

The Bloomington Board of Election Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 2nd, 2020. Commissioner Kim Kiser, Commissioner Denise Williams, Commissioner Robert Felton, Executive Director Tim Mitchell, Assistant Executive Director Lindsey Collins, 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 November 12th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Felton motioned to approve the November 12th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Williams 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.

Payee	Amount
Frontier	\$2,030.11
Culligan	\$58.90
Ancel Glink Diamond Bush DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C.	\$3,420.00
Bloomington Relocation Services	\$3,600.00
Staples	\$2,067.25
PNC Bank	\$597.72
Pearl Technology	\$149.85
Poll Rent	\$2,610.00
Election Judge Pay	\$30,813.00
Darlene Williams	\$104.50
Dewi White	\$709.50
Darla Rigg	\$616.00
Caitlyn Mitchell	\$22.00
Gerald McGinnis	\$159.50
Constance McGinnis	\$159.50
Terry Luce	\$275.00
G Diane Harsha	\$324.50
Shelia Harris	\$616.00
Betty Gerontas	\$434.50
Barbara Fisher	\$665.50
Surena Fish	\$632.50
Steve Decker	\$154.00
Susan Crawford	\$522.50
Dewi White	\$275.00
Darla Rigg	\$885.50
Caitlyn Mitchell	\$27.50
Gerald McGinnis	\$352.00
Constance McGinnis	\$264.00
Terry Luce	\$907.50

G Diane Harsha	\$605.00
Shelia Harris	\$737.00
Barbara Fisher	\$704.00
Betty Gerontas	\$660.00
Surena Fish	\$632.50
Susan Crawford	\$770.00
Total	\$57,562.33

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

Mr. Mitchell reported no problems with PNC over the last month. Banks are not willing to meet in person at this time. The topic of utilizing electronic banking was discussed and the commissioners felt that this was an option worth exploring with a new bank provided safeguards are in place. Mr. Mitchell will continue to investigate options

The 2020 General Election was held on the 3 November 2020. The overall turnout for the election was 70%. A total of 17,060 VBM ballots were sent out and 12,741 VBM ballots were returned. Early voting turnout was very heavy. 10,687 voters voted at Grossinger Motors Arena and 3,849 voters voted at Eastland Mall for a total EV turnout of 14,536. Voters liked the set up at Grossinger Motors Arena for EV and the city has indicated a willingness to use the Arena in the future for Early Voting. There were no requests for recounts in any races and the canvass has been completed.

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the notice to voters who voted by mail and in person drafted by our attorney. The commissioners were satisfied with it and it will be sent out. The States Attorney has not taken an interest in pursuing these cases.

Mr. Mitchell meet with the city about the office potentially moving to the first floor with shared space with the city clerk's office. We reviewed the options and Mr. Mitchell recommended that we have our clerk up front and the front counter be shared as this is better for customer service. Mr. Mitchell told the city about the need for BEC staff to be close and to have a secured office. The city will review and we will meet again in several weeks.

The Consolidated filing period has ended and no challenges to any candidate were filed.

The plan to do a work session to review the election was put on hold at this time due to Covid-19 issues and the increasing infections. The office staff will review the election in the office.

In Ward 7, five candidates filed which will result in the BEC having to run a Consolidated Primary on 2/23/21 for Ward 7. This involves 2 polling locations and 4 precincts. The office will plan accordingly. EV will be handled in the office give how small this election will be.

Meeting times were planned for 2021. The Commissioners settled on the first Wednesday at 9:30am for the majority of the meetings. We are checking on the availability of using the County Boardroom as well as having meetings remotely. Our attorney will provide us with some guidance on remote meetings during the ongoing pandemic.

Mr. Mitchell will investigate Unity software for ENR as our current program is outdated.

Closed session minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Kiser to keep the closed session minutes from the following dates closed:

- Aug 2015
- Sep 2015
- Dec 2015
- June 2016
- March 2017
- April 2017
- July 2018
- December 2019
- January 2020
- February 2020
- June 2020
- July 2020
- September 2020
- October 2020

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felton and the motion passed.

At 1:59pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Felton to go into closed session for the purpose (For the purposes of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or performance of a specific employee of the > public body (5 ILCS120/2(c)(1)). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kiser and a roll call vote was held and all three Commissioners voted yes.

At 2:24, Commissioner Felton motioned that the Board return to open session. Commissioner Kiser seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held and all three Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Felton motioned that Executive Director Mitchell, Assistant Director Collins, and Election Clerk Quallich be given 2% raises effective 1/1/2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kiser and the motion passed.

A discussion was held concerning the organization of the Bloomington Election Commission Board. Commissioner Williams will move to Secretary, Commissioner Kiser will move to Chairperson, Commissioner Felton will move to Vice Chairperson.

The AOECI teleconference in on December 10th. The Bloomington Election Commission will be hosting the May AOECI conference and it has yet to be determined if this will be in person or via teleconference. We are looking at focusing on public relations in May and will ask the City of Bloomington's public relations person for assistance.

Sexual Harassment Training will need to be completed next year by all staff and commissioners as prescribed by state law. Mr. Mitchell will send the link to the training to the staff and Commissioners.

At 2:32pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Felton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kiser and the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday January 6th 2021 at 9:30am

Robert Felton, Secretary