

Tippecanoe County Board of Elections and Registration
Public Meeting & Hearing
Thursday, January 12th, 2023 at 10:30 AM
Tippecanoe Room

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; County Commissioner and Republican Chairman Tracy Brown; Democratic Chairman Jacque Chosnek; and members of the public and media.

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

Public Notice: Roush informed board that notice of meeting was posted in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5. Meeting was posted on website 30 days in advance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December 28th, 2022 meeting were presented.

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

Accept Official Filing of the 2022 West Lafayette Council Ordinance: Mike Smith explained that an Ad hoc task force got together to revisit the proposed city boundaries and districts. The group included West Lafayette City attorney Eric Burns, City Councilman Nick DeBoer, Daelen Ogas with Area Plan, to make adjustments to the original plan so it could pass statutory requirements. He recommended that the adjusted plan be approved. **A motion was made by Vonderheide to take from the table the resolution to accept the West Lafayette Council Districts and seconded by Moore. Motion carried. Motion to accept the official filing of the 2022 West Lafayette Council Revised Districts was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. Resolution was approved unanimously.** Moore shared comments by the city attorney the appreciation they had for the board staff. Smith noted that Stephanie Davidsen with the Secretary of State's office was an "angel" for carrying this back and forth to the state. Roush commented that 18 splits were reduced to only 3 splits.

Campaign Finance Hearings: Carl Krieger, a TSC school board candidate in the November election in 2022, requested a hearing to contest late filing fees of \$550 (11 days late), pursuant to IC -3-9-5-17(c). Juan Ramirez and Carl Krieger testified. **Moore made a motion to reduce the civil penalty to \$50 and seconded by Vonderheide, per IC 3-9-4-19. Motion was approved unanimously.** Taletha Coles, Fairfield Township Trustee office holder and candidate. Coles did not request a hearing or appear on her behalf. Germany Harris testified. Coles was informed of the hearing. From 2018 to 2022, there are late filings, defective filings, and missing filings. Coles refused to work with staff. Civil penalty reached the maximum of \$1,000, as she failed to file the 2022 pre general election campaign finance report. **Vonderheide made a motion to impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 for failing to file reports for the 2022 election and was seconded by Moore. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Campaign Finance Finding for late, missing, & defective reports: Roush asked board permission to allow staff to work with candidates with defective reports from 2019 going forward. Those who refuse to work with staff will be brought to the attention of the board. A list was passed out to the board.

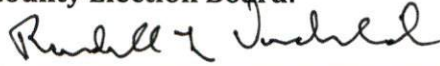
Unfinished/New Business - Announcements: Roush announced Jadah Horace was hired as an intern from Purdue. Campaign Finance report is due January 18th at noon, Municipal Primary Filing Ends February 3rd at noon, Regular Party Campaign Finance Reports Due by March 1st at noon, Absentee by mail release deadline March 18th, Voter Registration Closes April 3rd, and Machine Public test Must Be Conducted by April 3rd.

Next tentative meeting time is Thursday, March 2nd at 10 AM.

With no further business before the board, ***Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 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