

PORTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

155 INDIANA AVE., SUITE 205

VALPARAISO, IN 46383

APRIL 18, 2019, 3:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call- Jessica Bailey, David Bengs, David Welter present. Quorum established.
3. Approval of Minutes- Bengs motions to approve minutes from 3/21/2019, Welter seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes. Bengs motions to approve minutes from 4/8/2019, Bailey seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes.
4. Clerk's Report
 - a. Poll Worker Information- Chairmen deadline passed, both chairmen overwhelmingly fulfilled duties. 275 poll workers have signed up for class. 110 have already attended class. Additional 200 extra on reserve list to be used as night workers, on call list, etc. Classes for poll workers have begun in Portage, Hebron, Chesterton and Valparaiso. 306 poll workers needed to fully staff this election.
 - b. Early Voting Update- Parking for Portage early voting has been difficult but everyone working together to make process smooth. 510 early voters throughout the county so far. Voting will be closed for Good Friday. Normal hours Monday-Friday 8:30-3:30, Saturday April 27th and May 4th 8:30-3:30 and last day to early vote is May 6th at noon.
5. Unfinished Business

- a. Campaign Finance Reports- List of outstanding candidates is getting smaller. Election board attorney is provided with a list of names and addresses to send out notices. Conrad asks for a due date. Welter gives the date of May 16th, the day before the certification of election takes place. Bengs motions for candidates with outstanding reports to be sent notice to file by May 16th, end of business, Welter seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes.
6. New Business- Decision to be made on when to start absentee central count machine. Bailey states this is a small election and will be having an eight-person team, four from each party, working in two person bi-partisan teams. They are scheduled to arrive at 3:00pm to begin opening ballots, back folding, facing the same direction etc. Machine can count roughly 300 ballots a minute. Should be a very quick process. Bengs motions to start absentee ballot central count machine (DS850) at 6:00pm on Election Night or once polls close, Bailey seconds. Vote 3-0, motion passes.
7. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting- May 17th, 2019, 12:00pm to certify the primary election. Vote 3-0.
 - b. Upcoming Dates & Deadlines- Early voting ends May 6th at noon, Election Day is May 7th.
8. Other
9. Public Comment- Jennifer Klug from audience asks about town of Porter ballots and Duneland Referendum. Bailey clarifies that there are no contested races in the town of Porter, so ballots will only include Duneland Referendum.
10. Adjournment- Welter motions to adjourn, Bengs seconds. Vote 3-0, meeting adjourned.