

Warren County Board of Elections Meeting

January 17, 2012

4:30 PM

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Chairman Robert Stead called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM., Board Secretary, Harry Brown, Commissioner Tony Wyhopen, Commissioner Robert Stead and Bill Duffy, Administrator were in attendance.

Mr. Duffy asked that he be allowed to move forward on filling the vacancy in the Board office. The Board agreed and said that they would have any interested parties that they were aware of, forward their resume to the Office.

Mr. Duffy stated that there are a number of voting machines that have bowing sides. This was an item included in the Service Agreement that the Board negotiated in 2010. The Board directed Mr. Duffy to contact Avante and request that the problem be corrected. Mr. Duffy stated that the work had not yet started on the new warehouse.

Mr. Stead began the discussion of the municipalities that are in need of Redistricting. He has previously reviewed the number of registered voters and the number of ballots cast for the last 10 years. It was clarified that the Mail-In (formally Absentee ballots) were included. The Board decided that Alpha, Franklin and Washington Borough were in need of Redistricting. It was agreed that the lines for Mansfield 3 and Oxford 1 be changed in order to even out the number of voters per district. Mr. Stead appointed himself and Mr. Brown to a committee to help Mr. Duffy complete the task.

Mr. Duffy presented a change to the Poll Book that will be used in the elections. The Poll Books would have only 6 names per page instead of 10. The layout of the page would remain the same. With this change the pages would be placed in 3 ring binders which can be used in every election.

Mr. Duffy stated that the Governor had signed the legislation which allowed for the School Elections to be held in November instead of April. Mr. Duffy had done some preliminary work on the additional costs to the November Election. To the Board of Elections the only areas that may increase in cost are advertising and the postage for the sample ballots. The Board discussed the provisions of the legislation, particularly how often the election could be changed. The legislation stated that once the election is moved to November, it can't move back to April for 4 years. The Board asked Mr. Duffy to track any additional costs for the General Election.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.