

Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration
Virtual Board Meeting
Monday, April 30th, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Tippecanoe Room

Present: County Board of Elections and Registration: Randall L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie Roush; Deputy Election Commissioner Joe Bumbleburg (via YouTube) Ryan Munden; Election Board Staff member Germany Harris; and members of the media and public. Deputy Election Commissioner Ryan Munden was excused from appearance.

Meeting Called to Order: At 10:07 AM, Chairman Vonderheide opened the meeting by inviting Germany Harris to lead those in attendance with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 9th, meeting was presented. ***A motion to approve was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.***

Resolution to Implement Qualified Students as Election Officers: The board discussed that a unanimous vote was needed to approve students to work the polls. 16 & 17-year-old students may be appointed as an absentee voter board member to help with mail and in-person voting. IEC Ord No. 2020-37 states that students do not need to provide written approval of the principal of the school, if not in-session or is educated in the home. ***A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The motion was approved unanimously and without correction.***

Resolution under IC 3-11.5-4-11 to provide for the processing and counting of absentee ballots at 6 AM on election day: It was advised by the Indiana Election Division to adopt this resolution. Processing of absentee mail-in ballots will occur at 111 4th St (basement of the Prosecutors office). ***A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The motion was approved unanimously and without correction.***

Election Notice: Roush shared with thanks to Assessor Eric Grossman, information about the June 2nd election and absentee mail-in ballot applications went out to property owners in their assessment notices at the end of April.

Coronavirus Strategy supplement to the Vote Center Plan: Roush suggested that the strategies created to deal with the Coronavirus be added to the Vote Center Plan on file with the Indiana Election Division in the section for Emergency Planning. ***A motion to add the supplement to the Vote Center Plan was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The motion was approved unanimously and without correction.***

Unfinished/New Business:

Vote Centers: The board considered the social distancing requirements by the state and vote center limitations for election day and early in-person voting and understands the need to rescind March 9th's voter center Amendment. Roush explained that under normal circumstances, the state requires that there is 1 vote center for each 10,000 active voters.

However, IEC Order No 2020-37 states that the board must provide 1 vote center for each 25,000 active voters. The board has revised the vote centers which will provide 1 vote center for each 7,000 active voters. A map was shared with the proposed vote centers. The fourteen (14) vote centers are: Tippecanoe VFD #1 (Battle Ground), Tippecanoe VFD Station #2, Federated Church, Northview Church, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center, St. Lawrence Catholic Church Social Hall, Lafayette Fire Dept. Station #5, Oakland Elementary School, Faith East Community Center, Eastside Assembly of God, River City Community Center, Evangelical Covenant Church, Wea Ridge Elementary School and Dayton United Methodist Church. **A motion to approve the election day vote centers was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The motion was approved unanimously and without correction.**

The eight (8) satellite vote centers discussed were: Tippecanoe County Board of Elections Office, Eastside Assembly of God Church, River City Church/community Center, West Point VFD Station, Fellure Foods (Otterbein), Northview Church, St. Lawrence Community Center and Stockwell United Methodist Church. Satellite vote center schedule is attached. **A motion to approve the satellite vote centers and the schedule was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The motion was approved unanimously and without correction.**

Roush shared that the Indiana Election Division created an online portal on Indianavoters.com (statewide voter registration system) to submit an absentee ballot application online. It was up and running on Tuesday.

The staff is working with administrators of residential healthcare facilities to deliver pre-filled out absentee applications.

Some reductions of costs have been found: Reduced mailing expenses via nonprofit pricing of outgoing mail for 200 or more pieces. Reduced size of return/security envelopes reduced postage from \$1.20 to .50 cents. Overseas postage is now paid by federal government.

Cost estimates when facing absentee by mail only has been substantially reduced. We will still need to face additional costs of labor, postage and supplies for this record absentee turnout.

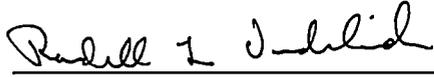
Secretary of State is working on procuring Personal Protective Equipment for all Indiana counties elections.

Announcement: The *Public Test of Election Equipment* will be on May 14th at 10 AM. It is unknown at this time the number of people allowed publicly in the Tippecanoe Room: the county will provide a virtual viewing.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, *Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 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