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ELECTION BOARD MINUTES

March 7, 2011

Those present at the Election Board meeting held in Room 103 of the Courthouse Annex:

Craig Adams, Chair of Election Board	Martha Breene, Vice-Chair of Election Board
Eleanora Miller, Election Board	Denise Jones, Chief Clerk of Election Board
Richard Winkler, County Solicitor	Lisa Mumford, Admin. Asst.
Michael R. Hadley, Esq.	Gerry McGuinness, Voter Registration
Amber Kistler, Clerk	John Huey, Taxpayer
Commissioner Vince Witherup	Roger Pryor, Taxpayer
Connie Pryor, Taxpayer	Sheila Boughner, News

Craig Adams called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The meeting began with a moment of silent prayer then Craig Adams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment in regards to the agenda.

A motion was made by Martha Breene to defer approval the minutes from the February 28, 2011 meeting since the Board didn't have time to review them, seconded by Eleanora Miller, aye all.

Rich Winkler, County Solicitor, advised that it was not necessary for him to be administered the Oath of Office to the County Solicitor since he has already been sworn in. There is no need for separate oath of offices Winkler advised.

Resolution VCBE-2011-08 (Special Assistant) – This resolution will be deferred until next meeting. The approval of the position will be presented at the Commissioners' meeting which will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Martha advised that there is money in the budget for a special assistant.

Administer Oath to Special Assistant was not done since Resolution VCBE-2011-08 is deferred until the next Board of Elections meeting.

Craig presented for adoption Resolution VCBE-2011-09 (Update website information). This resolution relates to changes, additions and deletions on the County's website for voter registration/elections. Some other changes will be made on the website such as to change Denise Jones' title to "Chief Clerk of Elections", remove the names of the former Board of Elections and insert the current members' names, add the Board minutes, and add 2011 Primary Election Ballot. These are just some of the changes that will be made. The resolution can be reviewed for more complete changes and details. Martha made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Eleanora, aye all.

Craig presented for adoption Resolution VCBE-2011-10 (Determination of Ballot Position). This resolution is to make sure there is a full and fair process of determining candidate positions on the primary ballot. Casting of Lots is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. to be held in Room 100 in the Courthouse Annex. The Casting of Lots will be handled differently

this year. For each office appearing on the ballot in an election, the Board of Elections will separately place the name of every candidate for such office in a container from which one of the employees from the Board will draw an individual name. As a name is drawn, that candidate will proceed to draw for a ballot position. The resolution can be reviewed for more complete changes and details. Martha made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Eleanora, aye all.

The next item discussed was the vacant constable positions listed on the ballot. Previously it was approved that the two and four year positions of the constables would be removed from the ballot. This item is now amended so that that all vacant constable positions will be listed for a six (6) year term on the ballot for a total of 26 open positions. This is according to the term allowed by law. Martha made a motion to approve this amendment, seconded by Eleanora, aye all.

Craig presented the issue of constables on duty in polling places. Martha advised the law states constables shall be at the polling locations. She advised that the laws have not been followed in the past and that they need to be aligned and adhered to. The Board will find out how many constables are interested in working the polls for the elections. Constables working the polls will be required to be in uniform. Butch Huey suggested that Craig Westover the Constable Coordinator, come up with a list of duties and rules that the constables will need to follow on Election Day. Mike Hadley suggested that the constables who are interested in working the polls should attend poll working training. Martha made a motion to approve constables on duty at the polling places, seconded by Eleanora, aye all.

Martha requested any press releases be reviewed and approved by at least two (2) members of the Election Board before being released. The cost of any press releases should be at no cost or at a very minimal cost. Martha made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Eleanora, aye all.

The Appointment of vacancies in Poll Worker and Election Board employees was tabled at this meeting. It will be discussed at a later date. Martha made a motion to approve this item to be tabled, seconded by Eleanora, aye all.

Denise Jones will appoint and administer the oath of William Kresinski as Board's Management and Information Systems Officer. This was to be done at tonight's meeting, but Bill was absent. Martha made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Eleanora, aye all.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief Clerk Denise Jones raised the matter of video streaming the election board meetings. Denise advised the County pays \$950 to EZStream to provide the live video of the commissioners meetings for the County website. This amount is for a specified number of meetings. When the contract is up for renewal, the County can pay \$1,295 for streaming an unlimited number of meetings. Martha said she will pay the additional amount which will be \$345 out of her own pocket to have the unlimited number of video-streaming meetings.

Denise announced she will be holding a special training for about twelve (12) precincts who we feel had some issues at their polling places in regards to filling out paperwork, etc. The training will be held April 5th at 4:00 p.m. in Room 100 at the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mumford, Admin. Assist.