

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
City of Galesburg, Illinois
March 20, 2025 — 7:00 a.m.
City Hall Erickson Conference Room

Chairman Roger Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Attending were Commissioners Veronica Peoples and David Christensen, and Executive Director Lisa Watson. Also present were Richard Stout, Tony Franklin, Jeannette Chernin, and Darla Krejci.

After reviewing the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting, Veronica Peoples made a motion to approve the minutes. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment -- None

Old Business:

Memo Only Budget— David Christensen provided an overview of the February 2025 & FY Memo Only Budget. Revenue for February was \$6,913.00 and expenses were \$4,611.00. The checking balance is \$114,017.00.

2025 Election – April 1, 2025

Early Voting Update – Nearly 1,500 voters have cast their ballot. 1/3 have voted in-person, and 2/3 by mail.

Makeup Election Judge Training School will be on March 29, 2025. An earlier makeup training class was held on March 15. A handful of cancellations have been refilled.

DS200 Paper Tabulators – Initial Observations and Feedback are positive. Ballots seem to go into the tabulators easier. Voters require less assistance with new tabulators. They seem to pay more attention to the larger color screen and do not walk away before they see the ballot acceptance message. Judges have commented that they feel the new tabulators are easier to open and close.

2024 Election – November 5, 2024

Voter's complaint that election judge rushed them.

The commissioners discussed testimony from the the voter, the election judge and a second election judge who was present at the time. It was learned that the voter and election judge had history at a prior service organization. The witnessing election judge said that the voter was mad at the election judge right when he came in and that the election judge hadn't done anything wrong. No action was taken.

New Business:

Insurance Mid-Term Voting Equipment Change – The Inland Marine policy was amended to insure the new voting tabulators. Porter-Hay Insurance provided a \$620.00 invoice.

Knox County Mental Health Board Grant Application

Accessible ExpressVote Ballot Marking Equipment – 2026 – A grant application and \$53,400 invoice for 13 new ADA-compliant ballot marking machines for voting sites was submitted. It is a one-time purchase. The new equipment's life expectancy is 15-20 years.

The current ADA-compliant ballot marking equipment meets federal requirements and receives annual preventive maintenance from the vendor, but it is more than 20 years old. It was purchased in 2004 with federal grant funds. No federal or state grants exist for the purchase of ADA-compliant ballot marking equipment. There are up to 50 applicants for the \$1.3 million-dollar annual grant.

Invoices & Supplies – David Christensen made a motion to approve the invoices for the month of March. Veronica Peoples seconded. Motion carried. Veronica Peoples made a motion to approve the supply list for the month of March. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Schedule April meetings

Provisional Validation Meeting -- was scheduled for April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Erickson Conference Room.

Canvass & Board Meeting – was scheduled for April 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Erickson Conference Room.

Other: None

Veronica Peoples made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 a.m.