



Board of Election Commissioners

OF THE CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS 60506
323 WEST GALENA BOULEVARD
TEL: 630-897-4030 – FAX: 630-897-4060
www.auroravotes.org

Commissioners:

Leah Anderson- *Chairman*
Michael McCoy-*Vice Chairman*
Lillian Perry -*Secretary*

Hon. Thomas E. Mueller
Circuit Judge
Patrick K. Bond
Legal Counsel
Linda M. Fechner
Executive Director

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

MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 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 26th day of March, 2014.

Commissioner Perry called the role. Present are Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry. Also in attendance is the Executive Director Linda Fechner and Attorney Pat Bond. Guests in attendance for the meeting are Bill Barrett, Liberty Systems; Ray Krouse, Sikich llp; Brian Caputo, City of Aurora Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer and Blanca Dominguez representative from City of Aurora Legal Department.

The Meeting is opened with Attorney Pat Bond leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no requests for comments during open comments. Chairman Leah Anderson announced at this time that Executive Director Linda Fechner has been invited to the Joyce Foundation Board of Directors meeting being held on Monday April 21st in the evening. Attorney Pat Bond spoke on the background of the Joyce Foundation with respect in assuring the availability of voter registration and voting process to everyone and commented on what an honor it is for the Election Commission to have the Executive Director invited.

Commissioner McCoy moved to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 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 carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner McCoy moved and second by Commissioner Anderson to place on file the Commission Treasurer's Reports. A question was raised regarding going over in the advertising Budget line item. It was explained that the Office is mandated to publish in two papers and UNA VOZ has temporary stopped publishing and the other paper available was the Daily Herald. Motion carried on voice vote.

Commissioner McCoy motion to approve the Commission Bills and it is second by Commissioner Anderson. Upon discussion it was reported that there would not be enough funds to cover the Commission Bills. Commissioner McCoy made a motion to amend the approval to first pay the Election Judges and then the remaining Commission bills. Commissioner Anderson second the amendment and on roll call vote Commissioners Anderson, McCoy and Perry voted 'AYE' motion carried 3-0 to amend the motion. On the amended motion commissioner Perry called the roll call vote and Commissioners Anderson, Perry, and McCoy voted 'aye' and the amended motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business:

Item D was taken out of order and Ray Krouse, from Sikich LLP, reviewing the 2012 Audit and the Preliminary Findings. He explained some of the language that has changed. Assuming the commission accepts the findings, the Report will reflect the March 26, 2014 date.

Mr. Krouse went through the reports and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Due to other meeting commitment, Mr. Krouse was excused for the remainder of the meeting with the boards' thanks.

Attorney Bond gave an update on recent legislative filings and an update of bills both in the House and Senate. Lobbyist Marquardt was working with the Director with the recent IMRF bill that had been introduced. Attorney Bond reported that this bill would probably be delayed as there was a great deal of response from the Communities in opposition to this bill. Commissioner McCoy asked for a report regarding Marquardt Company and update status. HB1259 addresses IMRF to alter the way the IMRF will be calculated. It is the understanding that this may not make it out of committee. The bill allowing 17 year old to vote in the primary was successful and has been proposed to expand this law to the consolidated years as well.

Executive Director Fechner gave a report on the 2014 General Primary Election. There was at least one issue with a Candidate that was electioneering at a polling place. The church complained, voters called and complained election judges called asking for assistance. It was reported to the State's attorney and the candidate did leave. This issue happened 2-3 times that day.

There were voter complaints that in the easement of property that Candidate campaign signs were removed, however, the vote yes for a referendum were not being removed. This was a City issue and not Commission.

In previous meeting it was discussed giving the election judges who pick up and return the equipment a stipend in addition to the Election Judge pay. It was not included in this check run and the Board took no action on this subject.

There are several close races; the Kane County Republican Sheriff Race, the Will County Republican Sheriff race and the 16-3 Judicial race for the unexpired term for Judge Simpson.

The final casting of ballots for absentee, military, grace, and provisional will be held on Tuesday April 1, 2014. The canvas is scheduled for Monday April 7th and the Director asked the board if they would like to move the canvas to Tuesday April 2, 2014. The board preferred to keep the date as originally scheduled.

This is final election for the 2 year election judges. We will now start the process of working with political parties and the community to select the judges for the 2014-2016 election terms.

The Executive Director submitted the final Budget for 2015 for review and approval. There were some increases in the line items. Postage has gone from .46 to .48 for a first class stamp and the Commission conducts the 2-year canvass in 2015.

New Business:

The Memorandum of Understanding was tabled until next month.

Upon discussion relating to the Commission finances and the ability to promptly pay and keep the Commission moving forward, Commissioner Perry gave her insight as to how the Commission is being hampered by the undue obstacles being put in front of the Commission.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-6 Approving the 2012 Audit by Sikich LLP was made by Commissioner McCoy and second by Commissioner Perry. On Roll call vote Commissioners Anderson, McCoy and Perry voted 'aye' and motion carried 3-0. Motion to approve Resolution 2014-7 Approving the services of Sikich LLP for 2013 Audit was made by Commissioner McCoy and second by Commissioner Anderson. On roll call vote Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry voted 'aye' and motion carried 3-0.

On Ordinance Approving the 2015 Budget a motion was made by Commissioner McCoy and second by Commissioner Anderson. On roll call vote Commissioners Anderson, McCoy, and Perry voted 'aye' and motion carried 3-0.

Next scheduled Meeting will be Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

With no further business at hand Commissioner McCoy moved and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn to the April 30, 2014 Meeting. Meeting ended at 7:15 pm

/s/ Leah Anderson
Leah Anderson, Chairman

/s/ Michael McCoy
Michael McCoy, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Lillian Perry
Lillian Perry, Secretary