

SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 1:00 p.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 August 23rd, 2023 meeting were presented by Stephens and approved on motion from Burroughs with second by Stephens. Passed with 3-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Test Legal Notice- Stephens presented the notice sent to the Spencer County Leader to run the notice of the Public Test of voting equipment on October 2nd at 2:00 pm in the Voter Registration Office. The Notice was scheduled to run in the Leader in the September 20 and 27 editions.

Santa Claus Election Costs-Stephens presented a current list of expenditures for the Town of Santa Claus and their November election. Current figures have the cost as of September 19 at \$7,325.00.

Poll Workers-Absentee worker lists are set with deadline for Election Day worker submissions by noon on October 17th.

2024 Tentative Budget-Stephens presented the Election Board budget proposal for 2024 as set by the County Council. The Council was set to meet later in the day (on the 19th) for further review of the budget. Stephens informed the Board that he had asked for review on line items in Dues and Travel and that he felt those two areas needed to be increased some to keep up with increased fees and costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions-Stephens presented Election Board Resolution 2023-1 setting Early Voting hours for the November election. The hours listed in the resolution were those discussed at the August 23 meeting. The Board had received questions from two individuals as to why there would not be Early Voting in Santa Claus. The Board discussed the same topics that had been discussed in August. Expected low voter turnout, only one contested Town Board seat, the low turnout in 2019 with all three town Board seats contested, logistics, cost, the speed which individuals should be able to vote and leave the polls with an expected turnout of only about 400 over a 12-hour period and did not see any reasons that were compelling enough to change the previously discussed hours. Stephens then made a motion to accept the Resolution, Burroughs seconded and the Resolution passed with a 3-0 vote. Stephens then presented Election Board Resolution 2015-4 which stated that there would not be voting in any towns or cities that did not have contested races. Pennington explained that resolution 2015-4 was designed and passed as worded in order to cover future elections when there were no contested races in a municipality. Stephens then presented Amendment 2023-1, which altered the original Vote Center Plan (presented to the Indiana Election Division in 2021) by eliminating the need for Vote Centers in those municipalities that had no contested races. Stephens made a motion to accept, Burroughs seconded and the Amendment passed with a 3-0 vote. The Amendment was to be submitted to the IED and would go into effect upon their receipt of the document.

Contract & Certificate of Liability-The contract for voting at the Santa Claus Community Center (SYCC) on November 7 has been signed and the SYCC has been presented with the counties Certificate of Liability for insurance.

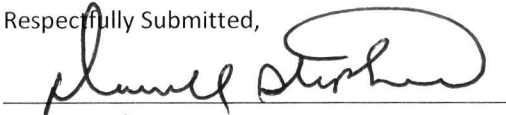
Secretary of State (SOS) Grants-Stephens presented paperwork from the SOS pertaining to the availability of two million dollars in grant money. Stephens and Wilkinson discussed some projects they thought might be eligible for grant money. The deadline for submissions is October 31st, 2023.

New Equipment Order-Stephens advised the Board that he had purchased two high-speed printers (used to print tally tapes of voting records) for use at election time. The Board had purchased seven new high-speed printers last year and the two new ones will replace two of the old, outdated printers that were still in use.

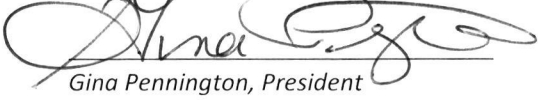
The next meeting date was set for Monday, October 2nd, at 1:30 p.m., prior to the scheduled Public test of Voting equipment, in the Voter's Registration Office at the Courthouse.

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

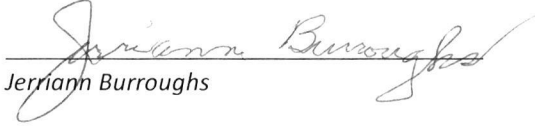
Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary



Gina Pennington, President



Jerriann Burroughs