

Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes
4/29/2004

Members present: Chairman, Candace Marendt, Vice Chairman, Steve Eichholtz, Secretary, Doris Anne Sadler

Others present: Robert Vane, Administrator; David Woo, Service Center Supervisor; Jennifer Walda, Chief Clerk; Jennifer Pruitt, Deputy Clerk; Tammy Millott, Candidate for Beech Grove School Board; Melody Stevens, Candidate for Beech Grove School Board; Richard Brown, filed a complaint with the Election Board on Beech Grove School Board candidates.

- I. Chairman Marendt called meeting to order.
- II. **Approval of meeting minutes:** Chairman Marendt made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2004 and April 22, 2004. Secretary Sadler seconded. Unanimous vote passed. Secretary Sadler made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2004. Chairman Marendt recused herself due to not attending that meeting. Vice Chairman Eichholtz seconded. Minutes approved by majority vote.
- III. **Service Center Update:** Mr. Woo stated that his staff has started putting inspector kits together and the delivery of the voting machines has started this week as well. Mr. Woo stated that as of today there have been over 700 machines delivered and expected to have them all out by Friday (tomorrow) except for the twenty or so precincts who have requested to have them delivered the day before the election.
- IV. **Administrator Update:** Administrator Vane stated that roughly 2000 absentee ballots had been returned to the office and that voting by absentee in the office will end the following Monday at noon by law. Mr. Vane stated that absentee voting will be available through this weekend, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both days. Mr. Vane informed the Board that Channel 8 news had called him and was asking the Board's permission to be allowed to receive watcher cards and go on trouble calls that are sent out from the service center. The Board was in agreement. Mr. Vane stated that the office is down to needing 63 inspectors, Secretary Sadler stated she was very pleased with that number compared to the last two elections. Mr. Vane updated that Board that there will be nine members of staff on Election Day in the Election Board

- V. **Board Attorney Update:** Mr. Ladendorf's only update to the Board was in the ballot litigation. Mr. Ladendorf stated that oral argument has been set in the court of appeals for Monday, June 14, 2004 at 10 a.m., each side will have 30 minutes for argument and it will be available on webcast.
- VI. **Contracts for the delivery of voting machines and Taxicab:** Attorney Ladendorf stated he had been able to secure the services for both contracts. Mr. Ladendorf stated the Yellow Cab contract provided is under the same terms as before at \$24 an hour for the use of their cabs and the only change is in the amount of services needed. Secretary Sadler made a motion to approve the Yellow Cab contract. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed. Attorney Ladendorf stated that Elite TransCon had submitted the same contract as provided last year with the same exact terms. Attorney Ladendorf stated that Elite TransCon's contract is one third less of what we used to pay in prior years and the price does include the pick-up and drop-off of the supplies to the regional sites. Secretary Sadler made a motion to accept the Elite TransCon contract. Chairman Marendt seconded. Unanimous vote passed.
- VII. **Campaign Finance: Tammy Cumbee:** Ms. Cumbee had submitted a letter to the Board but was not present on the matter today. Chairman Marendt asked of the Board if they wanted to reconsider the fine that has already been assessed. Vice Chairman Eichholtz made a motion to reduce

VIII. Disclaimer Complaint:

Bye, Hensley, & Prindle: Attorney Ladendorf stated that these are school board candidates who were not in compliance with the law but have since come into compliance by putting the disclaimer language on their materials. Chairman Marendt stated since they have come into compliance, the Board does not need to take any further action.

Millott, Stevens, & Brock : Two of the three school board candidates were present to argue their case. The “team” stated that they were not aware of the Campaign Finance guidelines, due to being first time candidates and were under the impression that if they had not raised or spent more than \$500 they did not need to file a report. Chairman Marendt argued that since they were running as a “team” and the monies were coming from the individuals in different instances that they should file a report just stating what they had brought in so there would not be any dispute in someone wanting to know how or where they had spent their money. Ms. Millott and Ms. Stevens stated they will be at the Election Board Office directly after the meeting to come in compliance and to get direction on how to file the forms.

- IX. Compliance Audit Update:** Secretary Sadler stated she had spoke with a Mr. Mike Clatter, who is a former member of the State Board of Accounts, to conduct the independent compliance audit. Mr. Woo, Mr. Clatter and Mr. Kirkendall had finished the audit yesterday evening and the report will be ready for the Board and public by 10 a.m. tomorrow. Secretary Sadler stated that approximately 40 man hours was spent in doing the audit and the fee will be \$7000 which will be reimbursed by ES&S.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Marendt made a motion to adjourn. Unanimous vote passed.

Chairman, Candace Marendt

Vice Chairman, Steve Eichholtz

Secretary, Doris Anne Sadler