

The Bloomington Board of Election Commissioners met at 9:30am on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021. Commissioner Kim Kiser, Commissioner Robert Felton, Commissioner Denise Williams, Executive Director Tim Mitchell, Assistant Executive Director Lindsey Collins, and Attorney Steve Mahrt were present.

Commissioner Kiser called the meeting to order at 9:30am and called for a motion to approve the January 6th 2021 minutes. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the February 3rd, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commissioner Kiser asked for approval of the bills and checks shown below which are drawn on the PNC Bank. Commissioner Felton motioned to approve the February 3rd, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Payee	Amount
Ancel Glink Diamond Bush DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C.	\$380.00
Culligan	\$27.95
RKDixon	\$1,454.09
Illinois Office Supply	\$306.47
SOE Software Corporation	\$7,563.15
Pearl Technology	\$149.85
PNC Bank	\$92.97
Amazon	\$80.96
Surena Fish	\$200.00
Barbara Fisher	\$200.00
Caitlyn Mitchell	\$200.00
Terry Luce	\$200.00
James Dooley	\$300.00
Susan Crawford	\$200.00
Patty Sears	\$200.00
Elizabeth Gros	\$200.00
Joann Heidloff	\$200.00
Darla Rigg	\$200.00
Steve Decker	\$300.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church	\$110.00
Illinois Wesleyan University	\$100.00
Frontier	\$829.59
Lee Enterprise-Central Illinois	\$208.56
Total	\$13,703.59

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

Mr. Mitchell reported no problems with PNC over the last month Mr. Mitchell indicated that First State Bank of Bloomington is likely our best option, but the office will wait till after the April Consolidated Election to look at switching banks.

Mr. Mitchell met with the City about the office moving to the first floor with shared space with the City Clerk's office. Several issues need to be addressed. The issues are the hours the office is open as the City may have different hours and holiday schedule. There is also a discrepancy in pay between the city workers and our clerk. Commissioner Williams said she would do some additional research on the issue and report back to the commission. Mr. Mitchell will continue to meet with the City for further discussions. There is no time table from the city on the potential move, but Mr. Mitchell has told the city that we cannot move until 60 days after the consolidated election as the equipment cannot be handled. Mr. Mitchell has taken the staff and commissioners for a tour of the proposed new area.

The Consolidated Primary for Ward 7 is complete and we had 307 total voters. We are now planning for the Consolidated Election for 4/6/21. All polling places will be open on election day and there are no changes to polling locations. We have sufficient judges to man the polls, including HS judges. Mr. Mitchell will follow up with BHS for any additional HS judges. The public test will be on 3/30/21, retab on 4/13/21, and Canvass on 4/20/21. Mr. Mitchell did indicate the VBM for this consolidated election is significantly higher than prior consolidated elections, likely due to carry over from the November 2020 General Election. However, the volume of VBM is something the office staff can manage without additional help.

Mr. Mitchell reviewed Unity software for ENR and a demo is going to be set up in the near future after the April consolidated election. IT was in favor of this and recommends updating our software.

Early Voting will take place at the BCPA. BEC and County will co-locate there. The city has been very good in accommodating us at BCPA for EV. EV starts on 3/12/21. Judges have been scheduled and are all experienced in working EV.

BEC will host the May AECOI conference and we are working to get speakers. We had tried to get the city's public relations person to speak, but she has left employment with the city. Commissioner Williams and Mr. Mitchell will work on identifying potential speakers.

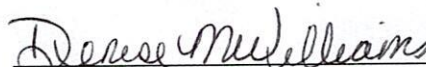
Commissioner Williams presented some information of salaried of city workers who might be co-located with our staff in the move. There are some factors such as union dues and time on the job that need to be reviewed further. Commissioner Williams will present additional information at the next meeting.

Mr. Mitchell informed the commissioners that there are some issues with the election judge pay, specifically those who made over \$600 and \$1900 the past year. The city initially issued 1099NEC to these judges which caused these judges to have additional tax burdens. The city reissued 1099MISC to the judges that made less than \$1900 in 2020. The 1099NEC is a new form and it appears it has to be issued to those judges making over \$1900 in a year. Mr. Mitchell and Commissioner Kiser will research this issue more and discuss with the city how we can address this issue.

There is talk in Springfield about moving the March 2022 Primary to June due to the census data coming out on 9/30/21 which is very late and may cause issues with redistricting and candidate's filing. Mr. Mitchell will continue to monitor. HR 1 is pending at the Federal level which would expand VBM and could impact BEC operations. Mr. Mitchell will continue to monitor.

At 10:20 am, a motion was made by Commissioner Williams 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 Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 9:30am


Denise Williams, Secretary