

ELECTION BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2015

Attendees: James Holland (President), Julie Schuette (Vice President), & Jay Phelps (Secretary)

Others in Attendance: Megan Banta (The Republic), Shari Lentz (Voter Registration/Elections Supervisor), Taylor Seegraves (Voter Registration Deputy Clerk) and Dustin Renner (Elections/Accounting Deputy Clerk).

President, James Holland called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order. Vice-President, Julie Schuette began the meeting by expressing her concern in regard to the lack of notification she received regarding vote centers. She reported receiving an email after The Republic had been notified of the vote center locations. Jay explained that he did not give The Republic information in regard to early voting locations, only Election Day sites that had been discussed at the previous election board meeting. James Holland expressed concern as well about the use of Healing Waters Church as the satellite location to be opened the week prior to the election. His concern was that the community is not familiar with the location. Julie Schuette also expressed concern that church members were presenting voters with information regarding church services. Jay Phelps asked Shari Lentz to check with the poll workers who had worked the Healing Water location to verify this information. The board also decided to see if Grace Lutheran Church would consider hosting the week prior to the election voting.

Next discussion point was to address poll worker pay. It was decided to leave poll worker pay the same on Election Day. The satellite boards will also be paid an hourly rate, the same as absentee boards in previous years.

Absentee poll workers will be paid accordingly: Inspector: \$12.50/hr., Democrat Judge: \$11.88/hr., Republican Clerk, Democrat Clerk, and Republican Judge: \$10.63/hr. Election Day poll workers will be paid as follows:

Inspector: \$201.00 per Election Day, Democrat Judge: \$181.00 per Election Day, Republican Clerk, Democrat Clerk and Republican Judge: \$171.00 per Election Day. The satellite boards will also be paid an hourly rate, the same as absentee boards in previous years. It was also determined in order to be consistent, that the satellite locations on the Saturdays should be open from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The delivery of the voting machines to each location was then discussed. It was determined that the Voter Registration office staff will be responsible for the set up at each satellite and Election Day locations. The poll workers, Inspector and Democrat Judge, will be responsible for the delivery of the machines back to the courthouse each day. On Monday, April 27th through Friday, May 1st, the stands will remain at the location but the panels and poll pads will be returned to the Voter Registration Office. Jay will need to collect three bids from moving companies to be used for voting machine delivery. The bids should be submitted to the commissioners for their selection and approval.

Secretary, Jay Phelps advised the board of his plan to bring small groups of poll workers into the office for training. The training time and dates will be determined.

Conversation in regard to advertising vote centers to the public resulted in James Holland asking Jay Phelps to put together a proposed budget outlining various advertising media. The use of The Republic, radio stations, signage, television commercials, county website and the creation of a Facebook page were discussed. Jay will create the proposed budget and present it to the board upon completion.

President, James Holland, adjourned the meeting.