**Monroe County Election Board Meeting**

*May2nd, 2024*

**Nat U Hill Room & Via Zoom**

Call To Order

*The Monroe County Election Board meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by John Fernandez, Democratic Party and Board Chair. Judith Benckart, Republican Party Board Member, Nicole Browne, Monroe County Clerk and Board Secretary, County Attorney Molly King-Turner, and Election Supervisor Kylie Moreland were also present.*

Approval of Minutes

*Chairperson Fernandez asks for approval of the April 2024, minutes. Clerk Browne motioned to approve. Chairperson Benckart seconded it.* **Motion Passes Unanimously**

Clerk’s Update

Early voting turnout throughout the state is lower than expected. As of May 2nd, there has been a 3.5% voter turnout with 3,189 early voters for Monroe County. 1,389 absentee ballots have been mailed out and 850 of those ballots have been returned.

Upcoming important dates: Saturday May 4th is the second Saturday for voting; early voting ends Monday May 6th at noon; Friday May 17th, the Election Board meets to reconcile Provisional Ballots.

Election Central Update

The Election Board was given a list of incomplete voter registration forms. The board voted to reject these filings. **Motion Passes Unanimously**

CFA 4 late filings- These filings are on hold until the policy can be looked at/revised.

**No Public Comment**

Vote Center Study Committee Update

Ralph Shaw spoke on behalf of Ami Gandhi. The committee has spoken to IU students about their voting experience. Students have expressed concern with living on campus while their voting location is off campus. Many students come from a place where Vote Centers are utilized and are surprised when they learn we don’t use Vote Centers.

**No meeting on May 8th.**

New Business

The Board voted on approval of student poll workers. **Motion Passes Unanimously**

The Board voted on approval of appointed Poll Workers**. Motion Passes Unanimously**

The Board voted on approval of Election Day worker pay increase. **Motion Passes Unanimously**

The Board voted to allow one Inspector to oversee multiple Precincts at one location. **Motion Passes Unanimously**

Public Comment- A patron gave her opinion about previous public comments.

Public Comment- A patron expressed his gratitude for early voting staff and commended their hard work. Called for residents to get out and vote.

Motion To Recess

*Clerk Browne motions to recess until Monday May 6th, at 4PM, at Election Central.*

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Next County Election Board Meeting**

***Thursday, June 6th, 2024, at 1:00 PM***

**Nat U Hill Room, 3rd Floor, Monroe County Courthouse**