

SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

2023 (28)  
Wednesday, January 18, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Commissioner's Room at Courthouse

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Lindsey. Also present board members Gina Pennington, Clerk Darrell Stephens and voter registration officer Sandy Wilkinson.

Minutes from November 18, 2022 meeting approved on motion from Gina Pennington and second by Darrell Stephens. Passed with 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

**NEW VOTING MACHINES**-Stephens updated the Board on the status of the order for new voting machines. The financing was approved by the county council in the amount of \$168,000.00 for 60 machines and as per latest update from MicroVote it was possible (but not certain) that the machines may be in place in time for the 2023 primary election.

**Proposal from An Island**-Stephens informed the Board that he had met with the company An Island regarding a voting software program and website that the company, which is based in Perry County, has available. The program provides election information and provides voting results on election night. The company provided some cost analysis and left some materials about how their product works.

NEW BUSINESS

**IEC-22 Certification Forms**-The Board signed and certified the IEC-22 form pertaining to the county's voting equipment. The form was due to the Election Division by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Vote Center & Early Voting** -The Board discussed the possibility of amending the Vote Center plan in regard to voting locations and early voting hours for the 2023 municipal elections. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to determine what action, if any, to take. The candidate sign-up deadline is Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Until that time there was no way to determine how many municipalities would need to have a primary election.

**Candidate Sign-ups**-VR Officer Sandy Wilkinson advised the Board that sign-ups as of this date had been slow with only six so far.

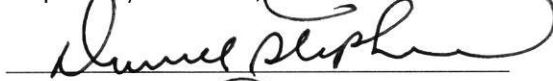
**Survey of non-Returned Absentee Ballots**-Wilkinson advised the Board that she had done a phone survey of some of the 71 individuals that requested absentee ballots for the 2022 general election but did not return those ballots. Wilkinson found that several people just chose to not vote. It did not appear that an inordinate amount of ballots were lost or did not make it to their destination although there were some discrepancies about addresses in the Dale and Santa Claus area. Wilkinson and Stephens felt that the survey was beneficial as voters were receptive to the follow up about why they did not vote and a couple of patterns were identified that could be explored if there are problems in future elections.

**Annual MicroVote contract**-Stephens presented the annual MicroVote contract for approval by the Board. MicroVote provides election services for the County. Pennington made motion to accept, Stephens seconded. Passed 3-0 with President Lindsey signing the contract.

The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the commissioner's room at the Courthouse.

Pennington made motion to adjourn meeting, Stephens seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary



Gina Pennington



Jeffriann Burroughs