

**PORTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD**

**155 INDIANA AVE, SUITE 205**

**VALPARAISO IN 46383**

**JANUARY 16, 2020**

\*Clerk Jessica Bailey calls meeting to Order and requests that a moment of silence is observed for David Welter.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call – Bailey, Paul Rauch, Chidester, Lowe, Bengs and Attorney Monica Conrad are present. Quorum Established.
3. 3. Reorganization – Chidester Motions to appoint Paul Rauch as chairman to Election Board. Bengs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0 motion passes. Chidester nominates Ethan Lowe as vice-chair. Bengs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0 motion passes.
4. Selection of Election Board Attorney – Reaffirmation of current Attorney. Lowe motions to approve. Chidester 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0 motion passes.
5. Approval of Minutes – Lowe motions to approve. Chidester 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0 motion passes.
6. Clerk's Report – Watching 16 Bills in Legislation that are assigned to the Elections and Apportionment Committee. HB 1057 elimination of Straight Party Voting. Indiana is 1 of 7 states with straight party voting. HB 1221 extends hours of voting until 8pm and changes the unanimous vote to a simple majority for vote centers. HB 1288 Amendment that Clerk Bailey worked on to add the option to electronically candidate paperwork. EB could not require electronic filing but would allow the option. Election Conference was 3 full days of information in December. New Editions of Election books are in the Elections & Registrations Office and available for the EB Members to pick up their copies. SVRS Proficiency Test have been passed by staff in the Elections and Registration Office and by Chief Deputy Clerk Hartwig, Clerk Bailey will be taking it tomorrow. 2<sup>nd</sup> Candidate Information session was held, 11 participated. Feedback was positive. Scheduling for the outreach program to all local high schools has begun. Estimating approximately 600ish poll workers will be needed for this year's elections. Proposal for Multi-Purpose Vehicle has been given to the Council in preparation for this month's meeting. Attendance of the EB at the January 28<sup>th</sup> @5:30pm meeting would be appreciated.

7. Director's Report – Director Schoon & Co-Director Rauch. 8 Petitions for President have come in that will need hundreds & hundreds of signatures verified. 33 candidates so far have filed for offices. Campaign Finances Reports were due by noon yesterday, over 60 reports have been received, still some outstanding. Early Vote sites are being contacted. Class schedule have been set for April in Chesterton Portage and Valpo. This includes 2 Saturday classes and night classes. Looking into booking October classes now since locations fill up fast. Potential poll worker's names and contact information is being forwarded to the Party Chairman as they call in.
8. Unfinished Business – (a) Campaign Finance Reports. 1 outstanding pre-primary report being worked on; party is being worked with to correct. Ray Poparad passed and still has an open campaign. Cannot be closed by EB until 3 years from the date of the last activity. List of outstanding candidate annual finance reports is given to Attorney Conrad to address. (b) Multi-Purpose Vehicle. On County Council Agenda this month. Chidester motions to accept proposal of purchase of Multi-Purpose Vehicle. Lowe 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4-0, motion passes. Rauch abstains from vote since he has not had an opportunity to review proposal.
9. New Business – (a) Resolution 2020-01 to approve 16 and 17-year-old poll workers. Lowe motions to approve. Chidester 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0 motion passes. (b) Resolution to approve Inventory List of Election Equipment. Lowe motions to accept list as provided. Chidester 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0, motion passes (\*there is no resolution #, State Form is provided). (c) Resolution 2020-02 to approve E-poll books. Lowe motions to approve. Chidester 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0, motion passes. (d) Discussion on Early Vote Locations and Hours. 5 EV sites will be used. Monday; Wednesday & Friday; hours will be 8:30 – 3:30. Tuesday and Thursday hours will be 8:30-8:30. EV Saturday's will be 4/25/2020 and 5/3/2020, Saturday hours will be 8:30-3:30. Potential Mobile Voting times and locations addressed pending Council Approval and delivery of vehicle. No vote held pending outcome of Council Meeting. (e) Election Polling Location Changes. Discussions held. Lowe motions to accept polling location changes. Chidester 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0, motion passes.
10. Announcements – (a) Next Meeting 2/18/2020 @12pm in room 102A (b) Upcoming Deadlines – 1/28 Presidential Petitions Deadlines; 1/31 Equipment inventory due to the state; 1/31 Deadline to file oaths at the Clerk's Office; 2/4 Governor Petitions Due; 2/7 Filing for local office ends at noon; 2/10 Withdrawal of candidacy deadline 12 noon; 2/14 challenge deadline at noon.
11. Other – None
12. Public Comment – None
13. Adjournment – Rauch motions to adjourn. Bengs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0, motion passes.