

# **Marion County Election Board Meeting Minutes**

## **September 17, 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, Jennifer Troutman, Angie Nussmeyer, Virginia Davis, Cindy Mowery, James Ammeen

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order and introduced agenda
  
- II. Ratification of Personnel Changes:** Andrew Mallon introduced the issue of the new hire of Joe Shestak. He gave a brief background story of Mr. Shestak’s credentials and an overview of the job description of Lead Election Clerk. Madame Clerk White motioned to ratify the hiring of Joe Shestak and it passed unanimously.
  
- III. Ratification of Ballot Questions:** Follow-up to the referendum for the Town of Crows Nest. Mr. Mallon discussed how the language as submitted by the town of Crows Nest for the labeling on the Election Day ballots would be considered lawful and that Crows Nest has decided after much deliberation to go forth with the “wording” as is with the understanding of the possible consequences to fall back on the town of Crows Nest. Madame Clerk motioned to place the “wording” on the ballot. It passed unanimously.
  
- IV. Approval of Contracts:** The first topic of discussion was the contract of Inspector Training Coordinator to be filled by Jim Osborn. It was stated the Mr. Osborne would be conducting training sessions and would also oversee the field inspector’s hotline should questions/concerns arise before Election Day to alleviate the amount of questions/distractions on Election Day. Chairman Sullivan moved to approve this contract and Madame Clerk seconded. It passed unanimously. The second topic of discussion was the contract of Polling Site Logistical Coordinator to be filled by Lori Wright who will coordinate all the logistics of the polling sites. A brief history was given over the credentials of Mrs. Wright and Madame Clerk moved to approve the contract. A motion was made to second and it passed unanimously. The third topic of discussion was the issue of the Printing Vendor. It was very short discussion regarding the competition of the vending services and the details of the contract to last for a 3 year period to maintain continuity within the election process. Madame Clerk moved to approve the contract for the Printing vendor of Printing Partners, a motion was made to second and it passed unanimously.

- V. Reviewing/Approval of Ballots:** Mr. Mallon stated that the ballots are in the process of being drafted and reviewed and that the process is on track for public testing.
- VI. Satellite Voting:** Madame Clerk reviewed the details regarding Early Voting as well as the details regarding the Satellite Voting plan that was previously approved by the Board. She reiterated that there would be 2 satellite locations: J. Everett Light and the Southport Community Center, to operate October 23, 2008 through November 2, 2008 from 11 am to 7 pm, 7 days a week. Madame Clerk made point to note that the poll workers have been trained and made aware that absentee ballot arrivals would be hefty. Mr. Mallon reviewed the details of the taxi cab plan in regards to its affiliation with the voting procedure on Election Day.
- VII. Resolution of Age Requirement:** Mr. Mallon stated the history surrounding the regulations of being involved in poll working. He stated the requirements that must be met by minors who wish to be involved in the political process and how presenting an opportunity to the youth to interact in during the polling process would be a wonderful chance for both the Democratic and Republican parties to reach out into the schools and reach out to the youth. Madame Clerk motioned to approve this resolution, Chairman Sullivan seconded and it passed unanimously.
- VIII. Yvote:** Madame Clerk White briefly discussed a few key details of the new program Yvote, to be initiated into the schools as an aid to getting youth involved and familiar with the voting process.
- IX. Adjournment:** Chairman Sullivan motioned for adjournment and closed today's meeting.

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Chairman, Mark K. Sullivan

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Vice Chairman, Patrick Dietrick---Robert Vane, as proxy

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Secretary, Elizabeth L. White

