

# Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners

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## The September 2022 Monthly Meeting of the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners was held at the Election Commission Office at 4422 Brandywine Dr. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

PRESENT: James Manning, Chairman  
Matt Bartolo, Vice Chairman  
Valerie Timmes, Treasurer  
Jeanne Williamson, Secretary  
Ryan Brady, Commissioner (attended via phone)  
Elizabeth Gannon, Executive Director  
Jennie Cordis Boswell, Assistant State's Attorney

GUESTS: Irene Pritzger, Becky Kelley, Jackie Petty, Theresa Johanson, Kevin Stufflebeam, Jessica Buckley, Kris Losby, Darcy Waugh, Mark Long

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Approval for Commissioner Brady to attend via phone**

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to allow Commissioner Brady to attend the meeting via phone as there was a quorum present. Treasurer Timmes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes from the August 16, 2022, Special Meeting, Executive Session from the August 16<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and August 16, 2022, Annual Meeting**

Secretary Williamson moved to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022, Special Meeting. Vice Chairman Bartolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Williamson moved to approve the Executive Minutes from the August 16, 2022, Special Meeting. Commissioner Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022, Annual Meeting. Secretary Williamson seconded. Treasurer Timmes requested a correction be made to the minutes

correcting the Executive Director from Bride to Gannon during the Executive Director's report. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Karrie Alms asked the Peoria County Election Commission, Peoria County Board or Peoria County State's Attorney to remove the public question concerning the elimination of the office of County Auditor from the November ballot. Ms. Alms stated the Peoria County Clerk filed the public question with the Election Commission office on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. She stated this language was provided to her on August 26<sup>th</sup>. On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Peoria County Clerk filed different language for the public question, four days past the filing deadline. This second version was filed with the word's 'nun pro tunc', which means now as of then. Ms. Alms stated on August 29<sup>th</sup> she came in to file an objection to the public question but was refused by Election Commission staff stating the statute does not provide for a challenge in this situation. Ms. Alms questions the validity of the second filing as it was after the filing period had ended and her inability to challenge the public question. She stated the question to eliminate the County Auditor was on the ballot in 2018 in a Primary election when the statute states it must be on a general election ballot. She questions who is protecting the election process for the voters of Peoria County. Ms. Alms also questioned why and how the Peoria County Clerk had two different public question verbiage with the August 19<sup>th</sup> file date stamp. She asked if 'nun pro tunc' will be allowed for any candidate that is late in filing.

Theresa Johanson read an email from the Millbrook Township Highway Commissioner. The email stated that Millbrook Township would like their local Polling Place back. The Polling Place was moved to the Brimfield Public Library which is 30 miles round trip for some voters. The email states voter turnout has decreased by two-thirds. Ms. Johanson stated that she is aware that two polling locations were moved because of the redistricting earlier this year and stated it may be too late to act for the November election but asked the Board to evaluate this change after the election.

Kevin Stufflebeam expressed his concerns about vote by mail and drop boxes as vulnerabilities to fraud. He is against drop boxes all together and vote by mail for military and disabled voters only. He asked the Commission to allow all drop boxes have live feeds so the public can monitor.

## **Approval of Expenditures**

Executive Director Gannon explained the bills (see attached) to the Board. Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve the bills. Treasurer Timmes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Report of the Executive Director**

### **General Election Update**

Executive Director Gannon stated the internal testing of the ballot was completed this morning and as a result, Sample Ballots are now available at the front counter and for download on the website.

Data entry is still underway for all voters who returned their permanent vote by mail application. This data entry needs to be completed by the end of this week. A temporary employee is being brought in to help assist.

Executive Director Gannon informed the Board that UOCAVA voting begins this Friday. Early Voting and vote by mail begin Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Election Judge training is underway. A schedule has been passed out to the Board and Executive Director Gannon encouraged them to attend.

Chairman Manning asked if IT was able to offer feedback on the possibility of a live feed for the drop boxes. Executive Director Gannon stated she reached out to North Branch Library and the Civic Center. The Director of the Peoria Public Library said he would not be willing to make this footage public. He saw this as an invasion of privacy for library patrons. The Civic Center stated they would be open to this if the footage could be limited to the one camera on the drop box and not all the Civic Center's surveillance cameras. Executive Director Gannon reported Heart Technologies stated streaming this footage could be a vulnerability point to allow backdoor access to the Election Commission's server but that would be possible. Chairman Manning stated he wanted the Executive Director Gannon to continue working on this possibility. Secretary Williamson inquired into the possibility of finding an alternative to the North Branch drop box location.

### **Approval to move Precinct PE06 from Proctor Center, 309 S DuSable St. to Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 1505 W Martin St.**

Executive Director Gannon stated that based on the recommendation by Advocates for Access to find an accessible polling location for PE06, she is requesting moving from Proctor Center to Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church. The proposed new location is located directly across the street. All affected voters will receive a new voter registration card and a follow up letter mailing notifying them of this change. Signage will also be placed at Proctor Center directly voters to the new location. Secretary Williamson moved to approve the Polling Place change for PE06 from Proctor Center to Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church. Treasurer Timmes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of the Attorney**

No Report

### **New Business**

Secretary Williamson asked for turnout numbers in Millbrook Township to see if the turnout has been impacted by the Polling Place change. Executive Director Gannon stated this polling place was moved seven years ago but she will run the numbers and report back at next month's meeting.

The next monthly meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Treasurer Timmes moved to adjourn. Secretary Williamson seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned 2:39 p.m.

<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Acct #</b>
Ameren	Gas & Electric	\$716.08	53600
*Ludy's Cleaning	Office Cleaning	\$316.67	54367
*Digital Copy Systems	Copier Lease	\$111.00	54380
Illinois American Water	Water for Brandywine	\$89.19	54363
GFL	Garbage Service	\$30.22	54366
Stratus	Phone Service	\$292.62	54320
Verizon 1420	Wireless Phones	\$0.00	54338
Verizon 5507	Mifi	\$0.00	54338
Ziad A. Musaitif	October 2022 Rent & CAM	\$3,679.09	54390
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,234.87</b>	
<b>MISC</b>			
Quicksilver	Permanent Vote by Mail Mass Mailing	\$9,838.60	53081
PTC Select	Toner for Pollbook Printers	\$8,525.00	52081
Advocates for Access	Accessibility Surveys	\$1,434.94	53081
Nixon Insurance Agency	Bond for Commissioner	\$200.00	54401
IACCR	Annual Dues	\$690.00	54401
Intab	Table Top Voting Booths	\$8,908.80	52081
i3logix	Ballottrax Primary	\$500.00	53081
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,097.34</b>	
<b>Pcard</b>			
	Commissioner and Field Support Staff		
Name Badges, Inc	Badges	\$128.20	
Hyatt Springfield	Parking for Conference	\$25.00	
		<b>\$153.20</b>	
<b>Payroll</b>			
Staff	8/12/2022	\$14,775.41	51031
Staff	8/26/2022	\$7,074.23	51031
Part-Time	8/12/2022	\$634.68	51040
Part-Time	8/26/2022	\$667.23	51040
Temp	8/12/2022	\$196.88	51050
Temp	8/26/2022	\$156.25	51050
Commissioners	8/12/2022	\$615.40	51145
Commissioners	8/26/2022	\$615.40	51145
Medical Benefits	8/12/2022	\$2,003.88	51241
Medical Benefits	8/26/2022	\$2,003.88	51241
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,743.24</b>	
* Awaiting Invoice	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$64,228.65</b>	

