

# Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners

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## The June 2022 Monthly Meeting of the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners was held at the Election Commission Office at 4422 Brandywine Dr. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

PRESENT: James Manning, Chairman  
Mark Ketterer, Vice Chairman  
Matt Bartolo, Secretary  
Jeanne Williamson, Commissioner  
Thomas Bride, Executive Director  
Elizabeth Gannon, Assistant Executive Director  
Jennie Cordis Boswell, Assistant State's Attorney

ABSENT: Sandra Burke, Treasurer

GUESTS: Kevin Stufflebeam, Irene Pritzger, Jackie Petty, Mark Lang, Theresa Johanson, Jody Oltman, Valerie Timmes, Sherry Carter-Allen, Marvin Hightower, Melissa M. Duval

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

A Roll Call of the Commissioners was taken by Chairman Manning finding all Commissioners present except Treasurer Burke.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Approval of Minutes from the May 10, 2022 Monthly Meeting**

Commissioner Williamson moved to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022 Monthly Meeting. Secretary Bartolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Kevin Stufflebeam asked for a status update on a FOIA request. He told the Board that he is concerned about Election Drop Boxes for potential fraud. He also is concerned about paying for return of Vote by Mail ballots leading to fraud.

Jody Oltman asked for a status update on a FOIA request. She raised concerns about the electronic pollbooks.

Mark Lang invited the Board to a showing of the movie "2000 Mules".

Theresa Johanson spoke about concerns related to postage prepaid for Vote by Mail ballots leading to fraud. She also invited everyone to the movie "2000 Mules".

Jackie Petty, Member of the Executive Board of the Peoria Branch of the NAACP, stated the NAACP is against the stopping of prepaid postage for Vote by Mail ballots. She was concerned about disenfranchising voters. She thanked the Board for the adding additional drop boxes for future elections.

### **Approval of Expenditures**

Executive Director Bride explained the bills (see attached) to the Board. Vice Chairman Ketterer moved to approve the bills. Secretary Bartolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Selection of bid for Election Equipment Delivery for 2022 Primary and General Elections**

Executive Director Bride told the Board the staff solicited bids, due on May 9, 2022, for delivery of election equipment for both the Primary and General Election for the 2022 year. He explained that only one bid was received from Federal Companies for a total of \$14,100. He told the Board that the amount was higher than past years due to the June Primary being a busier time of year for the company. Vice Chairman Ketterer moved to approve the acceptance of the bid. Commissioner Williamson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Proposed Payment of Returned Vote by Mail Ballots after 2022 elections.**

Executive Director Bride explained that the Commission has about 37,000 Vote by Mail envelopes on hand left over from the 2020 General Election. He explained that he didn't think envelopes could be sourced before the November Election. He explained that there are enough envelopes for November but is unsure what will be remaining. New envelopes must be ordered soon to meet 2023 elections deadlines. Commissioner Williamson asked about prepaid envelopes for applications to vote by mail. Chairman Manning asked about the cost of envelopes. Commissioner Williamson moved to use the prepaid vote by mail envelopes through the November 2022 General Election and then remove the prepaid postage permit from the envelope after the 2022 elections. Vice Chairman Ketterer seconded. Secretary Bartolo explained that the Board is not guaranteeing that by removing the prepaid permit the return envelopes will be postmarked. He also said that the Board was tasked with fair and equitable elections including access to all people in Peoria County. He said he won't be supporting the removal of the permit. Vice Chairman Ketterer explained that he would be supporting the motion. Chairman Manning stated that the Board felt the board does encourage voter access. He explained that the issue with prepaying the returned ballots for him was an economic one. He doesn't think the change will result in voter suppression. The motion passed 3-1, Chairman Manning, Vice Chairman Ketterer and Commissioner Williamson voting yea, Secretary Bartolo voting nay.

## **Report of the Executive Director**

### **General Primary Update**

Executive Director Bride gave an update on the General Primary explaining that Vote by Mail was up from 2018 and that Early Voting is about the same as four years ago. He told the Board he was not comfortable estimating the turnout for the election. He stated that the two new ballot drop boxes were delayed and will be ready for November but not in time for this election. He told the Board that the staff was still looking for election judges.

### **Grants Update**

Executive Director Bride explained the HAVA Security Grant used for several expenditures. He told the Board he was going to submit a budget amendment to reflect the security grant. Secretary Bartolo asked if the Executive Director anticipated any push back from the County Board. Executive Director Bride explained that it was a federal grant, and he was not concerned about the County Board's approval. He told the Board that he plans to have an initial budget for discussion at the July meeting.

Vice Chairman Ketterer asked about how the new processes for the new voting system was is being received by Election Judges. Assistant Executive Director Gannon said that the feedback so far has been positive.

## **Report of the Attorney**

No Report

## **New Business**

The next monthly meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Williamson moved to adjourn. Secretary Bartolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Acct #</b>
Ameren	Gas & Electric	\$380.55	53600
Ludy's Cleaning	Office Cleaning	\$316.67	54367
Digital Copy Systems	Copier Lease	\$111.00	54380
Illinois American Water	Water for Brandywine	\$83.05	54363
GFL	Garbage Service	\$30.22	54366
Stratus	Phone Service	\$278.49	54320
Verizon	Wireless Phones	\$102.64	54338
Zaid A. Musaitif	55% 2021 Property taxes	\$8,589.98	54390
Ziad A. Musaitif	July 2022 Rent & CAM	\$3,479.09	54390
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,371.69</b>	
<b>MISC</b>			
FedEx	Mailing	\$15.36	53021
Bishop Bros	Tab Room Window Install	\$4,964.00	53081
Proform	Spoiled Ballot Envelope	\$289.09	52081
Warehouse Direct	Clipboard/Detergent	\$24.92	52201
Warehouse Direct	Name Tags	\$72.24	52081
Heart	Outdoor Camera/Long Throw Lens	\$2,600.00	53081
	Fire Suppression for Ballot Drop		
Getz Fire Equipment	Boxes	\$810.00	53081
Debbie Emanuels	Voting Screens Pickup Milage	\$212.94	53081
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,988.55</b>	
<b>Pcard</b>			
Amazon	Key Tags	\$26.95	52201
Amazon	HDMI Adapter	\$68.04	52081
Amazon	Key Indentifer	\$34.95	52201
Amazon	Ethernet Cable	\$179.48	52081
Amazon	Key Tags	\$86.83	52201
Amazon	Key Tags	\$15.98	52201
Amazon	Ehernet Cable	\$186.17	52081
Amazon	Pencil Holder	\$79.95	52081
Amazon	File Holder	\$113.82	52081
		<b>\$792.17</b>	
<b>Payroll</b>			
Staff	5/20/2022	\$10,599.74	51031
Staff	5/6/2022	\$10,590.97	51031
Part-Time	5/20/2022	\$825.87	51040
Part-Time	5/6/2022	\$683.50	51040
Temp	5/20/2022	\$1,512.88	51050
Temp	5/6/2022	\$184.00	51050
Overtime	5/20/2022	\$404.30	51060
Commissioners	5/20/2022	\$615.40	51145
Commissioners	5/6/2022	\$615.40	51145
Medical Benefits	5/20/2022	\$2,735.08	51241
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,502.22</b>	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$54,654.63</b>	