

## SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 –Commissioners Room

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 February 15, 2022 meeting approved on motion from Gina Pennington and second by Darrell Stephens. Passed with 3-0 vote.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Early Voting Days/Hours**-Stephens and Wilkinson advised the board that state requirements required that early voting at the courthouse must be open 28 days (28-Day Clerk rule) prior to election day, calling for hours that matched those of normal operating hours in the clerk's office. Stephens and Wilkinson also informed the board that they did not think there was a need to have the commissioner's room open for early voting in the primary. Both felt that early voting and absentee voting could be handled by the absentee workers and done in the Voter Registration office.

**MicroVote Election Service Fees**-Stephens reported he is on the council agenda for March 15<sup>th</sup> to ask for additional funding for Microvote fees for machine programming and ballot preparation. Lindsey and Pennington directed Stephens to also ask for \$2000.00 for account 121-4112.00 (clerical assistants) which was cut from the 2022 budget proposal.

**Poll Worker Training & Important Dates**-VR Officer Sandy Wilkinson went over upcoming important dates (see attachment) including poll worker training on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Vote Center Mail-out**-Stephens advised that arrangements had been made to include a Vote Center flyer in tax statements when they were mailed out. He also informed the board that a mail-out to all county residences would be more expensive than originally thought, with a quote running between \$3,500.00 and \$4,000.00. It was decided to focus on social media and newspapers during the primary to get out the word on Spencer County's move to Vote Centers. Lindsey made a motion to proceed in the manner discussed. Pennington seconded and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**Southern District U. S. Court ADA report**-Stephens said that he had talked with Jeff Preston, attorney with the U. S. Department of Justice for the Southern District of Indiana. Preston said that a report submitted by Spencer County in September of 2020 did not include the information that was requested. The report, to gather information from each county in the Southern District of Indiana, was to assess whether each county's voting program was accessible to persons with disabilities pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended). Preston agreed to extend the deadline for a new report to be filed until April 1, 2022.

### New Business

**Voting machine and Worker list**-Wilkinson presented a list with proposed number of machines and workers at each voting location (see attachment).

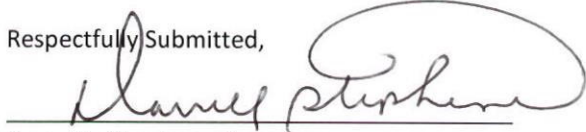
**Legal Notice of primary**-Stephens briefed the board about primary preparations including legal advertisements and a public test of voting equipment which is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the voter's registration office and will be conducted by representatives of MicroVote. A question regarding absentee poll worker pay resulted in the board discovering that a poll worker salary ordinance had not been included in the 2022 budget. Although the amounts requested on the budget proposal for absentee workers were approved the actual amounts per hour and per day had not been added to the budget. Pennington made the motion to go to council and ask for clarification on the salary budget for poll workers. Lindsey seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Stephens also informed the board that Provisional ballot envelopes needed to be changed per the Indiana Election Division and therefore would need to be reprinted which he was looking into.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 10:00 am in the commissioner's room.

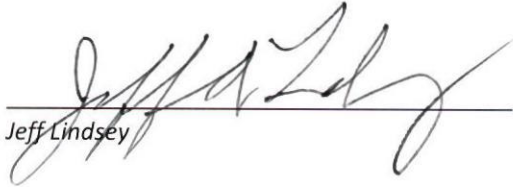
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Stephens made motion to adjourn meeting, Pennington seconded. All voted in favor.

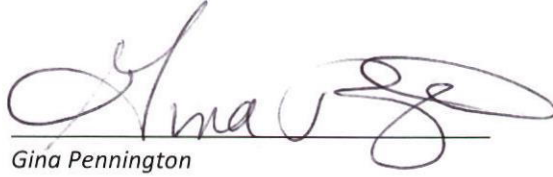
Respectfully Submitted,

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Darrell L. Stephens, Secretary

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Jeff Lindsey

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Gina Pennington