

Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at 10:00 AM
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 absent; and members of the public/press

Meeting Called to Order: At 10:05 AM, Representative Chris Campbell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 15th meeting were presented. *A motion to approve was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.*

Vote Centers: There was a discussion of the vote centers. In 2016, there were 19 vote centers on Election Day, 18 were proposed for the 2020 primary and 18 early voting sites were proposed as well. The League of Women Voters requested the High Schools again to serve as early voting sites. Payless Headquarters agreed to have their stores serve as early voting sites. Contact with Purdue Union is needed to work out some issues. Proposed preliminary early voting sites are: Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration, Friendship House, Westminster Village, Indiana Veterans Home, The Springs at Lafayette, University Place, Krach Leadership Center, West Point Fire Station, Fellure Foods (Otterbein), Lauramie Township Fire Station, Jefferson High School; McCutcheon High School, Harrison High School, West Lafayette High School, Greenbush Pay Less, Beck Lane Payless, West Lafayette Pay Less and Maple Point Pay Less. Proposed preliminary Election Day Vote Centers are: Battle Ground Fire Station, St. Lawrence Social Hall, Dayton United Methodist Church; The Outpost, Clarks Hill Christian Church, Wea Township Trustee's Office/Fire Dept., Tippecanoe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Faith East Community Center, Shadeland Town Hall, Eastside Assembly of God, Evangelical Covenant Church, Federated Church of West Lafayette, Lafayette City Hall, West Lafayette City Hall, Lafayette Fire Dept. Station #5, Wabash Township Fire Station #1, Greater Lafayette Career Academy, Purdue Memorial Union or Krach Leadership Center. A finalized plan including scheduled days and times will be presented later and it was agreed that the list could be added to, or reduced, based upon factors including previously used locations. Roush presented a map showing the voting site coverage for Tippecanoe County as well (see attached). *A motion to approve all proposed preliminary sites was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The motion passed unanimously.*

Certification of Voting Systems and ePBs: According to IC 3-11-16-5, the board certified an updated list of voting system inventory. Roush will submit list to VSTOP.

Public Access to Voter Data & Fee Policy: Roush reported that according to IC 3-7-27-6 (c) that the county must have a nondiscriminatory uniform policy adopted by the county election board. A policy is being worked on.

Reporting Compliance: According to IC 3-9-4-14 (4)(3), the county election board shall post a list of delinquent financial reports in a public place at or near the entrance of the board's election office. Roush reported that there are a few people that have failed to turn in the information. The board staff has notified them several times and is working on an updated list. The current list is to be posted on the BER office door with the BER board to consider further enforcement action.

Poll Worker Contract: Due to a change in the law, the Board of Elections and Registration are now responsible for approving the poll worker contracts. Roush reported that some of the changes include a place to add the pay for an hourly poll worker and mechanic (currently \$11 and \$15 respectively), pay of an election day worker that breaks out \$20 of training pay (with a disclaimer stating that if they fail to attend training they will not be paid for it), the break out of the meal allowance according to hours worked on election day and another disclaimer stating that the \$20 training pay will be forfeited if a poll worker fails to work on election day. (See attached contract). **A motion to approve the Poll Worker Contract was made**

by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide. The contract was approved unanimously and without correction.

Board Staff Update: Roush reported that Board staff are now bonded and qualified notaries. All employees using SVRS have passed the State Proficiency Test. Board staff are keeping up with candidate filings and have been trained on how to post them on the county's website page. The board staff, clerk and employees from the clerk's office processed thousands of names on petitions turned in from all presidential and governor campaigns. Roush also stated that she has received several complaints that the Elections office is closed, particularly at lunch time and asked for the Boards expectations on how to handle lunches. Lutes suggested that Board staff could alternate their lunch breaks. Vonderheide suggested we look at what the county policy says and follow it.

Website guidelines for posting meeting minutes: Roush reported that the Board was asked to post minutes on the county website. It had never been done in the past, but we have the capability. It was agreed to post meeting minutes in a reasonable time on the website.

Unfinished/New Business: Due to confusion concerning the State's policy on electioneering, Roush reiterated what the state had said at a conference and in an email: *Electioneering would be considered if someone wore something "explicit" as to who or what to vote for. A slogan, such as "Ready for Change, ready to lead" or "Make America great Again" was not considered electioneering material.*

Roush proposed having a Vote Night to allow the county and interested citizens to test new equipment and rate them. Due to a call made by a social worker for the disabled, Roush also proposed having a mock election that would allow the public to learn how to use our current voting machines. The board agreed.

Moore suggested the Board should hold an Executive Session to discuss Board staff issues. It is attentively planned for Thursday, February 13th at 10 AM in Conference Room C.

The Public Test of election equipment will be scheduled for Thursday, March 26th at 10 AM in the Tippecanoe Room. It was asked that GBS would again lead the test.

Public Comments: County Councilman Lisa Dullum expressed her concerns with voting locations. Melissa Gruver, with Purdue, announced that she is the appropriate liaison to facilitate community activities such as voting.

Adjournment: 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.

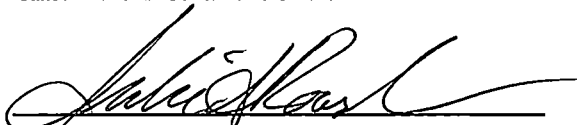
County Election Board:



Randall L. Vonderheide
Chairman of the board



E. Kent Moore
Board Member



Julie A. Roush
Tippecanoe County Clerk