



Board of Election Commissioners

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THE CITY OF AURORA, KANE, KENDALL, AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2016

The Meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Aurora is convened by Chairman Leah Anderson at the Aurora Election Commission, 323 W. Galena Blvd, in Aurora, IL at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day of November, 2016.

Commissioner Anderson asks that Commission McCoy to call the roll. Present are Commissioners Anderson and McCoy. Also in attendance is the Executive Director Linda Fechner and Attorney Pat Bond. Vendors in attendance are Bill Barrett and Ken Gibson from Liberty Systems and Judd Ryan and Drew Ryan from ES&S. Chairman Anderson states for the record that Commissioner Perry is excused.

The Meeting is opened with Attorney Bond leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There are no correspondences.

There is no Public Comment. Commissioner Anderson asks for the consent of the Board to allow two presentations to be conducted during Public Comment. With the general consensus of the Board item "A", under New Business, is moved to Public Comment. Judd Ryan and Drew Ryan, Election System and Services (ES&S) asks the Board to move to the Training area so as to give demonstration of equipment. When their demonstration is complete, the Board returns to the Board Room and Ken Gibson, Liberty System LLC, provides the Board with the information on Unisyn Election Equipment. Both Companies provide the Board with paperwork with information on the Companies and Systems.

Commissioner McCoy moves to approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and is seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves and Commissioner Anderson seconds to approve the Bank Statements and place on file. The motion to approve and place on file the Bank Statements passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves and is seconded by Commissioner Anderson to place on file the Commission Treasurer's Report. The motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves to approve the Commission Bills, and it is seconded by Commissioner Anderson. On the motion to approve the Commission Bills, Commissioner McCoy calls the roll and Commissioners Anderson and McCoy vote 'aye' and the Motion carries 2-0. The Executive Director noted for the record that the Annual License Invoice from Election System and Service (ES&S) has an effective date is January 1, 2017 and ES&S is on notice that the Invoice will be placed in the January 2017 Agenda for consideration and approval.

Unfinished Business:

There are no legal issues at this time, as reported by Attorney Bond. Attorney Bond spoke on the Aurora Township Democratic Party and the Court Order for a Township Primary to be held rather than a Caucus. There were only two Offices that forced a Primary; Highway Commissioner and Trustee. At this time there are no objections to any Petition filed either at the Township or in the Aurora Election Commission for a Municipal seat. A person has until Monday December 5, 2016 to file an Objection for an Office.

There was no new Federal Legislation. There was a bill regarding the Photographing of a voter's Ballot. This has been introduced several times but with so many issues that arise from the legislation, it again does not seem to be going anywhere.

Attorney Bond also spoke on what is an election cycle per the courts and when a person may change parties in Illinois and run as a candidate. He refers to the Rauschenberger Case as an example.

Attorney Bond announces to the Board that Commissioner McCoy has been appointed to a new three year term starting December 1, 2016 and runs through November 30, 2019. On next month's Agenda the Board will conduct its annual reorganization of the Board.

Sikich is scheduled to complete the 2015 Audit in December.

The November 2016 Election is complete and information sent to the State. The Election Judges, Processing Judges, and Polling Places have all been paid.

As previously mention by Attorney Bond, the filing is complete for the Primary and there are currently five (5) Candidates seeking the Office of Mayor of Aurora. As of right now there are the required number to have a February 18, 2017 Primary for the Office of Mayor (Non-Partisan) and Aurora Township Democratic Highway Commissioner and Aurora Township Democratic Trustee. The Office is mandated to have two permanent polling sites as well as Same Day Registration. Eola Library has been a temporary site and at this time, they have not responded to the Election Commission phone calls. Executive Director stated that the Early and Election Day contracts with the City are drawn up for the December Board Meeting as Early Voting starts on January 19, 2017. Previously, we have been told not to submit the contracts until the year they are needed. Being aware of the dates, Attorney Bond would get those agreements started.

New Business:

Executive Director reviewed issues with the current need for the Election Machines and why the Commission is replacing the system. When it was included in the 2015 Budget to purchase equipment, it was under the impression that we would be continuing with the GEMS system. The Office is unable to purchase new equipment and has been reviewing various vendors and systems. Included in the search, is reaching out to other jurisdictions for their input on the equipment. Executive Director came down to two machines that function similar to what we currently have; the Unisyn System offered by Liberty Systems and Election System and Service (ES&S) system D200s. A demonstration was held in the Commission office for the staff input. Two of the Commissioners have seen the demonstration at the IACREOT Summer Conference and the September AECOI Conference in addition to being in the Office while the Staff was seeing the

Demo. Commissioner McCoy asks the Director for her recommendation and at this time she said both were good systems and would work well with the voters. She noted that both systems also have some concerns and would need to further review products. At this time the Executive Director said she would recommend both systems equally. Commissioner McCoy asks for a spread sheet comparing the two systems for the next board meeting.

In another issue regarding the Laptop computers, many of the issues on Election Day were with the Laptop computers. There was connectivity issues; not finding voter who have been registered for a long time and lastly the post-election length of time to update the voter's file. The Executive Director recommends that we go with the previously used "preprinted applications" and use the laptop for same day registrations. With the Unisyn voting systems, Votec was also in the Office with the laptops. There was positive feedback on the laptops. The Executive Director says that the Judges need more training with the laptop even though they are quite simple to use. The Judges, either in a panic due to more than one voter in line, or just didn't follow directions causes voters to have Application manually written and now the Office in post-election update must manually add.

An Alderman expressed her concerns with the Polling Place for Ward 7 Pct. 7-4 and 7-5. The voters in her community do not like going to Alden and would prefer going to Mt. Olive Church. A suggestion of changing the Precincts around cannot happen until after the elections as it would be creating a new political subdivision. Executive Director Fechner says she will work with the Alderman to assure the voters they have all the options of voting.

Commissioner McCoy motioned to approve the 2017 Schedule of Board Meeting Dates and it is second by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Anderson asks Commissioner McCoy to call the roll and on a roll call vote, Commissioner Anderson and McCoy vote 'Aye' and motion passes.

Commissioner McCoy motions to approve the 2017 Schedule of Office Holidays and it is second by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Anderson asks Commissioner McCoy to call the roll and on a roll call vote Commission Anderson and McCoy vote "Aye" and motion carries 2-0.

Attorney Bond states that next month two resolutions will be on the Agenda to memorialize these actions.

The next scheduled Meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

With no further business at hand Commissioner McCoy moved and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn to the December 22, 2016 Meeting. The Motion was carried on voice vote. Meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

Leah Anderson, Chairman

Michael McCoy, Vice-Chairman

Lillian Perry, Secretary