**Monroe County Election Board Meeting**

*August 1st, 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, Election Supervisor Kylie Moreland were present , and County Attorney Molly King-Turner was available via Teams.*

Approval of Minutes

*Chairperson Fernandez asks for approval of the May 2nd monthly meeting and May 17th Provisional Ballot hearing minutes. Clerk Browne motioned to approve. Chairperson Benckart seconded it.* **Motion Passes Unanimously**

Clerk’s Update

National Poll Worker Recruiting Day was August 1st. We would like to thank all our election poll workers.

**Primary Election 2024**-

Absentee Ballots:

Walk into early voting at Election Opps- 4,713

Voted with Travel Board: 55

Ballots sent by mail: 1,384

Ballots returned by mail: 1,216

Ballots not returned by mail: 168

Emails sent out: 65

Emails returned: 31

Emails not returned: 34

**Election Day Ballots**

Election Day Voters: 9,719 voters

Provisional Ballots:42

Provisionals rejected: 27

Provisionals accepted: 15

**Total Election Turnout: 15.8%**

Election Central Update

319 Surveys were sent out to all Election Day workers on May 16th, we have received 156 as of today (August 1st).

Requests: Some polling sites need more arrow signs for the hallways.

Concerns: Half of the poll workers are requesting to work half days. Some of the half day workers do not show up for their shift causing issues for the poll site. Other complaints were brought to attention on the difficulties of not being Vote Centers.

Positive feedback: Tech team was professional and prompt. Voter Registration was knowledgeable. Recruiters were prompt with responses and there were requests to bring back the student poll workers.

**No Public Comment**

Vote Center Study Committee Update

Ami Gandhi did a recap of the Town Hall meeting that took place in Ellettsville addressing the public and taking questions on what a vote center is. Filling the empty seat on the committee was also addressed. The next Vote Center Committee meeting is August 14th.

**No Public Comment**

New Business

Candidacy challenge review- The Board has decided to set a date for a specific hearing.

Randy Cassidy District 2 filed candidacy with guidance from the Indiana Election Division, missing the deadline. Cassidy suspends his campaign effective immediately. The Election Board sets the hearing for August 8th at 1:00 pm.

* Approval of Early Voting schedule- NAPA Building
* Oct 8th-11th 8:00 am-6:00 pm
* Oct 14th-18th 8:00 am-6:00 pm
* Oct 21st-25th 8:00 am-6:00 pm
* Oct 26th 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
* Oct 28th- Nov 1st 8:00 am- 6:00 pm
* Nov 2nd 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
* Mon Nov 4th 8:00 am- noon

-Approval of poll sites- Precincts are the same as Primary Elections- **pass unanimously**

-Appoints Leads and recruiters- **pass unanimously**

**-**Emergency Planfor poll sites discussed.

-Policy for county voter registration computerized data request- requests to put data on flash drives at a cost. (concerns for cyber attack, who can get a copy).

**Public comment-** A resident made a comment

Motion To Adjourn

*Clerk Browne motions to Adjourn until Thursday August 8th, at 1PM, at* ***Nat U Hill Room****.*

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Next County Election Board Meeting**

***Thursday, September 5th, 2024, at 1:00 PM***

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