

Wells County Election Board

July 16, 2019

The Wells County Election Board met on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 3:30PM in the Clerk's Office located at the Wells County Courthouse, 102 W Market Street, Suite 201, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Republican Election Board Member Roy Johnson, Democratic Election Board Member Larry Sell and Clerk Beth Davis.

Minutes: Motion made by Roy Johnson, seconded by Larry Sell to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Primary Ballot Vacancy's: Paperwork was received from the Democratic Party Chairman to fill the Primary Election Ballot Vacancy for Bluffton City Council District One with Tom Gibson. Paperwork was also received from the Republican Party Chairman to fill the Ballot Vacancy for Bluffton City Council District Four with Scott Mentzer.

Lancaster Township Trustee Replacement: A Certificate of Appointment (CEB-4) was received from the Republican Party Chairman to Appoint Marcia Meyer to replace the Lancaster Township Trustee Ken Isch (Deceased).

Town of Poneto Election: An Election will need to be held for the Town of Poneto this year since we have received four petitions from Independent Candidates running for a three member board for Town Council. Additional Candidates may file as a major party candidate up till noon on August 1, 2019. The current town board President for Poneto thought the board members were elected by districts however the town ordinance states the town council members are to be elected At-Large. As of the date of this meeting there has been only one candidate file for the Clerk-Treasurer Position.

Other Small Town Elections: As of the date of this meeting there are no other small towns with contested races.

Poll Pad Encoding: Clerk Davis informed the other Election Board Members that she has ordered Poll Pad Encoders to be used at the upcoming November Election. The Poll Pad Encoders are attached to the E-Poll Books and code the Vote-IN cards with the correct precinct and splits for the voters. This way when the Judges insert the Vote-IN cards at the voting panels, the correct precinct and split will come up which will help eliminate human error of the poll worker.

Vote Centers for the Municipal Election: The Election Board discussed the Vote Centers for the Municipal Election since there will be an election for the Town of Poneto. The town of Poneto is 6.5 miles away from the vote center at the 4-H Park and 6.7 miles from the vote center at Southern Wells School. Since the 4-H Park is the closest vote center to the Town of Poneto, the vote center at Southern Wells will not be opened for this election year. The Lighted Gardens Vote Center will be discussed at the next election board meeting after the August 1st, 2019 deadline to file for small towns has passed in case there is an Election for the Town of Ossian.

2020 Election Board Budget: Discussed the 2020 Election Board Budget that will be presented to the County Council in August. The proposed budget will have several changes to the line items within the

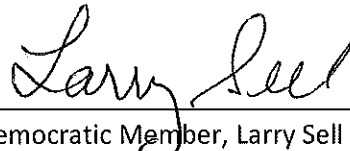
budget. Currently the budget has been broken down to separate lines for each type of poll worker and the 2020 proposed budget will have poll workers budgeted under the same line as Primary Poll Workers or General Poll Workers to make it easier to budget for these positions. Currently early voting election workers are paid different wages depending on when and where they are working, the 2020 proposed budget would be changed to pay all early voting election workers the same hourly rate. New legislation passed this year that will require all Voting Panels to have a Verified Voter Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) attached to them by the year 2030. The Secretary of State will be providing enough for 10% of our inventory this year to meet the state requirement which should be 7 VVPAT's. I am requesting to purchase 7 more each year starting with the 2020 Budget so we will have all the required VVPAT's by the 2030 deadline.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 4:13PM

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Republican Member, Roy Johnson



Democratic Member, Larry Sell



Clerk, Beth Davis