held about youths being in positions on the poll worker board. Murray made a motion that a minor can't serve as an inspector. Rita seconded. Lisa DeBerry spoke on behalf of her son and said he was given permission to work the polls from her.
8. There was a voter complaint filed on Election Day at Fire Station #7 precinct 130115. The workers name was Shonta Agnew. She tried to take a ballot from the voter's hand after the ballot was filled out, she was loud and disruptive, and she was constantly on her phone. Muhammad said he also had several complaints on Election Day about Shonta and he would not be using her again as a poll worker.
9. A complaint came that the polling location at Harrison School opened late and mass confusion was rampant. Muhammad said the inspector was placed at the last minute. Trisha said that the inspector couldn't get into the school on time.
10. Rita stated that due to the bigger election next year, we will need more workers for the absentee offices. She and Penny were thinking 20 people in South Bend and 6 people in Mishawaka and the supervisor for a total of 27 Absentee workers. She also said she would like to request a dollar an hour raise for the workers that have been here in the past and to start any new employees at \$9/hr. Cindy stated she thinks Nancy should get the same pay as herself.
Penny stated we will need about 76-80 people to work Central Count.
11. Joe Canarecci asked Catherine to ask the Commissioner to adopt a policy to set the rules about the boundaries of County-City Building regarding electioneering.

Public Comment

Next meeting is June 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM

The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 2:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Rita L. Glenn, Secretary
St. Joseph County Election Board

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