

**Marion County Election Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2004**

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

**Attending:** Dan Ladendorf (Election Board Attorney); Jennifer Walda, (Election Board Chief Clerk); David Woo (Election Board Supervisor); Anthony Schaffer (Chief Deputy); Jenn Pruitt, (Election Board Clerk); Sherry Beck (Voter Registration); Cathline Mullin (Voter Registration); Barbara Fowler (Voter Registration); Rickie Clark, Brad Klopfenstein, Terry Hursh, Mathiew Robison, Councilor Patrice Abdullah, John M. Swartz (Attorney for Councilor Abdullah)

- 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 January 27, 2004. Unanimous vote passed.
- III. **Service Center Update:** Mr. Woo stated that the service center was gearing up for the Primary election by getting machines ready, gathering the information needed for ballot preparation, and working closely with the Ms. Sellers of the Mayor's office to secure the polling site contracts.
- IV. **Administrator Update:** Mr. Vane concurred with Mr. Woo in working with Ms. Sellers with the contracts and Ms. Vaughn with the Governor's project "Count Us In". There will be a meeting scheduled for candidate challenges.
- V. **Other Business Discussed:** Chairman Marendt asked Attorney Ladendorf where we stand with the ballot litigation. Attorney Ladendorf stated that the plaintiff's have filed a brief reply and no further actions have been taken.

**VI. Brad Klopfenstein complaint:** Chairman Marendt made a motion to table this matter until the next election board meeting in March. Mr. Vane second. Unanimous vote passed.

**VII. Campaign Finance:** The Board will be acting on all outstanding Campaign Finance fines enforced and not enforced.

The Board made motions on the following:

The 2002 Annual report and 2003 Pre-Primary Reports with fines previously enforced. Chairman Marendt made a motion that the committees listed below will be referred to the Prosecutors Office. Mr. Vane second. Unanimous vote passed.

The list is as follows:

Dennis Beatty

Frank Davis

Michael Gangi

James (Jim) Jeffries

Wayne Kirk

William Myers

Chris Zoeller

Mr. Vane made a motion to forgive and waive the remaining balance of Mr. John England's fine due to his payment of \$600 of the \$1000 owed. Chairman Marendt second. Unanimous vote passed.

The Board made a motion that was unanimously passed to assess all fines the staff had put together unless, the candidate or a representative of the committee was there, or if a letter had been submitted.

The following fines were assessed due to the candidate not being present or a letter submitted:

Cynthia Ayers \$100

Curtis Coonrod \$50

Tammy Cumbee \$1000

Frank Davis \$600

Geofrey Gaither \$50

James (Jim) Jeffries \$1000

Paul Mannweiler \$300

Toby McClamroch \$50

Anna Pea \$1000

James Rainey \$1000

Muata Rameses \$1000

Joanne Sanders \$50  
Amber Watkins \$150

The following candidates were either present or had submitted a letter for waiver and the Board voted unanimously to waive the following fines:

Don Anderson  
William Decker  
Terry Hursh  
Lance Langsford  
L.Z. Moore  
Doug Stephens

The Board voted unanimously to reduce the following fines:

George Callahan \$200 reduced to \$50  
William Nunery \$1000 reduced to \$50

The Board voted unanimously to postpone the following candidates until the regular Election Board meeting on March 23, 2004:

Rickie Clark \$1000 (pending filing of disband)  
David Coatie \$1000  
Ron Sullivan \$2000-late on Pre-General and Annual 2003 reports.

Chairman Marendt asked of the staff to send letters to all candidates that action was taken today. Chairman Marendt stated she would be looking into reports that have been filed defectively and would like to draft a letter to be sent out by the staff to have candidates file their reports correctly.

**VIII. Other Business:** Mr. Vane made an announcement that on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Public Assembly Room there will be a Campaign Finance Seminar open to candidates and the public the would like more information on how to file their campaign finance reports, especially with a deadline approaching for the pre-primary reports due on April 16, 2004 by noon.

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

The next Election Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 10 a.m. in Room 107.

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Candace Marendt, Chairman

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Steven Eichholtz, Vice Chairman

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Doris Anne Sadler, Secretary