

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
City of Galesburg, Illinois
March 28, 2024 — 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, Tony Franklin, Richard Stout, and Jeannette Chernin.

After reviewing the minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting, Veronica Peoples made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Tony Franklin and Richard Stout commented that they attended the Election Judges training session, and that Lisa Watson did an excellent job of presenting the material. It was a good learning session.

Old Business:

Memo Only Budget -- Robert Potter provided an overview of the Memo Only Budget. Expenses for February were \$6609, but there are many March Election invoices that are not in yet. The ending balance was \$144,462.

Provisional Ballot Validation (6) – Each provisional ballot was given a code. 5 of the 6 were for mail-in voters who changed their mind, but did not surrender their mail-in ballot ballots and the requirements were met. The 6th was for a voter who moved and did not meet requirements for identification. Veronica Peoples made a motion to accept the 5 that met the requirements and reject the 1 that did not meet the requirements. Robert Potter seconded. Motion carried.

2024 Primary Election – March 19, 2024

Morton's Mail-in Ballot Materials (1) – A voter returned his mail-in ballot in the proper certification envelope but indicated on the signed certification envelope that he had moved within the city prior to the election. The voter had moved into a different precinct and was no longer eligible to vote on the County Board or Precinct Committeeperson contests listed on the ballot he received. Association Legal Counsel reviewed the situation and felt that the Statute was not clear. Legal Counsel suggested using the signed certification envelope for change of address purposes and that a bipartisan team remake the ballot to allow the voter to vote in the contests he was eligible to vote in at his new address. The voter did not respond to the initial inquiry. Rob Potter made a motion to reject the ballot and make a second attempt to reach the voter by mailing the required rejection notice. Veronica Peoples seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioners Election Day Recap – Veronica Peoples suggested that all the precincts at First Church of God be moved into one room. New voter cards will not be required. It was decided to seek out election judge input on this. Roger Williamson said that precinct

8 had difficulty with the end of night report. It was recommended that we look at additional training.

New Business: None

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

Confirm Canvas & April Meeting —The next commissioners' meeting was scheduled for April 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Other:

City Hall will be closed on March 29, 2024 in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

Robert Potter asked for clarification on the maximum amount of time a voter has to complete voting his(her) ballot from the time the ballot is given to the voter. The statute will be reviewed.

Robert Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Veronica Peoples seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.