

January 22, 2020

The Washington County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Present were Mr. Sipe, Mr. Ray, Mr. Halliday, Mandy Amos, Director, and Karen Pawloski, Deputy Director. Alison Cauthorn, Washington County Assistant Prosecutor. Donnie Rader, Washington County IT Manager. Members of the Public were Gary Pitt, Steven Weber, David Chichester, and Jedd Butler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Sipe asked for any public comment. Some members of the Village of Lowell Council and Mayor were in attendance and asked to comment to the Board. Mayor Steve Weber read a letter that the Lowell Council and Adams Township Trustees passed a Resolution asking the Board to move their polling place back to Lowell Fire House instead of driving to Beverly to vote. Washington County Sheriff's office and members of the Lowell Council and Adams Township Trustees all received calls on Election Day with concerns from voters. A letter was supplied to the Board. Chairman Sipe told the members the Board appreciated them coming to the meeting and understand their concerns. He went on to explain how the Board came up with this solution and saved the county \$1.6 million that was paid by the grant and the county only had to pay \$10, with this plan. He also explained many folks are coming into the County Seat for shopping and early voting helps with those that want to vote in person. He went on to say that we were able to have less personnel working on election days due to consolidation. Chairman Sipe said they would study their request. Mr. Wentz said if we did this, how much more money would this cost. We would also consider other townships that do not have polling places too.

Bills were presented to be paid. Chairman Sipe requested a motion for the bills to be paid as presented. Mr. Wentz made the motion and Mr. Halliday seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Washington County Assistant Prosecutor Alison Cauthorn spoke to the Board about the Background Check Policy. Mr. Sipe thought one additional phrase needed to be added. Our vendors send us employees of theirs – as well as contracted employees or sub-contractor. Our vendors told us they do not send us anyone – contract employees or sub-contracted employees that have not been vetted through the system and gotten a background check. Ms. Pawloski brought up the fact that due to the Cyber Security directives, an employee of Suddenlink was in here to upgrade our system and we did not get a background check on that employee. Ms. Cauthorn said that the SoS has directed us to check anyone who would have access sensitive information. She said the SoS is asking that Boards come up with their own policy...which means having 88 different policies. Ultimately, the Board has to decide which fits us best. Mr. Sipe said that he had heard at conference as to how often we perform the background checks, some were thinking 10 years. Ms. Cauthorn indicated that seemed a long time to go without one. Mr. Sipe suggested we perform them every four years. The Board will have the discretion to perform them at any time for probable cause. Ms. Cauthorn suggested we stay away from credit reporting.

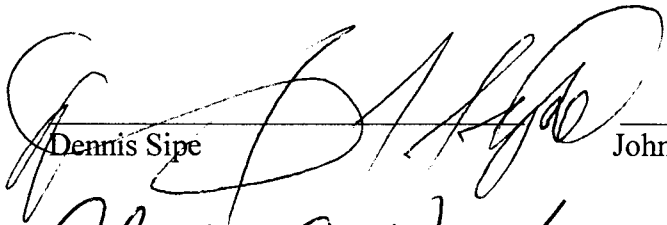
Chairman Sipe asked for motions to adjourn. Mr. Halliday gave the motion and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be on January 29, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

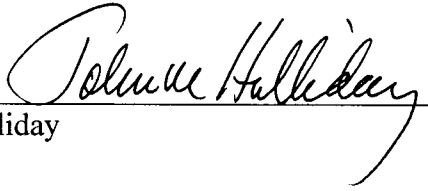
Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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