**Monroe County Vote Center Committee Meeting**

February 14, 2024 5:00 PM

**Conference Room 100 B, Showers Building and via Teams**

Call To Order

In the absence of Chair Ilana Stonebraker and Co-Chair Taylor Bryant, Secretary Debora Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Also present in person were William Ellis, Ami Gandhi, Stacy Kowalczyk, Evan Nayee, Danny Shields, Hal Turner, Daniella Wheelock, and Election Supervisor Kylie Moreland.

Election of Chair Pro-Tempore

William Ellis volunteered to serve as Chair Pro-Tempore. Danny Shields seconded the nomination.

**His election is approved unanimously**

Approval of Minutes

Danny Shields moved approval of minutes of the January 24, 2024 meetings. Ami Gandhi seconded.

**Minutes were approved unanimously**

New Business

1. The Election Board’s direction to consolidating voting locations, rather than putting a vote center at every current polling location led to a request for more information on current voting patterns. Danny Shields moved:

Action Item 1: The Committee requests information from the County on the number of eligible voters (census data), number of registered voters, and the number who voted in the 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections. If possible, the information should be displayed graphically.

Daniella Wheelock seconded.

**Motion passes unanimously**

2. Reports on other counties’ experiences with vote centers could help address questions of whether vote centers increase turnout or have other advantages. How have these counties educated voters about the change? Comments from counties that tried vote centers and returned to precinct voting would be useful as well. Daniella Wheelock moved:

Action Item 2: We seek information from Tippecanoe, Marion, Delaware, and Vigo counties on the percentage of eligible voters who voted before and after vote centers were introduced.

We seek information from counties that have changed back to precinct voting.

Danny shields seconded.

**Motion passes unanimously**

Daniella Wheelock volunteered to lead the data-gathering effort; Evan Nayee, and Ami Gandhi offered to assist.

Motion To Adjourn

Chair Pro Tempore William Ellis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41. Hal Turner so moved; Danny Shields seconded the motion.

**The motion passes unanimously**

**Next County Vote Center Meeting**

February 28, 2024 at 5:00 PM

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

501 N Morton St, Bloomington, IN 47404

and via Teams

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