

**PORTER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD**

**155 INDIANA AVE., SUITE 205**

**VALPARAISO, IN 46383**

**JULY 19, 2019**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call – Bailey, Welter, Chidester, Bengs, Proxy Simpson and Board Attorney Monica Conrad are present. Quorum established.

3. Approval of Elections & Registration Deputies - Directors Schoon & Rauch make the recommendations of Jeanne King & Sharon Slusher. In their opinion from the applications received they are the most qualified & knowledgeable in the Election and Registration process. Bengs asks if County Council has approved the budget for these 2 positions. Bailey, yes these 2 positions were approved in the budget. An additional 2 positions were asked for but the counsel has not approved those at this time. Welter asks for questions or comments. Non made.

Simpson motions to approve Jeanne King as deputy of the Elections & Registration Office. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4-1, motion passes (Bailey; Welter; Bengs; Simpson yea, Chidester – no)

Bengs motions to approve Sharon Slusher as deputy of the Elections & Registration Office. Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 4-1, motion passes (Bailey; Welter; Bengs; Simpson yea, Chidester – no)

4. Oaths – Clerk Bailey Administers Oath's to Jeanne King & Sharon Slusher

5. Clerk's Report – Fair Booth is up and running in Expo East. The new election equipment is there for the public to try with a fair related election loaded on them. After the Fair is over the results will be released on social media & be given to the fair board to assist them with decisions they make for next year.

Six staff will be attending the Voter Registration Conference Wednesday 7/24 in Indy. Information from the conference will be shared at next month's meeting. Upgrades are being made in the Elections & Registration Office. A new counter & shelving is being added to give the office a more professional atmosphere & to give a stopping point so the public is not able to wander about the office. The amended Election Board Attorney Contract is ready to be approved. Attorney Conrad explains that the contract is a basic mirror of the contract held between the County Council and their attorney with just the names of the Board and parties changed. It is a 6-month contract, a new one will need to be approved the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year 2020. Chidester motions to approve. Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

6. Unfinished Business – Bailey, no new updates to the previous 2 names. Simpson asks to be given an opportunity to reach out to both parties or the family members of Olman and Ross for assistance.

7. New Business – Elections & Registration Social Media Policy. Curt Ellis from the County Commissioners Office takes the floor and gives the County Commissioners expectations and legal responsibilities of any County Office that chooses to have Social Media Accounts. It is specifically pointed out that only the Commissioners have the approval to have a person or persons blocked from a County Social Media Account. Simpson motions to approve using the County Commissioners Memorandum of Understanding. Bengs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0, motion passes. Chidester motions to approve using the County Commissioners Social Media Policy. Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0, motion passes. Ellis, Elections & Registration Facebook page will be live within about 15 minutes.

8. Announcements – (a) Next Meeting 8/15/19 @3:00pm.  
(b) Updated Deadlines. Bailey, 7/15/19 by noon is the deadline for any candidate to voluntarily withdraw from the municipal election ballot. 8/1/19 by noon is the deadline to file a declaration or withdraw a declaration of candidacy for nomination by a town convention in a town having a population of less than 3,500.

9. Other – None

10. Public Comment – None

11. Adjournment – Bengs motion to adjourn. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 5-0, motion passes.