

**Marion County Election Board
Meeting Update Minutes
October 09, 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

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marendt.
- II. Secretary Sadler informed the Board that the Absentee ballot has been changed to meet the requirements with a space in between party candidates and also changed the Republican Party device back to the eagle. Secretary Sadler stated there are issues on timing for coding, proofing, and not being able to test the absentee ballot before being mailed. She also stated the Ballot On Demand (BOD) can start printing and the mailing will start tomorrow, October 10, 2003, and we will continue the testing process and if the ballots that will be sent without the testing there would be a possibility they may not scan with the tabulator and will have to be hand counted. Chairman Marendt stated her preference would be to start the mailing process and Vice Chairman Eichholtz was in agreement. Secretary Sadler stated there are some serious concerns with the Election Day ballots and the programmers are working around the clock to get this set to go. She stated the biggest issue is the hard coding of each optical scan tabulator to read the individual PCMCIA cards that need to be reprogrammed and if the tabulator will not read the PCMCIA card

ALL ballots will have to be hand counted. Wendy Orange (ES&S) stated due to the fact that the ballot layout process typically would have begun, and because it is not the standard layout that ES&S uses, the programming of the software will not be recognized. She stated that the programmers in Chicago have to start from the beginning to re-key all the data and this has to be done manually. Ms. Orange concluded the project timeline is still being worked on. Vice Chairman Eichholtz asked Mr. Ladendorf when the deadline for hand counting the ballots is. Mr. Ladendorf answered that the Election Board has to have certified results by noon the Monday after the election and the law states that once the tally of the ballots starts it has to be continued until all are counted. Secretary Sadler informed the Board an appeal was filed with the appeals court this afternoon.

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 Friday, October 10, 2003 in Room 107 for a daily update of progress.

Candace Marendt, Chairman

Steven Eichholtz, Vice Chairman

Doris Anne Sadler, Secretary