

Tippecanoe County Board of Election and Registration
Public Meeting
Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 at 10 AM
Tippecanoe Room and Live Streamed

Present: County Board of Elections and Registration: Randall L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie A. Roush; Deputy Election Commissioners: Joe Bumbleburg & Ryan Munden; Board Staff members, Juan Ramirez, Mike Smith & Germany Harris; Republican Chairman Tracy Brown; Democrat Chairman Heather Maddox; and members of the public/press.

Meeting Called to Order: At 10:00 AM, Being the 100th Anniversary for Women's Suffrage, Chairman Vonderheide invited a member of the League of Women Voters to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the June 12th meeting was presented. ***Motion to approve minutes was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. Minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.***

Vote Center amendment to approve Early Voting Schedule (see attached): Roush stated the 28 days of early voting includes 10 different voting sights and offers 331 hours and are offered on two Saturdays before the election. ***A motion to accept the presented schedule, as a minimum, was made by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide, with the provision that an additional week of extra sites be considered as an additional add-on. Motion passed unanimously.***

Updates: Clerk Roush updated the Board on the status of candidate filings noting that school board petitions were the last filing deadline (August 21) with withdrawal allowed until 8/24. After those deadlines pass, ballot preparation will begin. As of today, there are over 2500 absentee by mail requests.

Roush then presented the Board with two certifications for sign off that must be filed with the Indiana Election Division.

The first was certifying the equipment inventory (form IEC-22). The only change from the last inventory was the addition of 7 OS machines from Franklin County purchased for \$300, making a total of 14 on hand.

The board then reviewed Form VRG-21 certifying all voter list maintenance required under Title 3 of the Indiana Code was conducted in accordance with state and federal law. ***The Board signed both forms.***

Roush shared she has requested a new printer/scanner from the Sec'y of State's Office. She has also requested the use of a large printer due to the increase in ABS ballots. Mr. Vonderheide asked she keep them informed and to work it out as best she can.

The next order of business was to approve the Poll Worker Contract. Clerk Roush asked consent to table this item until the next meeting. There was no objection.

Selection of Voting System. The Board took up the selection of a new voting system. Mike Smith of the Board Staff presented an overview. Five machine systems were reviewed at a public demonstration March 9th, after which extensive technical research was conducted, along with interviewing other election officials around the state and visiting other jurisdictions. Two finalists, MicroVote and Unisyn were invited to give a second demo held for long time pollworkers, local officials, and technical experts. The group's feedback overwhelmingly endorsed MicroVote. Mr Smith echoed this by affirming his research indicated MicroVote was the best fit for our county. After entertaining questions from the board and public, Mr. Smith made the recommendation to procure MicroVote. ***Mr. Vonderheide made the motion to acquire MicroVote, seconded by Roush. Motion carried unanimously.***

Old Business. Clerk Roush reviewed health and PPE measures that will be in place during the election.

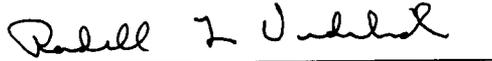
The issue of having a ballot box was brought up. It was highlighted that state law does not allow for unattended ballot boxes, and warning was issued by the Indiana Election Division. Clerk Roush indicated they would work towards a solution of having an attended box near election day.

Public Comment. Public Comment was invited. Among the comment received was Ken Jones urging drive through ballot drop off, and several speakers concerned about having more vote centers on Purdue campus, which staff responded was still a work in progress. Heather Maddox stressed the viability of traveling boards to assist those we would usually reach by early voting in assisted living facilities. Michelle Tomarelli queried about drive through solutions and about a possible pollworker shortage to which staff responded was not the case locally.

With no further business before the board, ***Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM***

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Roush, Secretary, County Election Board.

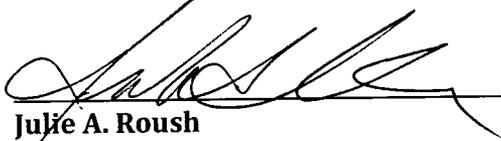
County Election Board:



Randall L. Vonderheide
Chairman of the board



E. Kent Moore
Board Member



Julie A. Roush
Tippecanoe County Clerk