Voter Experience Project
Module 1 Presentation Feedback & Discussion Notes | April 15, 2013

Presentation Feedback
Slide 15: Can we provide the total cost in 2002?
Slide 18: Wanted to better understand the governance structure of the Election Board
Slide 25: How many sets of eyes proofing ballots?
Slide 27: Clarify that primary election ballot order depends on the highest vote getter in each precinct for the last general election pursuant to state law
Slide 31: When are provisional ballots tallied?
Slide 33: Clarify in future presentations that inactive & active voters appear in the poll book
Slide 35: Who decides how we can vote on Election Day in Indiana?
Slide 39: Question about the 5 mile requirement. May want to further explain site requirements in our polling location presentation.
Slide 41: Do you need more equipment for a central count? May want to explain how our current technology does not fit the central count requirements; difficult to find equipment on the market now to work with our old machines
Slide 42: What are the public notice requirements for polling location changes in a precinct-based election?

Responses to Questionnaire
Question 1 – What are your constituent goals for this process?
1. To make it easier and more convenient to vote
2. Voter-centric ease of voting, Hard copy vote trail, Containing costs
3. Increased voter accessibility & opportunity
4. An opportunity for all eligible voters to safely and accurately cast their vote is the ultimate goal
5. Fundamental fairness in the election process
6. Focus on short and long term fiscal impact to the County, replacement cost cycle, annual operational costs
7. To make an informed & fiscal responsible decision as to conduct & technology of future elections
8. Access to voting process. Improved site access, including location, transportation needs, parking, equipment, etc. Also, use of absentee, other alternatives to vote including satellite centers, etc.
9. I don’t know. But my goal is to promote a process in which as many legitimate voters who wish to vote are able to do so, To have relevant information available to inform their voting decision, Have their vote count (NOTE: I reworded this comment slightly to make it more readable.)
10. To have a large & active educated voting population in Indianapolis
11. Easy to understand/fair elections, How technology can assist in voting process, Use of technology to provide measured and certified results/defensible results
12. Come up with the best possible way for Marion County voters to cast their ballots. Weigh the +/- of the different technologies and forms of voting.
13. Best voting process; ballot security; fraud; accessibility; costs
15. To get the best, most cost effective, machines to meet needs of Marion County
16. For persons with disabilities my goal is to make the ease of voting so transparent and friendly that the use of absentee, early or whatever means encourage more people to vote & enjoy it! New technology is out there- let’s use it! The majority of people are embracing cellphones, iPads, laptops.

From meeting discussion (may duplicate above responses):
- Make it easier, more convenient
- Fundamental fairness in the process
- Hard copy vote trail
- Short or long-term fiscal impact to the county
- Informed and fiscally responsible decision in elections & voting technology to do so

Question 2 – What new information did you hear tonight?
1. Complexity of decision making process when weighing variables on location and machines
2. Anyone can request a provisional ballot & the requirement that 1 Vote Center is required for every 10,000 voters
3. Vote Centers not a good option for large county vs. smaller communities
4. Many of the detail and lines of authority that govern the election process
5. Distinction between Precinct & Vote Center methods of conducting elections
6. Complexity of Vote Centers for urban areas, Lack of clarity in statutes
7. Vote Center vs. Precinct – new to me.
8. Precinct vs. Vote Center descriptions, Election Board processes
9. I learned a great deal this evening & need to process this information to provide feedback on topics for further discussion/explanation & data needs. I will email more thoughts in the near future.
10. I received clarity on how precincts are moved and voters notified. I gained knowledge of differences (cost/technological) & necessities for both precinct and Vote Centers.
11. How many Vote Center per voters and this does not include inactive voters
12. Need more clarity in Vote Center requirements.

From meeting discussion (may duplicate responses):
- Cost & complexity of vote centers
- Lack of clarity in the statute for vote centers
- Three-member Board ultimate direct decision – their authority & oversight

Question 3 – What topics need further discussion and explanation?
1. Security of the ballot transportation and vote count process
2. Pros & cons of managing 65 Vote Centers
3. Cost of technology to offer more opportunities for voting fairness
4. Where can costs be reduced? How can accessibility be improved? How can security of process be optimized?
5. The cost of elections and the cost of equipment
6. Pros & cons of each voting machine type
7. What are the technological requirements & costs of Precinct or Vote Center models
8. Use of Satellite locations, Accommodations possible with new equipment, technology
9. The challenges of voters, The “consumer perspective”
10. Recount options that are available for Vote Centers? What issues arise? How many polling locations to we currently have?
11. What technologies are we lacking in Marion County? Why we are just now doing it?
12. More details on Vote Center counties. Discuss their positive & negative experiences.
   Discuss technology costs associated with Vote Centers. Discuss technology security associated with Vote Centers.
13. How much money does it cost?
14. Machine security

**Question 4 – What additional materials or data can we provide to you to make this process more helpful and meaningful?**
1. Research on voter satisfaction, voting success and cost savings from best practices across country with various voting machines & voting methods
2. Pros & cons of each voting system
3. Voting statutes not clear. Current and pending statutes. Uni-Gov gives too much power to the Chief Executive who has the ability to control his or her own destiny for re-election.
4. The evaluation thus far has been helpful
5. Cost analysis of Vote Centers vs. Precincts, Technology improvement during the last 10 years, How long were the old machines used?
6. More information about how electronic voting vs. paper scanning affects access to voting
7. Data on voters
8. I’d like to look at Austin, TX experience with Vote Centers since they have a larger population & similar voting population. In addition, how has this affected voting? Increased, decreased, or stayed the same?
9. All of tonight’s data was great; keep it coming.
10. All materials and data associated with my questions in #3. All materials and data associated with my questions in #3 as related to current Precinct method.
11. How Vote Centers work elsewhere, maybe have another county come in & discuss the pros and cons on Vote Centers.

**Audience Feedback**
1. Concerns about vote center model - conducting a recount; opening the door for
candidates or non-candidates to commit voter fraud; training poll workers who may lack the necessary skills to use new technology confidently; what’s the cost?