

**Marion County Election Board
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2003**

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

Attending: Dan Ladendorf (Election Board Attorney); Jennifer Walda, (Election Board Chief Clerk); David Woo (Election Board Supervisor); Valerie Hurd (Administration); Jenn Pruitt, (Election Board Clerk); Sherry Beck (Voter's Registration); Cathline Mulline (Voter's Registration); LaDonna Freeman (Voter's Registration); Dan Drexler (Libertarian Candidate); Brad Klopfenstein (Libertarian Candidate)

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marendt.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The Board passed a motion to accept the minutes for the following meeting dates: September 19, 2003 with amendment of the word recluse to recuse, September 24 & 25, 2003, October 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, & 23, 2003. Chairman Marendt made motion to approve. Secretary's proxy second. Unanimous vote.
- III. **Resolution to rescind Central Count:** Vice Chairman Eichholtz made motion to rescind central count. Chairman Marendt second. Unanimous vote.
- IV. **Approval of Election Board Meeting Dates for 2004:** Mr. Vane submitted a list of dates for next year's meetings and asked that the meeting date for February be for cleaning up Campaign Finance situations and any candidate challenges. Mr. Vane also suggested to the Board, due to provisional voting next year, having Clerk's training. Board agreed. Chairman Marendt made motion to approve the 2004 Election Board meeting dates. Vice Chairman Eichholtz second. Unanimous vote.

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- V. Adoption of holidays for Election Board Administrator and Service Center Supervisor:** Mr. Vane submitted a list to the Board of the alternate holidays that will be taken by Mr. Vane and Mr. Woo due to having to work on the scheduled holidays for the election process. Chairman Marendt made motion to approve the holiday schedule. Secretary's proxy, Mr. Vane second. Unanimous vote.
- VI. Complaint Letters:** Mr. Vane stated to the Board of the two complaint letters the office had received regarding two candidates and their campaign finance reporting. The first was from Mr. Brad Klopfenstein whom had made a complaint about Mr. Abdullah and a company that gave him contributions. Chairman Marendt asked the Election Board staff to give Mr. Abdullah notice by first class and certified mail to be present for the January 2004 meeting for further action to be taken. The second letter was received by a Patricia Andrews with a complaint on Mr. Harvey Knox. The Board reviewed the complaint and choose not to take any action now or in the future on this complaint. Chairman Marendt stated that being a candidate is a tough job and it takes money to do that whether it be buying a suit or fixing a car you campaign in.
- VII. Update on Recount:** Mr. Woo updated the Board that the District 12 recount was over due to Curtis Coonrod, Republican District 12 candidate, withdrawing his petition for recount. The end result was Sherron Franklin won by 15 votes, due to the recount commission adding three more votes in the process to her tally. District 16 recount was still on going within the court and the counting and disputes are over. The recount commission made a final tally for District 16 as follows:
J. Scott Keller 4008, Karen C. Horseman 4003 and these numbers have been certified to the court. Mr. Woo stated that there is one more small recount in Hancock County, Cumberland, and the Election Board office had received an order from the court to make copies of the ballots for both parties, which has been completed, and they also asked for an impoundment of the materials.

VIII. School Board: Mr. Vane stated to the Board that the Election Board office is moving along in trying to prepare and update information for next year.

VIII. Other Business: Mr. Ladendorf stated that the appeal on the ballot litigation is still not over and the Plaintiff's brief is not due until the end of January.

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 Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at 10a.m. in Room 107.

Candace Marendt, Chairman

Steven Eichholtz, Vice Chairman

Doris Anne Sadler, Secretary