



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 28, 2015

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 28th day of August, 2015.

Commissioner Anderson asks that Commissioner Perry call the roll. Present are Commissioners Anderson, McCoy and Perry. Also in attendance is the Executive Director Linda Fechner and Attorney Pat Bond. Bill Barrett, vendor from Liberty Systems LLC., is also guest in attendance.

The Meeting is opened with Bill Barrett leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Anderson read a letter from the State Board of Elections informing the Board that the Executive Director Linda Fechner had been appointed to a three year term as a member of the Advisory Board.

Executive Director Fechner gave the Board Members a copy of the most recent Election Code book.

Commissioner Lillian Perry gave thanks to the Board for the Ad placed in the program booklet for the Gayle's Memorial Church Sixty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration. Commissioner Perry also thanked the Board, Attorney Bond, and Vendor Bill Barrett for their support during her recent surgeries.

There is no other public comment.

Commissioner McCoy moves to approve the Minutes of the July 29, 2015 Board Meeting and is second by Commissioner Perry. Motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves and Commissioner Perry seconds to approve the Bank Statements and place on file. Motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves and is second by Commissioner Anderson to place on file the Commission Treasurer's Reports. Motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy moves to approve the Commission Bills and it is second by Commissioner Perry. On the motion to approve the Commission Bills, Commissioner Perry calls the roll and Commissioners Anderson, McCoy and Perry votes 'aye' and the Motion carries 3-0.

Unfinished Business:

There are no legal issues at this time as reported by Attorney. All payments to the Commission are as scheduled.

There was no new Federal Legislation. Attorney Bond went over the some of the legislation in both the Federal and State Levels of the House and Senate. New Hampshire approved the

allowing of voters to post their own ballot via "Selfies, Facebook, and other Social Media Outlets. Amongst the many concerns is the privacy of the ballot. This bill has been introduced in Illinois and will be closely watched. The State Lawmakers are currently in a Budget Stalemate and many bills have been put on hold until issues are resolved.

Attorney Bond gave a recap on the Candidate Primer held in the Commission Office earlier in the month. It was approved to have this primer next year for the 2017 Election Cycle. It was suggested to have it earlier even if the State does not have the Calendar available.

No new updates for the December AECOI Conference.

New Business:

Executive Director went over the offices up for the 2016 Primary Election and dates for registration, filings, and early and vote by mail. There has been a tremendous interest in the 2017 Election Cycle. As previously announced in the papers, the current Mayor of Aurora will not be seeking another term, and there have been many inquiries. Included are people who have never sought public office. Commissioner Anderson repeated that the Candidate primer for the 2017 Election Cycle should be held early enough so that potential candidates may attend. She stated this may help alleviate errors that may happen by inexperienced candidates.

The staff is working on the new server for the office and additional needs for the office. We may have to contact the landlord regarding more ports for the computers and Electrical needs.

The Executive Director spoke on the aging ballot on demand printer. It is the original one purchased in 2005. As the State is moving to more vote by mail ballots, the printer is showing its age. The Executive Director would like permission to look for a new printer that is able to handle the volume with speed and accuracy. Currently DuPage has a similar model as Aurora. They have previously purchased several to handle their needs. Bill Barrett, from Liberty Systems llc., said he would give several printer options as he had the specifications needed by the GEMS System. The Executive Director said she would look for the information.

Next scheduled Meeting will be Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

With no further business at hand Commissioner McCoy moved and second by Commissioner Perry to adjourn to the September 30, 2015 Meeting. Meeting ended at 5:35 pm.

Leah Anderson, Chairman

Michael McCoy, Vice-Chairman

Lillian Perry, Secretary