

Tippecanoe County Election Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 18th, 2022 at 1:00 PM
Tippecanoe County Office Building, Tippecanoe Room

Present: County Board of Elections and Registration: Randall L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie Roush; Deputy Election Commissioners: Ryan Munden & Joe Bumbleburg; Voter Registration Staff members, Germany Harris, Mike Smith, Juan Ramirez & Intern Nathan Miller; Democratic Chairman Jacque Chosnek, and members of the public/press.

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Vonderheide invited a member of the public to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 8th, 2022 meeting were presented. *A motion to approve was made by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide. The minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.*

County Certification of Voting Systems & e-Pollbooks: According to IC 3-11-16-4, voting equipment was certified by the Board and IEC-22 documentation was sent to the Secretary of state.

Review of Absentee and Provisional Ballots: Roush informed the board the county received 2,434 mail-in ballots, 101 e-mailed ballots, 16,060 in-person early voters, and 36 Travel Board ballots, for a total of 18, 631 ABS ballots received. 230 ABS mail-in ballots sent out were not received back. 34 mail-in ABS were rejected: 8 were missing signatures, 26 arrived late. (This does not mean voter did not vote, as there were voters who voted on election day in-person who either surrendered their ballot or feared their ballot would not come back to us in time.) 20 issues, such as signature or cover page not filled out were cured. Those missing signatures or other information needed were notified by mail. If we had phone number and e-mail address information, they were notified those ways as well. One ballot was pulled prior to counting due to death before election day.

There were 29 provisional ballots. *A motion to reject 19 provisional ballots was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. A motion to accept 10 provisional ballots was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. Both motions were approved unanimously.*

Certification of 2022 General Election: The board was presented with the Statement of Votes Cast for the General Election, the CEB 25, CEB 13, CEB 12, CEB 11, CEB 9, and CEB 9 Section II. *A motion to approve the certification of the 2022 General Election Results was made by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide. The Election Results were unanimously approved and certified without correction.*

USPS worked very hard this year to deliver ballots to us. Their efforts were very appreciated. We received an enormous number of address changes on election day. There were also numerous reports that address changes were made via BMV, but the changes were not made in the State's voter registration system. We also had an unprecedented number of phone calls and texts, starting at 4 am. We need more phones and people helping with these calls. 701 texts and cell phone calls were received by 4 of us on election day. Additionally, at the office, 396 calls came in and 250 went out – all on election day. This is a lot of work on staff who are also out in the field doing various things. Roush has scheduled a meeting with commissioners to discuss issues to better prepare for the 2024 election.

Appreciation was expressed to the Assessor's office, Assessor Eric Grossman and James Werner for letting us use their office space and help with the map application used during early voting and election day. Appreciation was given to Intern Nathan Miller, who served Tippecanoe County

during his fall semester at Purdue. Appreciation also went out to all those who hosted vote center sites, and Faith West was very gracious and accommodating, as they offered voters chairs, coffee, and cookies.

General Election Staffing, Expenses, and Statistics: Smith stated he had many poll workers call offs at the last minute and struggled with high school students not showing up as poll workers, stating, "More than usual this year". The 2022 General Election costs are estimated to be around \$97,000. We spent \$82,000 in the primary. Amounts are low due to not having to pay for software fees or ballot preparation this year due to the purchase contracts of the new election system. Going forward, our costs will be over \$100,000.

We did not have problems getting election workers, and only 1 minor and isolated incident was recorded in the Town of Dayton by someone handing out School Board candidate literature. Voters, due to the unfamiliarity of new election machines and VVPATS, and poll workers taking time showing voters in detail how to vote, took on average 5 to 15 minutes to vote. Statute allows voters 3 minutes to vote. We will continue to work on educating poll workers and voters on the new election systems. Moore suggested posting signs stating the time allowed to vote at vote centers. Moore also expressed, "We appreciate Tippecanoe County Poll Workers' willingness to help ... Great democracy due to their willingness to work together."

Unfinished/New Business: 2019 and 2020 election materials, stored at TEMA, have passed their scheduled destruction date. **Vonderheide made a motion to destroy the election materials, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously.**

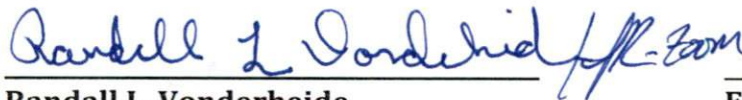
Board scheduled a meeting to make technical corrections at 10 am on Wednesday December 28th.

Public Comment: Questions from Lisa Dullum concerning wait times at vote centers was asked. Vonderheide suggested the county continue to stress to voters to vote early in order to avoid long lines on election day. League of Women Voter's (Joanne Evers) offered to help educate the voters.

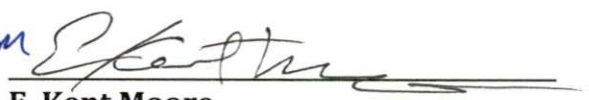
Adjournment: With no further business before the board, Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned around 2:00 PM.

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