



Board of Election Commissioners

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THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF AURORA, KANE, KENDALL, AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2014

The Meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Aurora is convened by Chairman Leah Anderson at the Aurora Election Commission, 323 W. Galena Blvd, in Aurora, IL at 5:00 p.m. on the 27th day of August, 2014.

Commissioner Perry called the role. Present are Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry. Also in attendance is the Executive Director Linda Fechner, Attorney Pat Bond, Scott Marquardt from Marquardt and Assoc., and Bill Barrett from Liberty Systems. Guest in attendance for the meeting is Fran Schaw who arrived at 5:15.

The Meeting is opened with Scott Marquardt leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

During Public Comment the Chairman provided the Commissioners with mail received in Commission office for the Commissioners. As a reminder Chairman Anderson said the Pioneer Breakfast will be held on Sept. 12th and there is not a charge for this meeting hosted by Second Ward Alderman Juany Garza. Another invitation received would be held in Chicago and at a cost of \$150.00/per person and the Commissioners agreed not to attend that function.

Commissioner McCoy moved to approve the Minutes of the July 30, 2014 Board Meeting and second by Commissioner Perry. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moved and Commissioner Perry seconded to approve the Bank Statements and place on file. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moved and second by Commissioner Perry to place on file the Commission Treasurer's Reports. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moved to approve the Commission Bills and it is second by Commissioner Perry. There were no disputed invoices. On the motion to approve the commission bills, Commissioner Perry called the roll call vote and Commissioners Anderson, Perry, and McCoy voted 'aye' and the motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Bond spoke on the MOU between the City of Aurora and the Aurora Election Commission. At this time he has not received a response from the previous emails sent to the City's Corporate Counsel.

Scott Marquardt spoke on the last Session and the over 50 election bills that had been introduced. He is going to extend his scope of bills to include any item relating to Aurora and/or elections. The Fall Session will be the "Veto" Session and he will be working with the Executive Director to correct and clarify new Public Acts. He will also continue to work with the Executive Director as potential grant funding is introduced and if the Commission would qualify for them.

Both Mr. Marquardt and Director Fechner spoke on JCARR and working with this committee to clarify the rules regarding the Public Acts.

Attorney Bond spoke on the Candidate Primer that was held earlier in the month. It was attended by approximately twelve potential candidates and commission staff and commissioners. Each person attending was provided with election material relating to the 2015 Primary and Consolidated Election.

Attorney Bond reiterated that while the Commission has received all of the 2014 funding from the County and some from the City, there is still an outstanding amount of approximately \$54,000.00 to completely cover the 2014 Budget for the Commission. This is due from the City side of the revenue.

New Business:

A motion was made to table the MOU Resolution by Commissioner Anderson and second by Commissioner Perry and on voice vote the motion passed. The Memorandum of Understanding is tabled until next month.

Executive Director Fechner explained that upon speaking with Attorney Bond, there will not be an updated Personnel Policy. There were a few policies that needed to be revised.

A motion to approve the Resolution 2014-14 approving the legal services provided by Bond*Dickson and Associates by Commissioner McCoy. It was second by Commissioner Anderson. A motion to amend the Resolution to include not to exceed the annual budgeted amount was made by Commissioner McCoy and second by Commissioner Perry. On roll call vote Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry voted 'aye' to amend the Resolution. The amended motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and second by Commissioner Anderson. On roll call vote, Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry voted 'aye' and amended resolution passed 3-0.

Commissioner McCoy motioned to approve a purchase of two servers not to exceed \$9,950.00. This was second by Commissioner Anderson and on roll call vote Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry voted 'aye' and motion passed. This would mean that the Board would not have a resolution for next month's meeting as it is anticipated to be under \$10,000.00.

The Commission has received from the State and counties the certifications for the 2014 General Election. There are five State-wide questions; two binding and three advisory, and one referendum for the CUSD 101. It is the hope to have everything on a 14 inch ballot, but it is anticipated that it will be at 17 inch ballot throughout the jurisdiction.

Due to the new voting laws, the Commission must have another early voting location with additional hours. The location must also accept grace period voting. The Eola Library has been the early voting location; however, it cannot meet the new hours as required. The Executive Director asked that the Board would direct the attorney to send a notification letter to the City advising that the Stover visitor location is needed for use as a location and to comply with the new voting hours.

Marmion Academy has inquired of the Commission on the responsibilities it has relating to Election Day as a polling place.

The Chairman asked if Fran Shaw had anything for public comment, as she was not in the room during public comment time. She said yes and spoke on some items she would like including a Polling Place list (was told it was on the website); list of Election Judges and sending a list of Processing Judges to the Party Chairman. She stated she was the Republican Party appointed person to find Processing Judges for the election night. She was reminded that she should provide a list to the Commission prior to election night so the potential persons could have a background check completed. Also, there are several Townships in Aurora and each one has the opportunity to offer election night services to the Commission.

The Executive Director asked if she should respond as during public comment the

person is allowed three minutes to speak. The Chairman said it was over three minutes as it is and asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

Next scheduled Meeting will be Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

With no further business at hand Commissioner McCoy moved and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn to the August 27, 2014 Meeting. Meeting ended at 6:38 pm

 /s/ Leah Anderson
Leah Anderson, Chairman

 /s/ Mike McCoy
Michael McCoy, Vice-Chairman

 /s/ Lillian Perry
Lillian Perry, Secretary