

Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 27th, 2020 at 2:00 PM
Tippecanoe Room

Present: County Board of Elections and Registration: Randy L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie Roush; Deputy Election Commissioners: Joe Bumbleburg & Ryan Munden; Election Board Staff: Sean Lutes & Kelli Stump; and members of the public

Meeting Called to Order: At 2 PM, Chairman Vonderheide opened the meeting by inviting Joanne Evers to lead those in attendance with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February 6th, 2020 meeting were presented. *A motion to approve was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.*

Benton Community School Corp public question: Roush shared that a public question from the Benton Community School Corp was certified and needs to appear on our primary election ballot. We are to "make arrangement for the referendum: "For the eight (8) calendar years immediately following the holding of the referendum, shall Benton Community School Corporation impose a property tax rate that does not exceed thirty-one cents (\$0.31) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property taxes imposed by the school corporation for the purpose of retaining teachers and support staff, maintaining class sizes, and academic, agricultural, vocational and fine arts programs, and enhancing student safety and security?" **A motion to approve was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.**

Policy for Access to Voter Registration Data Maintained on a Computerized System: Roush presented to the board a data and fee policy created with the help of County attorney Doug Masson to access voter registration data maintained on SVRS (see attached). There was discussion about only using removable media provided by the county, to avoid any possible security threats or corruption to the county's network. **A motion to remove language allowing removable media sources and to approve the policy was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The minutes were approved unanimously and as modified.**

Notice of Death of an officeholder: It is with sadness that the death of County Councilman Bryan Metzger was noted at the meeting. A notice has been sent to the Republican Chairman and Bryan's name has been removed from the 2020 primary ballot. Bryan's service to the citizens of Tippecanoe County was recognized and condolences were expressed to the family.

Election Prep update: Roush shared the following information:

1. VSTOP has provided us with a list of random voting systems to test at the Public Test meeting and machines have been set aside.
2. About three weeks ago, county chairs received a list of past poll workers and recent volunteers. We are awaiting their approval, so we can begin contacting workers and assign positions.
3. We have reached out to several proposed voting sites to work out hours and dates;
4. We have restored Jenks Rest as a voting site, after the Mayor stated they will not tear it down until after the November election.
5. We have updated reporting forms and made them clearer for the poll workers. We will print in-house and make them available on demand, rather than out sourcing printing as in times past - Less cost involved.
6. Ballot preparation is nearly completed. We are awaiting formatting from GBS, after which we will widely circulate this to interested parties to be proofed before going to print.
7. Absentee ballot requests must be in hand by March 6th.

Unfinished/New Business: The board staff has finished a list of candidates and elected officials who still have financial reports outstanding. Vonderheide stated he would generate a delinquency letter.

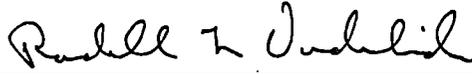
Public Comments: Joanne Evers requested the board approve the vote center schedule before the Public Test meeting. It was agreed a sooner meeting would detail the information. Zachary Baiel requested more information be uploaded to the county website. Heather Maddox stated that according to the Vote Center

Plan electronic data on election day is supposed to be downloaded every 2 hours [Current Vote Center Plan does not have this language]. Susan Schectner expressed the importance of the integrity of our voting system.

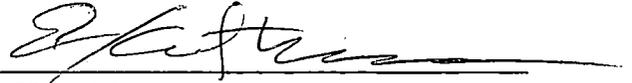
Adjournment: With no further business before the board, *Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Roush, Secretary.

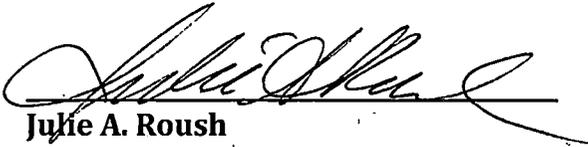
County Election Board:



Randall L. Vonderheide
Chairman of the board



E. Kent Moore
Board Member



Julie A. Roush
Tippecanoe County Clerk