

Marion County Election Board
Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2003

Members Present: Chairperson Candace Marendt; Vice Chairman Steve Eichholtz; Secretary (proxy) Robert Vane

Attending: Dan Ladendorf (Election Board Attorney); Jennifer Walda (Election Board Chief Clerk); David Woo (Election Board Service Center Supervisor); Tony Schaffer (Chief Deputy); Jackie Cissell; John Miller; Henry Dein (representative for Chris Zoeller); Heather Barrett; Walt Miller; Bob Hinshaw; Vonda Kiger; Beuford Hall; Allan Yackey; Gus Percy; Robbin Stewart; Wayne Kirk.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marendt.
- II. The Board approved the minutes from the Election Board meeting held on 06/26/2003.
- III. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Voter outreach update:** Ms. Cissell informed the board and public of all the outreach projects the Election Board has scheduled. Ms. Cissell commented on the back-to-school carnival we will be attending in late August, the delivery of the machines to the libraries, and brochures that have been sent to various locations throughout the county. Any organizations interested in a demonstration or brochures are directed to call the Marion County Election Board at 327-5100.
 - B. **Clermont Ballot Issue:** Mr. Ladendorf commented on the redistricting issue of Clermont and how the election was ran in the Primary. The Board did take official action previously but did not recognize the at-large candidates because of the failure to inform the Board by the deadline. In the Primary election, the Board only recognized Clermont's old districts and board members. There was a lot of discussion and Chairman Marendt closed the discussion with no resolution. A special Election Board meeting will be scheduled for a final decision on the Clermont Town-Council election.

- C. Southport Ballot Issue:** There was a lot of confusion in this matter from prior meetings, but the Board reviewed the Southport Ordinance and felt the primary election ballot was defined correctly. The Board agreed they will run Southport's election the same as they had in the Primary election and will ask Southport to clean up the language for better understanding. Chairman Marendt stated this was a finished situation.
- D. Tabled Campaign Finance:** Chairman Marendt asked if Mr. Frank Davis was present for this matter. No response. Secretary proxy, Mr. Vane, made a motion for Mr. Davis's fine to remain at \$200. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed. Chairman Marendt asked if Mr. Zoeller was present for his matter. Mr. Henry Dein is Mr. Zoeller's attorney and was present to represent him in this matter. Mr. Dein asked that the board review the letter Mr. Zoeller had submitted prior to the meeting. Board reviewed letter and testimony by Mr. Dein and Secretary's proxy, Mr. Vane made motion for Mr. Zoeller's fine to be reduced to \$100. Vice Chairman seconded. Unanimous vote passed to reduce fine to \$100.
- E. Other Business:** Mr. David Woo, Service Center Supervisor, asked the board for direction on the opening of the ballot transfer cases that were used in the Primary election. Mr. Woo stated that the Election Board is missing fifty power cords for the M100s. These power cords cost \$17.00 and replacing them would cost \$850.00. There was some discussion between the party headquarters representatives on the opening of the election material, but both parties agreed to have a bipartisan team to assist and watch over this process. Chairman Marendt made a motion to open the ballot transfer cases for the power cords and re-seal each opened case with the bipartisan teams present. Secretary proxy, Mr. Vane seconded. Unanimous vote passed.
- F. Other Business:** Mr. Robbin Stewart asked to speak before the Board on the Campaign Finance matter regarding Mr. Wayne Kirk. Mr. Stewart stated that when Sarah Taylor was the Secretary a motion was passed for Campaign Finance stating that if the candidate did not raise or spend more than \$100 that the candidate was not responsible and did not accrue fines. Chairman Marendt told Mr. Stewart the matter would be looked

There being no further business to come in front of the Marion County Election Board, Chairman Marendt adjourned the meeting.

The next Election Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2003 in Room 107.

Candace Marendt, Chairman

Steven Eichholtz, Vice Chairman

Doris Anne Sadler, Secretary