

PORTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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VALPARAISO, IN 46383

July 1, 2019, 12:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Reorganization of Election Board – Dave Welter asks who is going to address the reorganization of the Election Board. David Bengs notes that currently the only member of the Election Board is Madam Clerk Bailey. Clerk Bailey notes that per H.B. 1217 today is the 1st day of the newly created Board of Elections and Registration, with this creation each Party Chairman has the ability to appoint 2 members to the board. For the Democratic Party the appointments are Dave Welter and Jeff Chidester and for the Republican Party the appointments are Dave Bengs and Ethan Lowe.
3. Oaths - Clerk Bailey administers the Oath to Dave Welter, Jeff Chidester, Dave Bengs & Ethan Lowe.
4. Roll Call – Bailey, Welter, Chidester, Bengs, Lowe and Board Attorney Monica Conrad are present. Quorum established.
5. Nomination of Board – Bengs nominates Welter as Board President, Chidester 2nd. Vote 5-0, motion passes. Bengs nominates Lowe as Vice President. Vote 5-0, motion passes.
6. Approval of Minutes – Welter motions to approve minutes from previous meeting. Bengs & Lowe second. Vote 5-0 motion passes.
7. Approval of Board of Elections & Registration Director/Assistant Director – Bailey reviews requirements of job posting for the

Director and Assistant Director and recommends Sundae Schoon as the Director and Becky Rauch as the Assistant Director. Lowe motions to approve the appointment of Becky Rauch as the Assistant Director, Bengs seconds. Vote 5-0 motion passes. Lowe makes a motion to approve the appointment of Sundae Schoon as Director, Bengs seconds. Vote 4-1; (Bailey; Welter; Bengs; Lowe yea, Chidester – no) motion passes.

8. Oaths – Bailey administers Oath's to Schoon & Rauch.
9. Clerk's Report – Bailey informs that the Elections & Registration Office will be located in the office formerly used for Voter Registration, she advises that as constructions projects around the county complete the location may change. The Elections & Registration Office will have a booth at the Porter County Fair and anyone on the board could donate time to work during the 11 days. County Council approved the merger of the Voter Registration and Election Board budget at the last meeting. Bailey asked Council for 2 additional deputies and they asked for additional information. Currently in the Elections Office there is the Director; Assistant Director and 2 employees. One of the 1st orders of business will be to gather information to present to the Council that will warrant additional staff. Dates for Election Conference is December 16-18th the Indianapolis Hyatt downtown. Lastly, needs to be seen if there are any adjustments that need to be made to the attorney contract. Bengs notes it will be the Directors that will be the ones that will be proposing approvals for their clerk's. Bailey confirms and clarify' s that it will be done at the July 18th meeting and that according to the new law she makes the recommendation for the Directors and that they make a job posting as to what they'd like to see in their staff.

They each hire ½ of the staff, currently they would each hire 1 deputy.

10. Unfinished Business –

a. Campaign Finance Reports – Bailey currently 2 outstanding. One cannot be administratively dissolved until 2020. Other one is Lynn Ross, she did submit some papers, but missing 2018 pre-election and pre-primary. Conrad asks to have board make decision on Jeff Trout's compliance. Chidester motions to dissolve Mr. Trout and set hearing on Ms. Ross, Welter seconds. Vote 5-0, motion passes. Hearing set for next meeting.

11. New Business – Bengs set next Board meeting for Ms. Ross and for follow up for director's new employees. Bailey there is a meeting scheduled for July 18th at 3:00pm. Conrad, conflict for that day; Lowe has conflict for that week. Discussion among board about new day for meeting. New meeting date agreed upon as July 19th @3pm. No additional new business.

12. Announcements –

a. Next Meeting - New date and time for next meeting is July 19th at 3:00pm.

b. Updated Deadlines – Bailey, candidate deadlines today by noon independent & minor party candidates must file petitions and nominations. July 3rd by noon deadline for Democrat and Republican Parties to file Certificate of Selection stating that the vacancy on the municipal election ballot has been filled. Deadline by Monday July 15th by noon candidate voluntarily withdraw from the municipal ballot. Thursday August 11th by noon deadline to file declaration of candidacy or notice of withdraw of candidacy previously filed.

13. Other – None

14. Public Comment – None

15. Adjournment – Bengs motions to adjourn, Welter & Chidester second. Vote 5-0, motion passes, meeting adjourned.