

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
City of Galesburg, Illinois
August 15, 2023 — 9:00 a.m.
City Hall Erickson Conference Room

Chairman Roger Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attending were Commissioners Veronica Peoples and Robert Potter, Executive Director Lisa Watson, and Assistant Bill Gohring. Also in attendance were Darla Krejci, Jeanette Chernin, Tony Franklin, and Richard Stout.

After reviewing the minutes from the July 24, 2023, meeting, Veronica Peoples made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment – The meeting date was moved up due to being notified of an earlier deadline for insurance renewal.

Old Business:

Memo Only Budget -- Robert Potter provided an overview of the Memo Only Budget.

Voter Card Bulk Mailing Update – 17,300 non-forwardable voter cards were mailed as required by statute. A little over 800 cards were returned as undeliverable by the USPS for the following reasons: voter moved within the city; voter moved out of the city; vacant or moved with no forwarding address. The return rate for undeliverable cards was approximately 6.4%, below the usual 8% return rate. The 800+ returned voter cards have also been processed resulting in a new voter card having been automatically mailed to a resident who moved within the city and a forwardable Address Confirmation Final Notice having been mailed to the others in accordance with statute. It was a tremendous benefit to have completed redistricting in January 2022 rather than postponing redistricting until this summer as some election offices did for a variety of reasons.

New Business:

Insurance Renewals

Rates for Cybersecurity and Workers Compensation went down over the prior policy period. Veronica Peoples made a motion to approve the new rates. Robert Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Property Insurance renewal quote was unavailable for the meeting. The insurance provider said it will be available for the September board meeting.

2024 Primary Election Overview – The City website has the current information. Voters can access easily by typing “For Voters” into the Google search bar. Candidate filing will be at the County Clerk’s Office. Candidate walklists are being provided in the City Election Office in accordance with statute.

Legislation – Omnibus Bill Highlights

Authorizes qualified individuals aged 16 and 17 to pre-register to vote. This must be done online.

Modifies the oath for vote by mail and to become a permanent vote by mail voter

Increases the candidate fee for a petition for discovery from \$10 per precinct to \$50 per precinct.

AECOI & IACCR Conferences-September

Request for overnight hotel stay if IACCR Conference starts too early for normal commute is included on Supply Order.

Rockford Commission is looking at a couple of dates for the AECOI Conference.

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

Schedule September meeting—The next commissioners’ meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the basement conference room.

Other: None

Robert Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Veronica Peoples seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Executive Director