Monroe County Vote Center Committee Meeting Minutes – Draft January 8, 2025 5:00 p.m. Conference Room 100B, Showers Building North, and via Teams

Call to Order

Chair Ilana Stonebraker called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Also present in person were committee members Noelle Conyer, William Ellis, Debora Shaw, Stephen Volan, and Daniella Wheelock. Ami Gandhi arrived shortly after approval of the minutes. Election Supervisor Kylie Farris was also present. Stacy Kowalckyk participated via Teams. Committee member absent: Zoe Harris.

Approval of Minutes

William moved approval of the draft minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting. Steve seconded. **The minutes were approved unanimously.**

New Business

Ilana reported on the January 2, 2025 Election Board meeting, where she made a slide presentation on our committee's work. A good discussion ensued, with Election Board members asking about the costs of vote centers, the impact of vote centers on voter participation, voter experiences with the current system, and the impact that increased early voting might have on the demand for vote centers on Election Day.

Old and Continuing Business

Ilana thanked Stacy, Kylie, and Voter Registration staff for their work on the current draft report, noting that we await information from vendors on equipment. Committee members continued work on the report. Steve volunteered to take responsibility for the next draft.

Ilana moved that the committee plan future meetings on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. on January 22, February 12, and February 19, 2025. Steve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

William moved to adjourn; Steve seconded at 6:03. **The motion passed unanimously**

Next County Vote Center Meeting January 22, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Conference Room 100B, Showers Building North and via Teams