

THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF AURORA, KANE, KENDALL, AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2014

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 29th day of October, 2014.

Commissioner Perry called the role. Present are Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry. Also in attendance is the Executive Director Linda Fechner, Attorney Pat Bond, and Bill Barrett from Liberty Systems. Guest in attendance for the meeting is Fran Schaw.

The Meeting is opened with Chairman Leah Anderson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Public Comment member of the public Fran Shaw spoke stating many of her neighbors and precinct had questions regarding the election. After she gave her list of questions, the chairman thanked her and stated that she should meet with the office during working hours to have any questions or concerns answered.

Chairman Anderson stated that the Quad County requested a small flyer be posted in the office regarding a work program they offer. The board agreed to post the flyer; however, the commission should not be involved with recruiting the public for them.

The Bloomington Election Commission is celebrating their 100 year in existence on Friday November 14, 2014. The board agreed anyone who is available may attend the open house.

The Aurora Public Library invited the Election Commission to a fund raiser to benefit the New Building. The board agreed that any member may attend at his/her own cost.

Commissioner McCoy moved to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2014 Board Meeting and second by Commissioner Perry. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moved and Commissioner Perry seconded to approve the Bank Statements and place on file. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moved and second by Commissioner Anderson to place on file the Commission Treasurer's Reports. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moved to approve the Commission Bills and it is second by

Commissioner Anderson. There were no disputed invoices. On the motion to approve the commission bills, Commissioner Perry called the roll call vote and Commissioners Anderson, Perry, and McCoy voted 'aye' and the motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Bond said there are currently no legal or pending legal issues. He spoke on the issue with the school that we use as a polling place. The Illinois Attorney General issued an opinion on October 15th regarding when to process the absentee ballots. The AG's opinion is that the ballots cannot be opened or processed until after 7:00 pm but before 8:00 pm on Election Night. The Commission will comply with the AG's opinion.

Attorney Bond reported to the board his communications to the city of Aurora's Corporate Counsel as to the dates information had been sent to the City's Corporate Counsel and subsequent follow-ups. The most recent MOU had been sent to the Commissioners and with a minor change, he would recommend the Commission bring the MOU back to the Agenda for review and approval. Upon discussion Commissioner McCoy had a concern as there wasn't any indication that the City was going to agree to the MOU. Commissioner Perry stated that the Statute requires the City to fund the Commission and in the past we have had several agreements that in the end the City chooses not to comply. Commissioner McCoy agreed and said the City is liable for the expenses and this could again lead to delaying the payment of bills if we need to rely on the City paying the expenses as the expenses are incurred. The Commissioners agreed to put the Memorandum Of Understanding on the Agenda for further discussion.

A discussion as to what meeting ensued as Commissioner McCoy would be unavailable for the November 18, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Perry offered to move the meeting to when he would be available. The general consensus was to have the November 18, 2014 meeting the Canvas of Election Results and table the remaining meeting and reconvene on December 3, 2014 when all Commissioners would be available. Attorney Bond stated he would check with the Chief Judge Brawka to verify that she would be available on the 3rd of December. If the Chief Judge is unable to attend the meeting on December 3, 2014, the Board would have the full meeting on the Regular scheduled meeting date of November 19, 2014.

Attorney Bond reiterated that while the Commission has received all of the 2014 funding from the County and some from the City, there is still an outstanding amount of approximately \$54,000.00 to completely cover the 2014 Budget for the Commission. This is due from the City side of the revenue.

Executive Director gave an update as to the 2014 Election. The public test was held earlier that day. The Executive Director provided the Board with the Early/Absentee/Grace Period figures.

The Executive Director stated she is working on the 2016 Budget and informed the Board that there will be an increase in the 2016 Budget in the employee area to cover the additional hours as mandated by Statute.

New Business:

Filing for the 2015 Consolidated Primary will be in the Commission office starting on Monday November 17, 2014 at 8:00 am. After this initial start date and time of 8:00 am, as is consistent with prior filing dates with the Commission, the office will accept any filings during office hours of 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Last day to

file is Monday November 24, 2014 by 5:00 pm. As reminded by Attorney Bond, all those who are in line at 8:00 am on the first day as well as all those who file in the last hour of the day will be put in a lottery for first and last position.

Next scheduled Meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:00 pm. This will be to canvas the 2014 General Election Results. If the Chief Judge is unable to attend the December 3rd, 2014 meeting, the November 19, 2014 will be a full meeting with Commissioner McCoy excused.

With no further business at hand Commissioner McCoy moved and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn to the October 29, 2014 Meeting. Meeting ended at 5:43 pm

 /s/ Leah Anderson
Leah Anderson, Chairman

 /s/ Michael McCoy
Michael McCoy, Vice-Chairman

 /s/ Lillian Perry
Lillian Perry, Secretary