

**Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 22, 2007**

**Members present:** Chairman, Mark Sullivan; Vice Chairman Frank Otte; Secretary, Beth White

**Others present:** Andy Mallon, Director of Elections; Myla Eldridge, Deputy Director of Elections; Megan Sims, Elections Project Manager; Jennifer Handlon, Voter Registration; Cindy Mowery, Voter Registration; John Riordan, Voter Registration; LaDonna Freeman, Voter Registration; Tenley Drescher-Rhodes, Baker & Daniels, Tim Moriarty, Media Coordinator; Susan Vaughn; Linda Lucas; Lou Russell; Greg Fehribach; Terry Burns.

**I. Call to Order.** Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2007 and March 5, 2007.**

**III. Approval of Contracts**

**A. Russell Martin & Associates**

- a. There was a brief explanation of the purpose of this contract given by Elizabeth White. In brief, the purpose of the contract is to have a tool or resource that will enable us to better teach and train inspectors.
- b. The Election Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Russell Martin & Associates.

**B. Greg Fehribach of Stark, Donniger & Smith**

- a. There was a brief explanation of the purpose of this contract given by Elizabeth White. In brief, the purpose of the contract is to make sure that Marion County Elections are more accessible to people with disabilities, he will be advising the Election Board in this area.
- b. The Election Board unanimously approved the contract with Greg Fehribach of Stark, Donniger & Smith.

**C. Elite Transcon, Inc.**

- a. There was a brief explanation of the purpose of this contract given by Andy Mallon. In brief, the purpose of the contract is to deliver the machines and equipment to the polling places before the Election.
- b. The Election Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Elite Transcon, Inc.

**III. Ratification of Recent Hires**

- A. The Election Board unanimously voted to ratify the employment of Megan Sims as Elections Project Manager.

#### **IV. Campaign Finance Issues**

**A.** Candidates who never filed their 2006 Annual Campaign Finance Report and will be fined \$50.00 a day, with a maximum fine of \$1,000.00.

- a.** The following are candidates who never filed or were late in filing their 2006 Annual Report, but after receiving notice filed their 2006 Annual Campaign Finance Report and are asking for their fines to be waived:
  - i. Linda Lucas never filed her 2006 Annual Report, after filing, writing a letter and appearing in person, the Election Board voted unanimously to waive any fines that would be assessed.
  - ii. Annie Christ-Garcia never filed her 2006 Annual Report, after filing, writing a letter and sending a representative in person, the Election Board voted unanimously to waive any fines that would be assessed.
  - iii. Timothy Maguire never filed his 2006 Annual Report, after filing and submitting a letter, the Election Board voted unanimously to waive any fines that would be assessed.
  - iv. Angela Mansfield was late in filing her 2006 Annual Report by three hours, after submitting a letter, the Election Board voted unanimously to waive any fines that would be assessed.
  
- b.** The following candidates never filed or were late in filing their 2006 Annual Campaign Finance Report and did not respond to the first notice sent by the Marion County Election Board. The following candidates will be assessed the maximum fines in accordance to IC 3-9-4-16(c) & IC 3-9-4-17(c), with the provision that the Election Board staff will inform the candidates being assessed fines and inform them of the upcoming meeting:
  - i. Anna Pea, Barbara Malone, David Lewis, Lance Langsford, Ryan Kruse, Garry Adams, Derrick Redelman, Vernon Brown, Todd Colip, Roy Houchins, Gene Dooley, Leona Glazebrook, Monroe Gray, Michael Hobbs, Ryan Hutchins, Eugene Akers, Maxine King.

#### **V. Ratification of 2007 Primary Ballots**

**A. Ratification of 2007 Primary Ballot Styles:** The Election Board voted unanimously to ratify and accept the 2007 Primary Ballots forms presented to the Election Board.

**B. Ratification of 2007 Primary Ballot Order:** The Election Board voted unanimously to ratify and accept the 2007 Primary Ballot order. The order was based upon the current voter registration totals, rounded up to the nearest count of fifty and then divided by two, giving an equal number of Democratic and Republican ballots order per precinct and equaling one ballot for every registered voter in a precinct.

**VI. Approval of Absentee Ballot Instruction Letter**

- A. In brief, the letter instructs the voter on what they need to do in order for their ballot to be counted, i.e. sign the envelope, use black pen; with the hope of reducing the number of errors in the absentee voting process.
- B. The Election Board unanimously voted to ratify and accept the absentee ballot instruction letter that will be sent with every absentee ballot.

**VII. Campaign Complaint**

- A. A complaint was filed in regards to campaign materials being distributed by Leroy Robinson, candidate for City-County Council in District 7. The candidates' flyers and website claimed that contributions were tax deductible.
- B. After lengthy discussion the Election Board decided that the candidates solution to the problem was adequate and the candidate was not in violation of any campaign laws after the changes to his website and flyers blacking out the statements on the old flyers that claim contributions are tax deductible and changing them to say paid for and authorized by the candidate in the new re-printed flyers.
- C. The Election Board unanimously voted to accept the remedial measures the candidate has made and that the Election Board take no further action at this time.

**VIII. Other Business.** Chairman Sullivan stated there was no other business and adjourned the meeting. The next Election Board meeting will be held on April 26, 2007 in Room 107 of the City-County Building at 10:00 a.m.

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Chairman, Mark K. Sullivan

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Vice Chairman, Frank D. Otte

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Secretary, Elizabeth L. White