

Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration
Public Meeting
Thursday, March 23rd, 2021 at 10:30 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; Democratic Chairman Jacque Chosnek; Republican Chairman Tracy Brown; and members of the public.

Meeting Called to Order: At 10:30 AM, Chairman Vonderheide invited Democratic Chairman Jacque Chosnek to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 13th, 2020 meeting were presented.

Motion to approve minutes was made by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide. Minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.

Certification of Voting System and ePollbooks: The County Certification of Voting System and Electronic Poll Book Inventory (IEC-22 see attached) was signed and submitted to the Secretary of State and to the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) on 2/10/2021.

West Lafayette City Council Appointment: February 16th, a Republican Caucus was held to fill WL City Council District 6 vacancy due to the death of Norris Wang (see CEB-4 attached). Dr. Jeffrey Brown was appointed.

Late, defective & missing annual Campaign Report filings: According to 3-9-4-17 failure to file shall assess a civil penalty of \$50/day up to \$1,000. Commingling of funds, wrongful use of campaign contributions may also assess a civil penalty. Vonderheide requests that we give notice of the issues with candidate/campaign filings. **Board will table this issue till next meeting.**

Vote Center Plan update: Clerk Roush informed the board that they will receive a copy of the updated Vote Center Plan to be approved in 2021.

Acquisition of new ePollbooks: Clerk Roush stated that the county may receive a grant to receive new ePollbooks. She informed the board that the staff is still researching ePollbook options. Knowink ePollbooks do not have a usable USB source, therefore, if the county purchases Knowink, cradle points, a router, charging bins and extra charging cords would also be needed.

MicroVote Election System update: Certification of the equipment cases by the state may occur around August. The units are backordered till maybe April. VVPATs are currently available in the warehouse.

Poll worker Survey: Mike Smith shared a power point he created from the data collected from a poll worker survey. There were 119,357 registered voters in Tippecanoe County for the 2020 general election. 82.8% of possible voters are registered. 1 in 6 eligible voters are not registered. (We run about 12 percentage points behind the state average.) There were 31 voting locations during early voting and election day. 20 vote centers were utilized on election day in November. That is 1 per every 5,968 registered voters. IN Code requires only 1 per 10,000 voters, which means only 12 centers are required in Tippecanoe. Early voting was held at 11 locations. In 2016, we had 22 locations. IN Code required only 3 at that time. We provided 705 total contact hours to vote. We hired 238 election workers during the fall election. Almost an equal distribution of men and women worked the polls. 11.8% were over the age of 71, 11.8% were between 61-70, 21.1% were between 41-60, 13.4% were between 26-40, 26.9% were between 18-25 and 8% were less than 18. 83.4% of poll workers identified as white, 6% as African American, 4.6% Hispanic, 4.6% were Asian-Pacific Islander, .9% were other and .5% preferred not to answer. Educational Attainment of over

50% of poll workers had a college degree or higher. 46% of the workers were rookies. Over 21% worked more than 5 times, over 14% worked once before. Recruitment: 43.14% self-motivated, 12.75% recruited by political party, 13.73% recruited by another election worker, 6.86 by a High School program, 6.86% recruited by an advocacy group, and 14.71 % recruited by board staff. The poll workers rated their experience an 8.9 on a ten-point scale (10 being the best). 90% of those polled said they would work the polls again, 2% said they would not, and the remaining said maybe.

Mike was commended for his hard work.

Purdue Election Observation Project: Dr. Eric Dietz and Krassimir Tzvetanov presented some of their observations from a class project on the 2020 general election, which involved 7 students. Mock elections, improving signage, tabletop exercises and improving training are some of the issues we may revisit with Dr. Dietz class in the future (see attached report).

Unfinished/New Business: Shadeland Town Council races are off-cycle due to some ordinance mishaps. They are working on abolishing their districts and making all of them at-large.

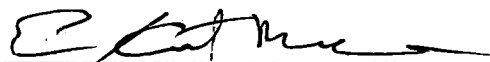
With no further business before the board, ***Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM***

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