

The Bloomington Board of Election Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 6th, 2020. Commissioner Kim Kiser, Commissioner Denise Williams, Commissioner Robert Felton, Executive Director Tim Mitchell, Assistant Executive Director Lindsey Smith, and Attorney Steve Mahrt were present.

Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and called for a motion to approve the August 4th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Felton motioned to approve the September 8th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Kiser seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Williams asked for approval of the bills and checks shown below which are drawn on the PNC Bank. Commissioner Felton moved that the financial report and checks be approved as shown. Commissioner Kiser seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ancel Glink PC	\$712.50
Culligan Water Conditioning	\$28.95
Staples	\$1,174.38
Illinois Office Supply	\$13,431.05
Election Judge Expense	\$50,074.50
Surena Fish	\$819.50
Terry Luce	\$825.00
Amazon.com	\$511.01
Frontier	\$1,000.04
Walz Label and Mailing	\$111.81
PNC Bank	\$600.39
Bill's Lock and Key	\$353.70
United States Postal Service	\$6129.80
Election Systems & Software	\$38,550
Lee Enterprises	\$93.74
A Rifkin	6,766.42
	\$121,182.7
Total	9

Commissioner Williams called for Public Comment, no one present for comments.

Mr. Mitchell reported no problems with PNC over the last month. We will review our banking options after the General Election in 2020 has been finalized. Commissioner Kiser provided information on banking at First State Bank of Bloomington which will be reviewed.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Commissioners that we had acquired the necessary PPE for the election and that we have sufficient amounts to accommodate all polls on election day.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Commissioners that we had requests for 13767 VBM ballots. Ballots started to be sent out on September 24th. We have multiple election judges in the office each day stuffing ballots and getting them ready to send out. We are holding off processing incoming ballots till all VBM ballots have been mailed out to prevent any confusion with the limited office space available.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Commissioners that we will handle NH voting in the same manner as in the March Primary as our election judges are not being allowed into the facilities due to Covid-19. Our attorney will draft a letter that the NH administration can sign indicating they have followed the appropriate protocols for voting their residents.

Mr. Mitchell indicated no other polling place had cancelled and that we had replaced Trinity Luther School with Freedom Baptists church which was about 500 yards away from Trinity Lutheran School. Notices have been sent to voters.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Commissioners that there has been no changes or additional information from IDPH or SBE on polling place safety. We will follow to the best of our ability the IDPH guidance

Mr. Mitchell informed the Commissioners that no polling places have specifically as us for cleaning post-election and that we will review requests on an as needed basis.

Mr. Mitchell indicated that planning for the election is going well. VBM ballots are going out. We have extra judges in the office to help stuff envelopes and they have been a big help. At this time, we have sufficient election judges, although it is a very fluid situation with judges changing their minds about serving.

We received 1 FOIA request. It was for Kelby Cumpston's nominating packet for Ward 7. We did not have this as the filing period does not begin till 11/26/2020.

With the extra judges working in the office, Mr. Mitchell made the recommendation that we pay them more frequently rather than at the end of the election cycle. This will allow us to more quickly submit the expense to the state for CARES Act reimbursement. Commissioner Kiser motioned to approve paying the judges more frequently, Commissioner Felton Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Early Voting is proceeding well. Voters seem pleased with the EV operation arena and there have been no significant problems with Early Voting. We have placed a computer at the arena to allow specifically trained judges to cancel VBM thus alleviating the need for one of the staff to be there or the judges to call the office each time.

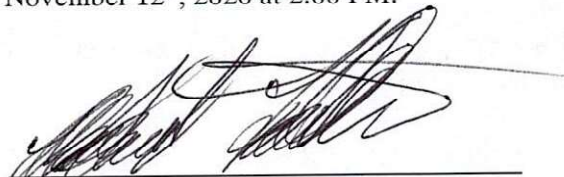
The omission of the judicial retention questions has been addressed and supplemental ballots are going out to impacted voters.

Dates for the public test are tentatively set for 10/26 /2020 at 1pm. The retab will take place on 11/12/2020, and the canvass will be on 11/17/2020.

At 1:45pm a motion was made by Commissioner Felton to go into closed session (For the purposes of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or performance of a specific employee of the > public body (5 ILCS120/2(c)(1)). Commissioner Kiser seconded the motion. Commissioner Kiser, Felton, and Williams all voted in favor of going into closed session.

At 3pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Kiser to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felton and the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Thursday November 12th, 2020 at 2:00 PM.



Robert Felton, Secretary