June 13, 2019

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
Dave Smith-Machine Tech
Brandie Ecker-Thorne-Grodnik Legal
Rick Moffett-Head Machine Tech
Kim Riskovitch-Rep. Member Voter Reg
Debbie Ladyga-Block-Democratic Party Vice-Chair
Lana Cleary-Deputy Clerk
Zach Potts-Republican Party Chair
Terri Rethlake-Chief Deputy Clerk
Andy Kostielney-St. Joseph County Commissioner

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. Dave explained issues we had with machines and equipment on Election Day. Some of the issues were: the camera on the IPAD was freezing, the correction for that was to hold two buttons until the IPAD reset. The hot spot was defaulting back to the Verizon’s Wi-Fi signature, instead of Knowink’s Wi-Fi signature. Dave and Rick are going to check them before the election now. Two printers didn’t connect to the IPAD, but the technicians were able to fix the issues. Two M-100s were replaced.
4. Catherine stated that everything has been submitted and the Auditor has financing in place for the equipment we are going to purchase. Commissioner Andy Kostielney requested the Election Board to considering bring in a demonstration of election equipment for RBM and ES&S or anyone else that is appropriate. To see the equipment before that make a final decision on equipment. Commissioner Kostielney personally takes the recommendation of the Election Board as in the direction we should go, but since we are spending such a large amount of money to be able to see the equipment. The will be two demonstrations on June 26th at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Rick and Dave will bring an IPAD for RBM for Demonstration. Debbie Ladyga-Block voiced concerns about the equipment we have already purchased for central count and what the ramifications will be if we change vendors now.

5. Rita asked to except the number of employees requested at the last meeting, due to the time constraint on the budget. Catherine asked for a recap. Rita said we would like to have 26 employees between South Bend and Mishawaka Absentee office and 1 supervisor for a total of 27 absentee employees. Murray read from the minutes that Penny requested 76-80 workers for central count. Lana asked about contractual budget and other costs for the election. Catherine’s recommendation is to budget for the highest amount whether it is the old or new machines.

New Business

6. Catherine made a recommendation pursuant to Indiana election code that each party supply the poll workers and central count workers instead of Voters Registration obtaining these workers.

7. The Election Board approved the CEB-9.

8. Catherine said she read an article that stated the Secretary of States office made a comment that the Election Boards have a lot more responsibility with campaign finance reports than what we were led to believe in the past and she wants to decide how we are going to approach the review of campaign finance reports. She was to develop a checklist of the items are generally problems areas and go through and review the CFA-4s. Catherine will send Terri the article to review.

Public Comment

Next meeting is June 26, 2019 at 2:00 PM
The Chairman makes a motion to adjourn at 1:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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

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