

Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2008

Members Present: Chairman Mark Sullivan; Vice Chairman Patrick Dietrick; Secretary Elizabeth “Beth” White

Others Present: Andy Mallon, Director of Elections; Tenley Drescher-Rhoades, Counsel to the Election Board, Myla Eldridge, Deputy Director of Elections; Angie Nussmeyer, Jenny Troutman, Program Coordinator, Michael Weiseman, Deputy Director of Elections, Joe Shestak, Lead Election Clerk, Annette Johnson, Drew Carlson, Dennis Foreman, Cindy Mowery, Cheryl Kern, Allison Gritton, Will French, Terry Burns

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sullivan calls the meeting to order. He congratulates the Election Board and Clerk’s office on their work with the election.

- II. **Contract:** Director Mallon states that last spring the city-county council past an ordinance to require the Election Board to post campaign finance filings online. It will be posted on the city’s new website. Mr. Mallon mentions that there has to be an easy way in how candidates can file for themselves online. Mr. Mallon suggests hiring a person to handle this procedure by contracting the right technology vendor or consultant. Mr. Mallon suggests hiring Allison Gritton to deal with these contracts. Mr. Mallon states Allison has experience in dealing with contracts and believes she is the right person for this job. The term of the contract is set at an hourly rate of \$25 an hour and it is not to exceed \$25,000. The paying of Mrs. Gritton’s contract will not be taking from tax payers dollars, but rather from funds generated from parking tickets and permit fees. Vice Chairman Dietrick acknowledges Mrs. Gritton’s work. Vice Chairman Dietrick suggests hiring directly through a vendor, rather than hiring a consultant. Madame White disagrees and states the board needs to hire Mrs. Gritton as a consultant. Madame Clerk notes to approve the contract of Mrs. Gritton. Chairman Sullivan seconds. The contract passes.

- III. **Campaign Finance Fines:** Chairman Sullivan reports there are candidates who did not file for their CFA-4 forms. As done in the past, the candidates are contacted to be informed of their fines. The candidates have the chance to appeal why they didn’t file.
 - a. **Annette Johnson – In-person:** Mrs. Johnson didn’t file her CFA-4 on time (11 days late). Mrs. Johnson did not realize she had to file a CFA-4 for township board, even if she didn’t have an opponent. Madame White makes the motion to waive the fines for Mrs. Johnson. Vice Chairman Dietrick seconds that notion. It passes unanimously.
 - b. **Dennis Foreman – In-person:** Mr. Foreman did not file his CFA-4 on time. Chairman Sullivan makes the notion to waive the fine based on the

fact that there were no expenditures on his CFA-1 form. Vice Chairman Dietrick seconds that motion. It passes unanimously.

- c. **Scott Armstrong – Letter.** Mr. Armstrong expresses to waive his \$300 fee. He admits he made a mistake and apologizes to the board. Madame White motions to waive the fines. It passes unanimously.
- d. **Charlotte Scott – Letter.** Mrs. Scott expresses to waive her fine. She states she was told she did not have file a CFA-4. She now understands the rules in filing. Madame White motions to waive the fee based on the fact Mrs. Scott did not spend or raise any money. It passes unanimously.
- e. **John C. Warren – Letter.** Mr. Warren did not file a CFA-4 because he did not have an opponent. Madame White motions to waive the fee based on Mr. Warren did not spend or raise any money. It passes unanimously.
- f. **Mary Ann Sullivan – Letter.** Mrs. Sullivan filed her CFA-4 just minutes after the deadline. Madame White motions to waive the fee. It passes unanimously.
- g. **Ken Kern – Letter.** Mr. Kern filed his CFA-4 form 22 minutes late of the deadline. Madame White motions to waive the fee. It passes unanimously.

- IV. Adjournment.** Chairman Sullivan motions to adjourn this meeting. Madame Clerk seconds this motion.

Chairman, Mark K. Sullivan

Vice Chairman, Patrick Dietrick

Secretary, Elizabeth L. White