

Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2008

Members Present: Chairman Mark Sullivan; Vice Chairman Robert Vane as proxy for 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, Virginia Davis, Cindy Mowery; James Ammeen; Dan Tierwey; Connie Weiger; Dave Weiger; John Riordan; Adam Kirsch; Drew Carlson; LaDonna Freeman

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order and introduced agenda.
- II. **Ratification of Board Meeting Minutes:** The past meeting minutes were present and accounted for. After careful review of the content, Madame Clerk motioned to approve ratification of previous Board Meeting Minutes provided. Chairman Sullivan seconded. It passed unanimously.
- III. **Resolution 05-08:** This resolution is in regards to the appointment of Assistant Poll Clerks. Indiana Code authorizes the board to authorize the two major parties (Democrat and Republican) to appoint additional poll clerks should it be necessary 30 days prior to Election Day. This resolution resolves that for every precinct the party has the right to decide which precincts they would like to place additional poll clerks. Madame Clerk gave a brief description of poll clerk duties and the reasons for this resolution is to allow the precincts the maximum number of available workers to increase efficiency due to the high projected number of voters. Concern was expressed by Vice-Chairman Vane that this resolution could potentially substantially raise the cost of the upcoming election. He continued to express concern that this may not be a responsible decision with respect to property taxes and budget concerns. Madame Clerk White motioned to approve the resolution 05-08. Chairman Sullivan seconded. It passed with opposition from Vice-Chairman Mr. Vane.
- IV. **Ratification of Ballot Styles:** There are 239 ballot styles as opposed to the 3700 plus styles from the spring primary elections. Madame Clerk stated that all the ballots have been reviewed by all three parties (Democrat, Republican, and Libertarian) she also stated that there will be no separate ballots for specific parties as were in the primary. Madame Clerk White motioned to ratify the approval of ballot styles.
- V. **Appointment to Marion County Local Advisory Council on Polling Place Accessibility:** Madame Clerk gave a history of Ordinance 2830401 as well as

Help Indiana Vote program. The Election Board is being given the opportunity to recommend an appointment to this position. The duties of this position are to ensure that the polling locations are as easily accessible to those with disabilities. Madame White suggested that the Board recommend Kathleen Delaney. Madame Clerk gave a brief history/biography of Kathleen Delaney. This motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Adjournment:** Chairman Sullivan motioned for adjournment and closed today's meeting.

Chairman, Mark K. Sullivan

Vice Chairman, Patrick Dietrich

Secretary, Elizabeth L. White