

SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 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. Also present Don Steen of the Spencer County Leader.

Minutes from January 25, 2022 meeting approved on motion from Gina Pennington and second by Darrell Stephens. Passed with 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS- Stephens advised the board that the county Vote Center proposal had been filed at the Indiana Election Division on 1/25/2022 completing the last step in moving Spencer County to vote center status. Stephens also advised that IEC-22 (election equipment inventory) and VRG-21 (voter list maintenance) had been filed by due dates and that Jon Wright small claims case (penalties for late CFA forms in 2020 election) had been resolved.

Southern District Court ADA report-Lindsey had not been able to contact the Southern District court in regard to a letter received about a 2020 report on Spencer County compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Stephens was requested to follow up with the court and determine what the court needed in regard to the report.

Election accounts 1143 & 1215-Stephens presented information about the two recently located election accounts and the purposes the funds could be used for.

MicroVote-Stephens advised that the MicroVote election service contract (for machine programming, public test, ballots and poll pad programming) has been filed with MicroVote for the 2022 primary and general elections. Cost will be \$14,400.00 and the board will have to go to the county council to ask for additional funding. Stephens also advised that the precinct report from MicroVote had not been numerically changed to reflect the removal of precinct Harrison 3 and as a result ID number 14 was taken away but the rest of the precincts after Harrison 3 retained their original number resulting in Ohio 6 being identified as number 25. Stephens had MicroVote make that change renumbering Huff as 14 and on through to Ohio 6 as number 24. Stephens felt there could, at some point, be confusion that there were 25 precincts listed instead of 24 and the change will reflect that there are only 24 precincts in Spencer County.

Mail-out flyer in Tax Bills-Stephens requested permission to include a flyer explaining the new vote center process in tax bills. The flyer would reach over 12,000 residents at a cost of \$939.26. Pennington made the motion to approve the flyer. Lindsey seconded and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Key Election Dates-Voter Registration Officer Sandy Wilkinson went over key election dates informing the board that registration dates for South Spencer and Heritage Hills High Schools students had been set for March 9th and 10th respectively. Wilkinson also went over travel board and early voting dates. The election board decided that early voting at Santa Claus would be held on Tues, April 19th, through Thursday, April 21st; Saturday, April 23rd from 9-3. Wilkinson also advised that Nursing home packets for travel board had been sent out.

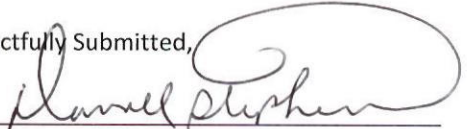
Early Voting Hours-Hours for early voting were discussed with a possibility of reducing hours since this is a primary election and turnout is expected to be low. It was decided to hold poll worker training on April 25th and 26th at 6:00 pm at the Chrisney Youth and Community Center with an election board meeting preceding the training on the 2th. The Board meeting will start at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner approval for early voting-Lindsey and Stephens advised the board that a letter had been submitted to the commissioner's requesting the use of the commissioner's room for early voting and that the commissioners had approved the use of the room.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10:00 am in the commissioner's room.

Pennington made motion to adjourn meeting, Stephens seconded. All voted in favor. **(See back of minutes for signatures)**

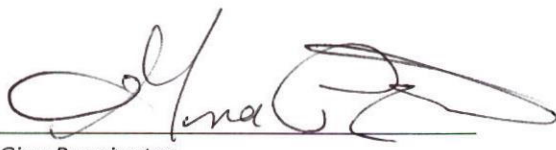
Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary



Jeff Lindsey



Gina Pennington