

## **STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MINUTES JUNE 18, 2012**

THE STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MET ON JUNE 18, 2012 AT 10:00 AM IN THE COURTHOUSE MEETING ROOM. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PATRICK MITCHELL FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY JIM HENRIOTT, VICE PRESIDENT. ALSO IN WAS ATTENDANCE EVELYN SKRONSKI, SECRETARY AND RANDI BEEM, VOTER REGISTRATION. THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2012 MEETING WERE REVIEWED, MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED WITH THREE AYES. A REVIEW OF THE 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION FOLLOWED. A VOTER'S COMPLAINT THAT ADDITIONAL LIGHTING IS NEEDED TO HAVE THE VOTING MACHINE DISPLAY SCREEN MORE VISIBLE. AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO NOT PURCHASE LIGHTING AND TO INSTRUCT THE JUDGES AND INSPECTORS THAT THE NON-GLARE SHIELD COULD BE LIFTED TO ALLOW FOR MORE LIGHT. THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS IN PLACE FOR THE SIGHT IMPAIRED. JIM HENRIOTT PRESENTED TO THE BOARD THE COST PER VOTE FOR THE 2012 PRIMARY IS \$3.82. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT COMBINING PRECINCTS IS A CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS WITH \$695 FOR ONE PRECINCT LOCATIONS AS COMPARED TO \$442.50 FOR LOCATIONS WITH 2 PRECINCTS. A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON OTHER MEANS TO REDUCE ELECTION COSTS. THE ELECTION BOARD AGREED TO REDUCE ELECTION COSTS BY ELIMINATING THE SHERIFFS IN CENTER SIX, JACKSON AND OREGON THREE AS THESE PRECINCTS HAVE LESS THAN 700 REGISTERED VOTERS EACH. THE DUTIES WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE JUDGES AND INSPECTORS. THESE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 1-2012 AND ORDER 2012-1, TO BE EFFECTIVE IN THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION(IC 3-11-8-4.3). A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED WITH THREE AYES TO ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION. TO FURTHER REDUCE COSTS THE ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POLL WORKERS IN WAYNE 1, WAYNE 2, WASHINGTON 1 AND WASHINGTON 2. SINCE WAYNE 1 AND WAYNE 2 ARE AT THE SAME LOCATION(NORTH JUDSON FIRE STATION), ONE INSPECTOR, 2 JUDGES, AND 2 SHERIFFS WILL BE ELIMINATED. WAYNE 1 AND WAYNE 2 WILL HAVE ONE INSPECTOR, 2 JUDGES, 4 CLERKS AND 2 SHERIFFS. SINCE WASHINGTON 1 AND WASHINGTON 2 ARE AT THE SAME LOCATION(WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION), ONE INSPECTOR, 2 JUDGES AND 2 SHERIFFS WILL BE ELIMINATED. WASHINGTON 1 AND WASHINGTON 2 WILL HAVE ONE INSPECTOR, 2 JUDGES, 4 CLERKS AND 2 SHERIFFS. THESE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 1A-2012 AND ORDER 2012-2, TO BE EFFECTIVE IN THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION (IC. 3-11-8-4.3). A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED WITH THREE AYES TO ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION. A DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR INSPECTORS AND JUDGES WHOSE SHERIFFS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THEIR PRECINCTS. THE INCREASE WILL BE \$10.00 FOR INSPECTORS AND \$10.00 FOR JUDGES PER ELECTION. FOR MANAGING MULTIPLE PRECINCTS COMPENSATION WILL INCREASE BY \$10.00 FOR INSPECTORS AND \$10.00 FOR JUDGES. THESE COMPENSATION INCREASES ARE REFLECTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 1B-2012. THE INCREASE IN COMPENSATION WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED WITH THREE AYES TO ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION. MISCELLANEOUS POLL WORKERS SOMETIMES ARE NEEDED FOR VARIOUS DUTIES. THESE POLL WORKERS WILL BE NORTH JUDSON, KNOX, OREGON DAVIS AND CULVER HIGH SCHOOLS. THESE PERSONS WILL BE SELECTED BY

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION. THESE PERSONS WILL BE COMPENSATED \$20.00 FOR A SIX HOUR SHIFT. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

THE STARKE COUNTY ELECTION 2013 BUDGET WAS REVIEWED. MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE 2013 BUDGET AS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND PASSES WITH THREE AYES. THIS 2013 BUDGET WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO STARKE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVAL.

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE NORTH JUDSON TOWN REFERENDUM TO INCREASE THE NORTH JUDSON TOWN COUNCIL FROM THREE MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS. A MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED WITH THREE AYES. THIS REFERENDUM WILL BE AN INCLUSION ON THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTH JUDSON(WARDS ONE, TWO AND THREE) VOTING ON THIS REFERENDUM. THE WORDING WILL BE: "SHALL THE NUMBER OF NORTH JUDSON TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS BE INCREASED FROM 3 TO 5?"

EVELYN SKRONSKI ANNOUNCED THE RECEIPT OF THE \$10,000 HAVA GRANT. IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE STARKE COUNTY AUDITOR.

JIM HENRIOTT IS LOOKING INTO MAKING MINOR REPAIRS ON ELECTION EQUIPMENT.

THE NEXT ELECTION BOARD MEETING WILL SCHEDULED AS NEEDED. WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

SUBMITTED BY EVELYN SKRONSKI, SECRETARY AND CLERK OF STARKE CIRCUIT COURT