

SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

MARCH 24, 2021 – 11:00 – VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Lindsey. Also present board member Gina Pennington, Clerk Darrell Stephens and Voter Registration Clerk Sandy Wilkinson.

January 20, 2021 Board minutes were approved as presented with a vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidate CFA Forms- Voter's Registration Clerk Sandy Wilkinson reported that all CFA forms had been received after John Wright turned his in on February 2nd. Wright failed to pay late fees that had been assessed therefore it was decided to notify Wright, by letter, that unless fees were paid within 30 days of receipt of the notification that the case would be taken to small claims court.

Vote Centers – Wilkinson presented a copy of research she had compiled in regard to vote centers based on six sites with early voting continuing at the courthouse and Santa Claus sites. Included were estimated costs, number of workers and amount of equipment that would be needed. Gina Pennington commented on locations of vote centers in conjunction with town council elections and the possibility of coordinating those. All board members were in agreement as to scheduling a public meeting as the next step in going forward with the conversion to vote centers and to move forward with budget proposals based on vote center status.

New Business

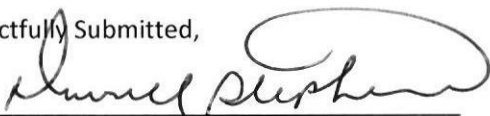
HB1357 & SB353-Stephens advised the board that these two bills carry language that could, if passed, result in some changes to current voting procedures. HB1357 addresses straight party ballots in relation to at-large offices and SB353 would require the last four digits of an individual's SSN or driver's license number to be added to an absentee ballot request. Lindsey suggested reaching out to our state representative or Senator for further information about the Bills.

Encoders for Poll Pads – Wilkinson presented projected cost for encoders to be used with poll pads. The encoder would provide a precinct specific ballot for each voter. The correct ballot would load onto a card which would then be placed into the voting machine thereby providing each voter a specific ballot his/her precinct. The encoders would reduce the potential for human error as a judge would not have to load the correct ballot manually. Pennington made a motion to purchase encoders for each poll pad and have ready for use in next election. Darrell Stephens seconded and motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Re-Districting – Stephens advised the board that the United States Census numbers have been delayed and will cause a delay in regard to any re-districting that may result from the census. Pennington commented that Spencer County was usually not

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 11:44 am. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary



Jeff Lindsey



Gina Pennington