

SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

January 25, 2022 –Commissioners Room

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Lindsey. Also present board members Gina Pennington, Clerk Darrell Stephens and Voter Registration Officer Sandy Wilkinson. Lindsey participated via telephone. Also present Julie Smith-Frazer of the Journal-Democrat.

Minutes from December 20, 2021 meeting approved on motion from Gina Pennington and second by Darrell Stephens. Passed with 2-0 vote. Lindsey not voting due to participating in meeting by phone.

Vote Center Proposal-Stephens advised the board that the VC proposal was received by the Indiana Election Division (IED) on January 5, 2022 via registered mail but as yet there had been no acknowledgement of receipt from the IED. Stephens said he would contact IED and see what the status of the proposal was.

Jon Wright Small Claims (CFA)-Stephens reminded the board that the proceeding supplemental regarding penalties imposed for Jon Wright's late filing of financial reports on the final 2020 CFA was scheduled for Thursday, January 27th at 9:30 am. Lindsey said he would be unable to attend court and advised Stephens to attend, representing the Election Board.

IEC-22 Form-Stephens presented an IEC-22 Form along with voting equipment inventory for Board signatures. The form and inventory are required to be submitted to VSTOP and the Secretary of State's office by January 31st. Stephens and VR officer Sandy Wilkinson revised the inventory, deleting four voting machines that were not in inventory, adding serial numbers to the poll pads and including the new poll pad encoders. Stephens advised he would submit form before the day was over.

VRG-21-Stephens advised that Form VRG-21, concerning voter list maintenance was due to IED on February 25, 2022. Stephens and Wilkinson are aware and will have form filed.

Release of Vote Center Information-Stephens and Wilkinson discussed ways to educate voters about the new Vote Centers. Media and mail flyers were proposed. Any efforts to be on hold until acknowledgement from the IED.

MicroVote Annual Contract-Annual contract from MicroVote (service and maintenance provider for voting equipment) has been received and is for four years (2022 thru 2025) with a \$1,000.00 increase annually. Stephens has requested time at the February 15th, 2022 county council meeting as the council has to approve and sign the contract.

Southern District Court/Voters with Disabilities-Stephens presented a letter from Zachary Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana requesting information about Americans with Disabilities Act polling place access of Spencer County for the 2020 election. Lindsey said he would call and see what information they require.

Election Publication Order-Stephens requested input on ordering election publications and posters provided by the state. It was decided to order 12 of each.

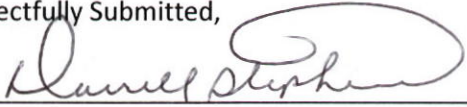
House Bill 1116-Stephens presented a copy of the Bill which proposes implementing VVPAT (Voter verifiable paper audit trail) usage on voting machines by as early as November, 2022. The original mandatory usage date is set for 2029. The VVPAT provides a paper record of an individual's vote. Spencer County has only 20 of the VVPAT machines which would not be enough for all voting machines scheduled to be used. The Bill was presented so the board was aware of the potential change and could start looking into adding machines and at what potential cost if the Bill is passed.

County Funds/Accounts 1143 and 1215-Stephens advised the board that two election accounts have been discovered. Both accounts have funds in them but have been dormant for some time. There are Indiana Codes pertaining to the accounts and it appears that the funds can only be used for election related expenses. More research is to be done but Stephens advised that he was hoping to be able to use some of the funds for a mail-out to inform voters about the move to vote centers

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in the commissioner's room.

Pennington made motion to adjourn meeting, Stephens seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary



Jeff Lindsey



Gina Pennington