

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
ELECTION BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2015

Attendees: James Holland (President), Julie Schuette (Vice-President) and Jay Phelps (Secretary).

Others in Attendance: Jim Hartsook (IT Director), Shari Lentz (Voter Registration and Elections Supervisor) and Taylor Seegraves (Voter Registration Deputy)

President, James Holland called the meeting to order. The first order of business was to discuss the Campaign Finance Report filings. Four individuals, (Bob Sullivan, Pat Wilson, Deloss Clouse and Colleen Hughes) had delinquent campaign finance reports from 2011 and 2012. Jay Phelps made a motion to disband the campaign committees of the four individuals listed above according to IC 3-9-1-12. James Holland seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to disband the committees. Further discussion in regard to campaign finance included the imposing of fees to those who are delinquent in filing campaign financial reports. After discussion, it was determined that the letter sent to candidates should include the Indiana Election Code along with the fines that will be assessed if campaign deadlines are not met.

A motion was made by Jay Phelps to alter the Copy and Computerized Registration Records fees. His motion called for the deletion of the e-mail charges for party/walking lists, absentee application and absentee ballot reports and mail merge or other data extracts. All other copy fees remain in effect in accordance with county copy guidelines.

A motion was made by Vice President, Julie Schuette, to publish campaign finance reports on the website. Jay Phelps seconded the motion. Reports of all open campaigns are to be uploaded to website the week of January 26, 2015.

New business included Jay Phelps explaining the need for two additional vote centers for the 2015 Municipal Election. A map of the City of Columbus was presented with the following locations under consideration: Donner Center, Grace Lutheran Church and Main Source Bank (will serve as satellite locations as well as Election Day sites) St. Johns Masonic Lodge, Healing Waters Church, East Columbus Christian Church, The Commons and Terrace Lake Church (Election Day site only). Jay Phelps and IT Director, Jim Hartsook, will investigate sites for compatibility. Two additional KnowInk Electronic Poll Books will be required if eight sites are utilized.

In order to eliminate costs Clerk, Jay Phelps, made a motion to hire a republican and democrat machine technician at the rate of \$500.00 for Election Day only. In previous elections, machine technicians were paid \$25.00 per machine per person. Programming 137 machines @ \$50.00 per machine costs our county \$6,850.00 per election. It has been suggested by Microvote that we use office staff to program the machines due to the lengthy process of programming each machine and thus creating a substantial savings for the county. Julie Schuette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ideas for poll worker training were discussed. Jim Hartsook recommended that a laminated, one sheet page of instructions for set up and troubleshooting be created for poll worker use.

Jay will check with the Commissioners to see how we should handle the delivery of machines to vote center locations. Jay is also to check with other counties to see how delivery and pick up is handled.

President, James Holland, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay Phelps seconded. Meeting adjourned.