

Wells County Election Board

October 15, 2019

The Wells County Election Board met on Tuesday, October 15, 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. Also in Attendance was Deputy Clerk Janet Double.

Minutes: Motion made by Larry Sell, seconded by Roy Johnson to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Motion made by Roy Johnson, seconded by Larry Sell to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2019 Public Test. Motion carried 3-0.

Legal Notice (CAN-39): The Legal Notice of Municipal Election (CAN-39) was published in the Bluffton News-Banner and the Ossian Journal on October 3rd, 2019 along with the Public Notice of Dates and Times for Voting. These notices are now made a part of these minutes.

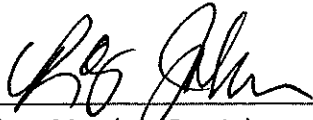
Southern Wells Vote Center for 2020: Clerk, Beth Davis informed the other board members that she visited the McNatt Church in Jackson Township and it did have one handicap parking space available which may meet the requirements for a vote center. However, the McNatt Church is at the west side of the county near the Huntington and Grant county lines which would NOT make it very accessible to the other voters in the southern part of the county. The Southern Wells School is a central location for Jackson, Chester and Nottingham townships. After the Election Board reached out to the attorney for the Southern Wells School a response was received back from the attorney stating the School would like to offer a proposal to use the Ag Building for the Election and have the Election Board assign a deputy sheriff to be visible during the times that students would be at the School. After some discussion a motion was made by Roy Johnson, seconded by Larry Sell to accept the proposal from the school and use the Ag Building for the 2020 Elections with a Sheriff Deputy available during the times students are at the school. Motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Dates for the 2019 Municipal Election: Reviewed the upcoming scheduled dates for the Municipal Elections; Poll Worker Training is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 2PM & 5PM, Traveling Board is scheduled to go out to Christian Care and Signature Care on Thursday, October 17th and early voting in the Clerk's Office is scheduled to start on Monday, October 21st.

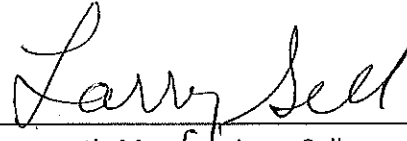
Election Sign Placement: Roy Johnson had received an email regarding Political yard signs in rights of ways. Roy did not find anything regarding this in Title 3 Election of the Indiana Code, but did find some information in IC 9-21-4-6, which would be in reference to all signs on or over roadway. IC 9-21-4-6(b) states "A person may not place, maintain, or display an advertising sign, signal, or device on a highway in a city between the curb and sidewalk. If the curb and sidewalk join, a person may not place, maintain, or display on the sidewalk an advertising sign, signal or device closer than ten (10) feet from the curb line."

Adjourned: Motion made by Larry Sell, seconded by Roy Johnson to adjourn at 4:03PM. Motion carried 3-0.

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Republican Member, Roy Johnson



Democratic Member, Larry Sell



Clerk/Election Board Member, Beth Davis