

**Marion County Election Board
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2003**

Members Present: Chairperson Candace Marendt; Vice Chairman Steve Eichholtz; Secretary, Doris Anne Sadler

Attending: Dan Ladendorf (Election Board Attorney); Robert Vane (Election Board Administrator); Jennifer Walda, (Election Board Chief Clerk); David Woo (Election Board Supervisor); Valerie Hurd (Administration) Jennifer Pruitt (Election Board Clerk); Joel Miller (Democrat Headquarters); Joanne Sanders (City County Council member); LaDonna Freeman (Voter Registration); Sherry Beck (Voter Registration); Barbara Fowler (Voter Registration); Wendy Orange (ES&S representative); April Sellers, Bill Bock

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marendt.
- II. Chairman Marendt and Secretary Sadler approved the meeting minutes from 8/28/2003. Vice Chairman Eichholtz abstained.
- III. **Voter Outreach Update:** Mr. Vane updated the Board about different activities still being applied in outreach projects. The Hob Nob will be attended this evening at the Indiana Historical Society. Ms. Cissell was in attendance at the NAACP on the 23rd of September and the machines in the libraries are still getting a great response. The Simply Vote three minute demonstration video has been placed on the website with a considerable number of hits.
- IV. **Service Center Update:** Mr. Woo reported the opening of the ballot transfer cases in search of the power cords had taken place yesterday and there were 61 power cords found. Mr. Woo stated that five to ten more cords would need to be replaced. Mr. Woo made the Board aware that the new ballot transfer cases were delivered and are clear

and plastic. Labels will be placed on the outside of the ballot transfer cases.

- V. **Campaign Finance Update:** Mr. Vane gave an update to the Board on the fine list; the office since the last Board meeting had received no new payments. Mr. Vane stated the office was now waiting for the direction of the Board for further action. Mr. Vane told the Board of the plan to put Campaign Finance reports online for public use. There will be a formal proposal possibly after the election. Mr. Eichholtz stated to Mr. Vane to get in contact with Claudia Cummings to discuss other options.

- VI. **HAVA Resolution:** Secretary Sadler summarized the resolution as pledging that the Board will authorize the surveyors of this project for them to be in the locations on Election Day. This resolution is required to be included in the packet of the voting machine reimbursement materials. Secretary Sadler made a motion to amend this resolution to state, “to cooperate with polling place surveyors in the November 2003 General and 2004 Primary Elections.” Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed.

- VII. **Resolution for DRE machine use in General Election:** Resolution 2003-05 was brought to the Board for the use of the iVotronic machines to be used for in-office absentee voting. There was some discussion on this matter and Secretary Sadler made a motion for the use of the machines. Chairman Marendt seconded. Vice Chairman abstained and asked the record to reflect that Ms. Sadler made a vote on this matter. Motion failed for lack of unanimous vote.

- VIII. **Resolution authorizing the use of couriers on General Election Day 2003:** Resolution 2003-04 was brought to the Board to authorize the use of couriers to deliver the absentee list instead of commissioners. Mr. Vane stated there will be some small changes as far as checking the absentee voters in and making sure their information matches with the poll book will stay the same. The difference will be that the couriers will have the poll workers sign and document the absentee voters who are on the list and when the list is returned, certified by the poll workers and the courier, the ballots will then be counted by the central count tabulator. Secretary Sadler stated

that the Election Board office would prepare a more detailed procedure and present it as a new resolution at the next Election Board meeting.

- IX. **Resolution for Financial Responsibility of the Voting Machine:** This resolution was brought to the Board for the purpose of giving the Election Board some financial protection when voting equipment is left in a facility for an indeterminate period of time without direct supervision from a member of the Election Board staff. There was some discussion with the Board and public on this resolution and all questions were answered and resolved. Secretary Sadler made motion to adopt the Resolution for Financial Responsibility of the Voting Machine. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote for resolution.
- X. **Other Business:** Secretary Sadler made comment there was only forty days until the next election with inspector training starting on October 8th. Ms. Sadler urging the parties to get their board forms in due to the office only receiving seven Republican and five Democrat forms. Ms. Sadler also commented on Judge training being held at the City County Building in the Public Assembly Room 260 with three sessions per day on Sunday, October 25, Saturday, November 1, and Sunday, November 2 for a total of nine sessions. Mr. Vane stated that there will be training cards mailed each day to the judges for notification and a form attached for free parking in the basement of the City County Building.

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, October 23, 2003 in Room 107.

Candace Marendt, Chairman

Steven Eichholtz, Vice Chairman

Doris Anne Sadler, Secretary