

ELECTION BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2015

10:00 A.M.

Those in attendance: President – James Holland, Vice President – Julie Schuette, Secretary – Jay Phelps, Chief Deputy – Dustin Renner, Voter Registration Supervisor – Shari Lentz, MicroVote Sales Representative – Steve Shamo

President, James Holland called the pre-election meeting together. The first order of business was to hear from Steve Shamo, our vendor from MicroVote in regard to our voting equipment and the machine card certification needed for the 2016 Elections. Steve explained that MicroVote has a client in Tennessee who is in need of our current equipment, as our machines would be an upgrade for them. The serial numbers on our current voting machines are similar to those needed by the Tennessee client. Steve stated that because of our patience with them through the upgrade process of our machines, MicroVote would like to offer brand new machines with new processors to us for \$870.00 per machine, the price Bartholomew County had agreed to pay for our current machines to receive the necessary upgrade. The new equipment would be very similar to our current machines except that prior to starting an election, a zero proof must be printed. This change is a result of a new federal law requirement. If we were to buy new machines from MicroVote, the cost would be \$3,900.00 per machine. He explained that MicroVote's cost is \$2,400.00, so in essence Microvote would incur a loss of \$1530.00 per machine. The new machines would come with a ten year guarantee, easily hold 10,000 votes per machine, and include a much quicker tallying process. The new machines would be delivered mid-December. President, James Holland, called for a vote to proceed with the exchange of machines. Included in the motion was the condition that our current machines are not to be released to any state or county unless the new machines we receive have the Version 4.1 on them and state certification is complete. A vote to accept the agreement with MicroVote was unanimously passed by the three member board.

President, James Holland, presented the resolution that pertained to the Bartholomew County Election Board charging the city of Columbus for election costs in 2019 going forward. All members signed the resolution and by acclamation adopted the resolution. Resolution filed in the Voter Registration Office on October 30, 2015.

Clerk, Jay Phelps, gave the board an update on absentee voting. Payment for the Information Technology staff was discussed. Zac Holt and Katherine Williams will each receive \$500.00 for each Election Day worked. Jay Phelps also reported to the board on the number of machines assigned to each vote center location. Future Election Day vote center sites for 2016 and beyond were discussed. The board wishes to select locations shortly after the 2015 Municipal Election. Vice President, Julie Schuette, would like a new location for the East Columbus vote center.

The meeting was adjourned by President, James Holland.