

## SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m., Voter Registration Office at Courthouse

Meeting called to order by President Gina Pennington. Present were board President Gina Pennington, board member Jerriann Burroughs, Clerk Darrell Stephens and Voter Registration Officer Sandy Wilkinson.

Minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting were presented by Stephens and approved on motion from Burroughs with second by Stephens. Passed with 3-0 vote.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Santa Claus Election Costs**-Stephens advised the Board that he had talked with Santa Claus Clerk Treasurer Jane Lindsey and informed her of the financial options that the town had in regard to the November election. Santa Claus will basically be responsible for the cost of the election as it is the only municipality with contested races. The other option is that the town could reach out to the Election Board and request a negotiation on costs. As of meeting time the town had not requested a negotiation.

**2023 Voting Locations**-The only locations needed for voting in the fall election will be Santa Claus on Election Day and the Courthouse for limited Early Voting. VR Officer Sandy Wilkinson explained that she had talked with Matthew Kochevar with the Indiana Election Division (IED) and those two locations would be adequate as long as an amended Vote Center plan was submitted to the IED. The amendment can be submitted at any time and goes into effect upon receipt in the IED offices. It was decided to limit Early Voting to just five days (see attachments with Early Voting hours and worker requirements). Stephens was advised to work on an amendment to submit to the IED reflecting the time and location changes.

### NEW BUSINESS

**2024 Budget Hearings**-The Board discussed the Budget hearing meeting that all members had just attended prior to the Election Board meeting. All Members felt that the budget presentation had gone well.

**Clay 1 Township Split**-Wilkinson and Stephens had discovered a questionable county/town split in precinct Clay 1. President Pennington was aware of the issue and said it had been resolved at some point in the past. Stephens and Wilkinson were to get the issue resolved with MicroVote and SVRS (Statewide Voters Registration Services) and get the split removed from current paperwork.

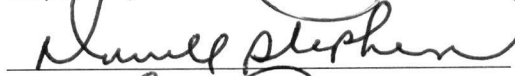
**Public Test**-The Board was advised that the public test of voting equipment for the November 7 election was scheduled for Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Voter Registration office.

**Meet with Perry County, etc.**-Stephens advised the Board that he and Wilkinson were working with various counties (including Perry, Knox and Warrick) in regard to various changes that Spencer County has implemented in the past couple of elections. The other counties have expressed an interest in possibly making some of the same changes.

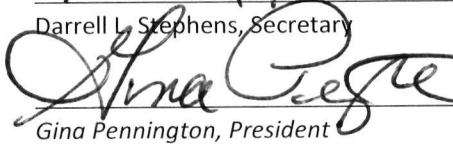
The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Voter's Registration Office at the Courthouse.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary

  
Gina Pennington, President  
Jerriann Burroughs