

Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes
03/30/2006

Members present: Chairman, Frank Otte, Jr.; Vice Chairman's proxy, Joel Miller; Secretary Doris Anne Sadler; Dan Ladendorf, Attorney

Others present: Jennifer Handlon, Chief Clerk; Michael Biberstine, Republican Headquarters; James Payne

- I. **Call to Order.** Chairman Otte called the meeting to order.
- II. **Approval of meeting minutes 2/23/2006 & 2/27/2006.** Secretary Sadler made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2/23/2006 and 2/27/2006. Vice Chairman's proxy Joel Miller second. Unanimous vote passed.
- III. **Resolution approving the elimination of the Election Day Sheriff position.** Secretary Sadler stated that the elimination of the Election Day Sheriff position has been in place the past two-election years and has saved a tremendous amount of money. Secretary Sadler stated this process must be re-approved every year and made a motion to approve the elimination of the Election Day Sheriff position. Vice Chairman's proxy, Joel Miller second. Unanimous vote passed.
- IV. **Campaign Finance.** The board has received five letters from candidate committees asking for a reduction or waiver of their fine from the 2005 Annual campaign finance report.
 1. Bob Parker-submitted a letter for waiver of fine due to Mr. Parker filing his report in a timely manner, but not signing it (the candidate's signature is required) until after the filing deadline. Secretary Sadler made a motion to waive Mr. Parker's fine. Vice Chairman's Proxy, Joel Miller, second. Unanimous vote passed.
 2. James Payne-submitted a letter and also attended the meeting. Payne stated it was a mistake and he has closed the committee and asked for a waiver in his fine. Chairman Otte made a motion to waive Honorable Payne's fine. Secretary Sadler second. Unanimous vote passed.
 3. Muata Rameses-submitted a letter for waiver of fine because he did not raise or spend any money and he has no money in his account. Vice Chairman's proxy, Joel Miller made a motion to waive Mr. Rameses fine. Secretary Sadler second. Unanimous vote passed.
 4. Douglas Stephens-submitted a letter for waiver of fine because there was a technical problem. Mr. Stephens stated in his letter that he faxed his report to the Election Board office at 11:30 a.m. the day of filing and received a confirmation that the fax went through. When the Election Board received the fax of Mr. Stephens's report, it came

5. Lonnell Conley-Mr. Conley's wife, Judie Conley, who is also his treasurer, submitted a letter and affidavit on why the report was late by just a few minutes. The day the report was due Ms. Conley was advised to submit the report to the Election Board office. She is also an attorney and had a court hearing that morning and was directed by the court staff to stay at the court office until a file had arrived that she was waiting for. When she received the file, she immediately came to the Election Board office to file her husband's committee report and it was after the noon deadline. Secretary Sadler made a motion to waive Mr. Conley's fine. Vice Chairman's proxy, Joel Miller second. Unanimous vote was passed.

Chairman Otte asked Election Board Chief Clerk, Jennifer Handlon, if we had received any response from any of the other candidate committees. Ms. Handlon stated that there had been no response from the mailing that was sent to all committees with filing issues. Chairman Otte directed Ms. Handlon to send a second notice by certified mail to the committees that had not responded to the first mailing and if a response is received, to put them on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. **Other Business.**

2006 Holiday Schedule for Robert Vane and David Woo (attached). Secretary Sadler stated that Robert Vane and David Woo, both being in a supervisor position, do not observe the holidays that fall within the election period. The 2006 Holiday Schedule allows for a different holiday observance schedule. Secretary Sadler made a motion to approve the attached holiday schedule for Robert Vane and David Woo. Vice Chairman's proxy, Joel Miller second. Unanimous vote was passed.

Warren Township School Board Issue. Secretary Sadler stated that she wanted to make the board aware of an issue in the Warren Township School Board contest. Secretary Sadler stated that when the ballot proof was sent to Warren Township Schools to verify and confirm their ballots were set up properly, the school called and said there was a problem. The problem (they stated) is there are two candidates that have filed in the wrong district and they should be switched. Luther C. Robinson filed his petition with the election board office stating he is running for Warren Township School Board at large. Cris Groseth did not put a district and was called by telephone from an election board employee to ask the district information. Cris Groseth stated to the election board employee that they were running for district two in Warren Township. Secretary Sadler stated that it was her belief that we cannot change these filings or the ballot because the challenge period is over. She also stated that the Warren MSD could seek a

remedy in court after the primary election. Chairman Otte and Vice Chairman's proxy, Joel Miller agreed that the filing form or the ballot should not be changed at this time.

Machine delivery and taxi cab contracts. Attorney Ladendorf stated he wanted to make the board aware of the progress of these contracts. He stated that because of some changes in Unigov, the contracts submitted before were not in the right format. Attorney Ladendorf has been working on putting them into the right format and is waiting for city legal to sign-off. Attorney Ladendorf stated that the Board would need to hold a special meeting to approve these contracts before the vendors start working. The board agreed and will be waiting to hear when the contracts are ready to set the meeting date.

Election Preparation Update. Secretary Sadler stated to the Board the election preparation for the 2006 primary is starting well. Secretary Sadler assured the board that the staff is going above and beyond the call of duty to make sure the ballots are correct with regards to spelling, districts, and set up and we are looking forward to starting the absentee process. Secretary Sadler stated that Mr. Woo was getting machines set up and ready for delivery and the training dates have been set and very happy to announce that Joel Miller and Kyle Walker of Voter Registration will be doing the Clerk training for the primary 2006. Secretary Sadler stated to the public that the sooner precinct boards come in the sooner the notification cards for training will be mailed out and she also stated that there are a lot of new laws and one new law is that everyone must attend training, inspectors, judges and clerks.

Chairman Otte stated there was no other business and adjourned the meeting. The next Election Board meeting will be held on April 27, 2006 in Room 107.

Chairman, Frank Otte Jr.

Vice Chairman, Steve Eichholtz

Secretary, Doris Anne Sadler