

**THE STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD
MINUTES: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

THE STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 AT 9:30 AM, AT THE COURTHOUSE, 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PAT MITCHELL, JIM HENRIOTT LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE PAT, JIM, EVELYN SKRONSKI, COLLEEN HOGDE AND BRENDA STANOJEVICH. COLLEEN HODGE WAS INTRODUCED AS NEW VOTER REGISTRATION DEPUTY. MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2012 WERE REVIEWED AND APPROVED WITH THREE AYES. AFTER THE MINUTES WERE READ A DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT THE REDUCTION OF POLL WORKERS IN THE LOCATIONS WHERE THERE MULTIPLE PRECINCTS. BRENDA STANOJEVICH OBJECTED TO THESE REDUCTIONS IN WASHINGTON 1 AND 2 AND IN WAYNE 1 AND 2. THE ELECTION RESOLVED AT THE JUNE 18, 2012 MEETING TO MAKE THESE ADJUSTMENTS IN POLL WORKER STAFF. SOME INSPECTORS, JUDGES AND SHERIFFS WERE ELIMINATED. SHERIFFS IN PRECINCTS WITH LESS THAN 500 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE ELIMINATED. INSPECTORS AND JUDGES WERE REDUCED IN THE MULTIPLE PRECINCT LOCATIONS. THE STATISTICS OF THE LOW PERCENTAGE VOTER TURNOUT AT THE POLLS WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BY JIM HENRIOTT. THIS ANALYSIS WAS A FACTOR IN THE INSPECTOR AND JUDGE REDUCTIONS. PAT MITCHELL ASK THAT THE RESOLUTION AT THE JUNE 18, 2012 MEETING BE RESCINDED AND PROCEED WITH FUTURE ELECTIONS POLL WORKERS AS DETERMINED BY THE ELECTION BOARD. PAT MITCHELL MADE A MOTION TO REVERT BACK TO THE 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION USING THE SAME NUMBER OF POLL WORKERS AS USED IN THAT ELECTION. THE MOTION IS MOOT AS A RESULT OF NOT HAVING A FIRST OR SECOND FOR THIS MOTION. POLL WORKERS WILL REMAIN AS RESOLUTED AT THE JUNE 18, 2012 MEETING. APPOINTMENTS FOR VARIOUS ELECTION BOARDS WERE MADE. THE IN-OFFICE ABSENTING VOTER IS BEVERLY OESTERREICH, DEMOCRAT AND PEG BRETTIN, REPUBLICAN; ELECTION TRAVEL IS HARRISON FIELDS, DEMOCRAT AND MARILYN FOLKERS, REPUBLICAN; ABSENTEE CANVASSING AND PROVISIONAL BOARD IS KAREN NOLCHEFF, DEMOCRAT AND DEB SHANNON, REPUBLICAN. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THESE APPOINTMENTS, MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES. THE DATES AND TIMES WERE DISCUSSED AND SET FOR IN-OFFICE ABSENTEE VOTING , TRAVEL BOARD AND POLL WORKER TRAINING. ABSENTEE HOURS FOR IN-OFFICE VOTING, 2ND FLOOR OF COURTHOUSE ARE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012 TO FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2012 FROM 8 AM TO NOON AND 1 PM TO 4 PM. ALSO SATURDAYS OCTOBER 27, 2012 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2012 FROM 8 AM TO NOON AND 1 PM TO 4 PM. ALSO EVENINGS TUESDAYS OCTOBER 23, 2012 AND OCTOBER 30, 2012 FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM. ALSO THURSDAYS OCTOBER 25, 2012 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2012 FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM. LAST DAY TO VOTE IN-OFFICE ABSENTEE IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2012, FROM 8 AM TO NOON. FIRST DAY FOR TRAVEL BOARD IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 25, 2012 THROUGH SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2012 BY APPOINTMENT AND WITH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012, IF NEEDED, 9 PM UNTIL NOON. POLL WORKER TRAINING IS SET FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012 AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012 FROM 7 PM TO 8:30 PM. ALSO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 FROM 9 AM TO 11 PM. THE TIME AND DATE FOR PROGRAMMING THE VOTING MACHINES HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. TIME AND DATE FOR PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTING MACHINES WILL BE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012 AT 10:00 CST. PAY RAISES FOR THE 2014 POLL WORKERS WAS DISCUSSED, TO BRING THEIR PAY THE MINIMUM WAGE LEVEL. THIS WILL BE ADDRESSED AGAIN WHEN THE 2014 ELECTION BUDGET IS DETERMINED. MEALS

FOR THE POLL WORKERS WAS DISCUSSED. CURRENTLY THE RATE PER POLL WORKER IS \$25.00 PER PERSON WITH THE THREE MEALS BEING CATERED. THE OPTIONS FOR POLL WORKERS IS TO HAVE THEM EACH RECEIVE THE \$25.00 AND BROWN BAG IT FOR ALL THREE MEALS, TO POOL THE MONEY AND HAVE THE MEALS ORDERED AND BROUGHT IN, OR CONTINUE TO HAVE IT CATERED. THE POLL WORKERS WILL BE SURVEYED AT THE 2012 TRAINING SESSIONS AND THE MAJORITY OPINION WILL BE USED. ALL PRECINCTS MEALS WILL BE THE SAME. THE PURCHASES OF EXTRA VOTING MACHINES WAS DISCUSSED AND WAS DECIDED THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE FURTHER INVESTIGATED. THE NORTH JUDSON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION HAS ASK THAT WAYNE 4 PRECINCT BE RELOCATED. THEY SUGGESTED THAT THE ATRIUM COULD BE USED. THIS MATTER WILL BE REVIEWED BY A COMMITTEE OF VOTERS FROM BOTH PARTIES. DETERMINED THAT THIS MOVED COULD NOT BE DONE BEFORE THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION. WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN WITH THREE AYES.

THE PROOFING OF THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS FOLLOWED THE MEETING.

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