**Monroe County Vote Center Committee Meeting**

January 10, 2024 5:00 PM

**Conference Room 100 B, Showers Building**

Call To Order

Chair Ilana Stonebraker called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM Also present in person were William Ellis, Ami Gandhi, Stacy Kowalczyk, Evan Nayee, Debora Shaw, Danny Shields, Hal Turner, Stephen Volan, and Deputy Clerk Kylie Moreland. Taylor Bryant arrived shortly after the call to order. Daniella Wheelock was absent.

Agenda Approval

Draft minutes of committee meetings will be posted on the Monroe County website in advance of the subsequent meeting. The minutes are final after approval by the Committee. Committee members agreed to review minutes for the December 7, 2023 and January 10, 2024 meetings at the January 24, 2024 meeting.

New Business

**1. Updates from Deputy Clerk Moreland**

a. Meetings for the Committee have been scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays or each month through December 2024. Most of the meetings will be at 5:00 PM in Conference Room 100 B, 501 N. Morton. Exceptions are May 8 (in Nat U. Hill Meeting Room), June 12 (meeting begins at 5:30), and December 11 (Conference Room 106 D). Committee members will receive the agenda and materials for the meeting at least two days in advance.

b. Clerk Nicole Browne has alerted Deputy Clerk Moreland that 63 counties now have vote centers. There state legislature is apparently poised to discuss vote centers during this session.

c. The Election Board has invited the Committee to identify a member to report to the Board on the Committee’s progress. Ami Gandhi volunteered to serve.

**2. Questions for January 24 discussion with Clerk Browne**

a. What barriers do voters face with current voting operations?

b. What models exist for vote centers: is a “universal” viable, in which all current polling places would be converted to vote centers? If so, how would future potential consolidation be handled?

c. What methods are available to educate voters about the switch to vote centers? Are any methods more or less effective?

d. Should we assume that all ballots will be printed on demand, or is there interest in pre-printing ballots in anticipation of need at certain locations?

e. Should we consider the potential implication of switching to electronic voting machines?

f. Is there any information on how long it takes for a voter to sign in and receive a ballot-on-demand, for example from early voting in Monroe County?

**3. Preliminary schedule for upcoming meetings**

January 24 - discussion with Clerk Browne

February 14 - review of background documents the committee has received

May 8 - meeting at the Nat U. Hill Meeting Room may (or may not) be an opportunity for invited public comments

Motion To Recess or Adjourn

Chair Ilana Stonebraker called a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

The Motion Passes Unanimously

**Next County Vote Center Meeting**

January 24, 2024 at 5:00 PM

**Conference Room 100 B, Showers Building 1st Floor**

501 N Morton St, Bloomington, IN 47404

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