

**Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes**  
**7/14/2004**

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

Others present: Robert Vane, Administrator; David Woo, Service Center Supervisor; Jennifer Walda, Chief Clerk; Jennifer Pruitt, Deputy Clerk; Tony Schaffer, Chief Deputy; Jay Cahill, Republican Headquarters; Toby McClamroch, Attorney for ES&S; Linda Bennett, ES&S.

- I. Chairman Marendt called the meeting to order.
  
- II. **Party Column Ballot:** The Board is meeting today to make a decision on what party column ballot style they intend to use for the November 2004 election. Vice Chairman Eichholtz had a few concerns about linking two ballots to one. Ms. Bennett stated that it is not technically possible to link the two and each straight party vote would have to appear on each ballot page for the M100 to know the ballots are associated with each other. Secretary Sadler made a motion that the B2 ballot style be selected by the Board. Vice Chairman Eichholtz chose not to vote due to not being confident in the vendor. Chairman Marendt abstains. Motion dies for lack of second. Chairman Marendt call for brief break. Chairman Marendt calls meeting back to order and asked Vice Chairman Eichholtz how long it will take to get a decision. Chairman Marendt also stated she was disappointed in not being able to reach a decision since the Board has had the ballot style proofs since June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vice Chairman Eichholtz stated he needed another week to have a decision. Ms. Bennett stated that ES&S needs some kind of direction in order to get the ballot prepared and be ready for the fall. Mr. McClamroch stated he thought the whole point of the meeting today was to give ES&S direction because the issue is in programming the information and not necessarily printing and ES&S would like to get started as soon as possible. Vice Chairman Eichholtz stated that he had a preferred choice until he found out the machine is not capable of linking two ballots to one. Mr. McClamroch stated the Board should take a vote now and change later if needed. He stated he is not asking the Board to make a final decision today that is binding due to being able to change the programming later if necessary. Chairman Marendt stated the Board would reschedule the meeting for Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to have a vote at that time. Ms. Bennett asked the Board to put any questions or concerns they may have in writing before the next meeting and she will be happy to get the answers. Vice Chairman

Eichholtz stated he would like in writing why it would be impossible to connect two ballots to one. Chairman Marendt stated that it is her intent that a vote will be taken on Friday so we can move forward and that it is important for the Board's vote to be unanimous because this should be about good government.

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

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Chairman, Candace Marendt

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Vice Chairman, Steve Eichholtz

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Secretary, Doris Anne Sadler