

SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 10, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Commissioner's Room at Courthouse

Meeting called to order by President Gina Pennington. Present were board President Gina Pennington, board member Jerriann Burroughs, Clerk Darrell Stephens.

Minutes from June 20th, 2023 meeting were presented by Stephens and approved on motion from Pennington with second by Stephens. Passed with 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidate Sign-Ups-Stephens and Wilkinson informed the Board that with the candidates signed up there was currently only one contested race and that was for Santa Claus Town Board. The only deadline left for candidates that hasn't expired is August 1st for write-in candidates.

Amendment to Voting Locations-Stephens advised that VR Officer Sandy Wilkinson had been in touch with the Indiana Election Division (IED) pertaining to proper procedures in amending voting locations and what other changes to election policies might be possible with the probability that only one town (Santa Claus) would be having an election. The IED explained some alternate plans and explained that an amendment to the vote centers would be needed and would be effective as soon as it was submitted to the IED. Election costs were also discussed as the formula for calculating those costs is different for vote center counties. Stephens advised the Board that with current information and candidate sign-ups it appeared that Santa Claus would be responsible for the entire cost of the 2023 Municipal Election but that there was an option of Santa Claus negotiating a with the Election Board for an alternate payment. Stephens said he would call Jane Lindsey, Santa Claus Clerk-Treasurer and discuss election finances with her.

2024 Budget-Stephens informed the Board that the 2024 Election Budget was due to be submitted to the Auditor's Office by August 1 and that he was scheduled to appear before the County Council at 9:00 a.m. on August 23 for budget hearings. Some adjustments in pay and benefits for poll workers were discussed and Stephens was advised to prepare budget and get it submitted. Stephens advised the Board that he would email them a copy of his draft in case there was anything they wanted to change before submission.

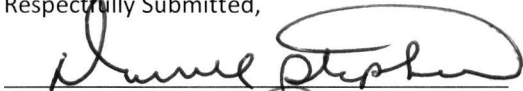
NEW BUSINESS

2023 Vote Locations-The Board discussed what locations would be needed. It appeared that Santa Claus would be the only location that would need to be open on Election Day but no final decision was made at this time.

The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, August 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in the Voter's Registration Office at the Courthouse.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary




Gina Pennington, President

Jerriann Burroughs