

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
City of Galesburg, Illinois
December 5, 2023 — 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Basement Conference Room

Chairman Roger Williamson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Attending were Commissioners Veronica Peoples and Robert Potter, Executive Director Lisa Watson, and Assistant Bill Gohring. Also in attendance were Rev. Tony Franklin, David Amor, Jeanette Chernin, Darla Krejci, Richard Stout, and Peter Schwartzman.

After reviewing the minutes from the November 7, 2023, meeting, Robert Potter made a motion to approve the minutes. Veronica Peoples seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment Richard Stout stated that he was in favor of the proposed polling place changes.

Old Business

Memo Only Budget — Robert Potter provided an overview of the Memo Only Budget. The ending balance is \$30,591.

First Church of the Nazarene

Discuss Adding Precinct 6 to Polling Place – Veronica Peoples made a motion to move Precinct 6 from the Farm Bureau to the First Church of the Nazarene. Robert Potter seconded. Motion carried.

First Church of God

Discuss Adding Precinct 5 to Polling Place – Robert Potter made a motion to move Precinct 5 from the Farm Bureau to the First Church of God. Veronica Peoples seconded. Motion carried.

Polling Place Location in Building – Veronica Peoples made a motion that Precinct 5 be in the Church's Conference Room. Robert Potter seconded the motion. The room will better accommodate voters, and election judges. It will also eliminate one tabulator.

New Business

2024 Primary Election

Draylist – Possible Polling Place Setup & Takedown List Revision – The Draylist will require revision and additional signage to direct voters to make the voting experience as easy as possible for voters. Robert Potter, also, recommended posting signage at the former polling place.

Polling Place Signage – “Kindness & Patience are good for Your Health” – To help remind the voters that we are working to make their voting experience a positive experience.

Permanent Vote-by-Mail with No Party Preference Reminder – A letter has been drafted for voters who did not indicate a party ballot preference on their original application. The letter reminds them that they will not automatically receive a ballot for the 2024 Primary Election because a party preference was not provided. The letter, also, lists a variety of ways they can vote in the Primary Election if they choose to. These letters will go out after the first of the year.

One Vote Matters – Weekly posts will be posted to show voters examples of close contests that were decided by one vote or just a little more. Each post will include a balanced bi-partisan example.

FY 2023-2024 Funds – The funds have been received. The County made the check payable to the wrong entity, and mailed it to the wrong office, for the eighth consecutive year despite correction but the check has been processed with assistance from the City.

AECOI Bloomington Conference – The conference will be virtual, and Bloomington is working on finalizing the date and time.

Invoices & Supplies— Veronica Peoples made a motion to approve the invoices for the month of December. Robert Potter seconded. Motion carried. Veronica Peoples made a motion to approve the supply list for the month of December. Robert Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Schedule January meeting—The next commissioners meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Erickson Conference Room.

Veronica Peoples made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Potter seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

City Hall closed on Dec 25-26 & Jan. 1.

Other:

Records Disposal -- A letter requesting the Illinois Secretary of State in conjunction with the Illinois State Archives Division permit the state disposal of 2020 General Election documents that have been held past the normal disposition date, because of pending litigation, has been reviewed and signed by the commission's attorney. The litigation has not materialized, and the documents have been held past the extended date required by the initial request. Storage space is at a premium. The letter has been mailed and we are awaiting a response.

Nursing Homes – Bipartisan travel board teams will provide in person assistance at state qualifying nursing homes for residents who apply for a 2024 Primary Election ballot per statute.