

Wells County Election Board

September 17, 2019

The Wells County Election Board met on Tuesday, September 17, 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's Janet Double and Rhonda Gentis.

Minutes: Motion made by Larry Sell, seconded by Roy Johnson to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Ossian Town Convention: The Republican Party held a town convention on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Ossian Town hall to select their nominee for the Center Ward Town Council Member. There was a total of two candidates that filed for the position; Athena Brickley and Darin Hubble. At the convention, Athena M. Brickley was nominated for the office.

Resolution for Not Having Small Town Elections: Since there is no contested races for the Town or Ossian or the Town of Markle, the Election Board decided to pass a Resolution to withhold these offices for the 2019 Municipal Election. Motion made by Larry Sell, Seconded by Roy Johnson to approve Wells County Election Board Resolution No. 2019-03 "Resolution that an election may not be held for a municipal office for the Town of Ossian and for the town of Markle". Motion carried 3-0.

2019 Municipal Election Sample Ballots: Reviewed the sample ballots for the 2019 Municipal Election.

New Election Forms: Discussed some new and revised forms that went into effect on July 1, 2019. Some of the new forms include; Certification of delivery of voting systems (CEB-1A), Certification of return of Election Equipment (CEB 1-B), Certification of Ballot Agreement (CEB-40), Affidavit concerning casting of Voter's Ballot (PRE-9), Certification of Ballot Agreement in a Vote Center (CEB-40), and Precinct Oath Book update (PRE-1).

Southern Wells Vote Center: Discussed the email Clerk Davis received from the Southern Wells Superintendent, Steve Darnell regarding the use of the Southern Wells Community School as a vote center for the 2020 Election year. The email stated that the safety committee had met and discussed using Southern Wells School as a vote center in 2020 for the May primary and the November General Elections along with the two Saturday's prior to the election days and the committee voting NO.

As discussed in the previous meeting, the Election Board was going to request the use of the School for one last Election year in 2020, then move the voting center to the new Southern Wells Church that is planning on being built sometime next year. Southern Wells School is the most central location for a vote center in the southern part of county, any other location would require most voters to have to travel a greater distant to cast their ballots.

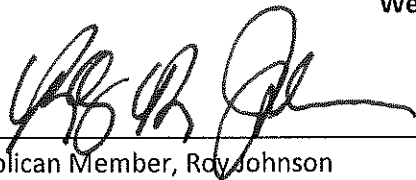
The state Election Division referred the County Election Board to IC 3-11-8-4 which states "School buildings, fire stations, and all other public buildings shall be made available without charge to a county for holding an election. The county may not be required to sign any agreement assuming liability as a precondition for use of the public building." The Election Board discussed a Church in Jackson Township,

but not sure if it will met the requirements for ADA accessibility. Clerk Davis will visit the Church in Jackson Township and check if it meets the requirements and report back to the Election Board at the next meeting. If the Election Board cannot find another accessible location in the southern part of the county then we will have to continue to use the School for a Vote Center.

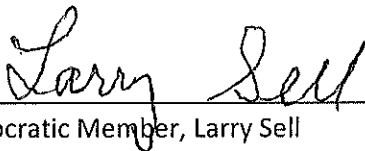
Upcoming Dates to Remember: Public Test for the Election Equipment to be used for the Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 3:2:00PM. The next Election Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 3:30PM. Poll Worker training is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 2:00pm or 5:00pm at the Wells County Annex Meeting Room.

Adjourned: Motion made by Larry Sell, seconded by Roy Johnson to adjourn at 4:10PM. Motion carried 3-0.

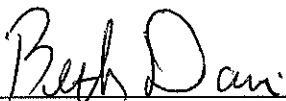
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