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Wayne County Board of Elections Board Meeting June 14, 2022

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman
Nicki T. Artis, Member
Charles Wright, Member
Anne C. Risku, Director

Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary
Bridgette C. Cowan, Member (absent)
Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney (absent)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. Edwards.

I. Approval of June 14, 2022 meeting agenda

- Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the June 14, 2022 meeting agenda. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from: April 26, May 10, May 16, May 17, May 20, May 26 and May 27

- Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the minutes for April 26, May 10, May 16, May 17, May 20, May 26 and May 27. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. Director Updates: Ms. Risku updated the Board on the following matters.

- Candidate Filing: No one has filed yet. The candidate list will be updated as people file.
- ExpressVote: The ExpressVote purchase was included in the County's budget and she is working with the vendor so the purchase can be made as soon as funds are available.
- NCSBE Conference: The conference will be held virtually August 30-31, 2022.
- One Stop Early Voting Plan: Ms. Risku presented the Board with data on past One Stop plans. She also informed the Board that the County has instituted a \$15 minimum wage, however they did so after her budget was finalized. She suggested \$15 for One Stop staff and \$17 for the Coordinators. If the Board wants three sites and the raises, she will likely have to ask for more money from the County Commissioners. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Artis expressed support for the pay raise. Mr. Hull stated that most of our officials do it as a form of public service and that he supported raising the pay rates in accordance with the County's decision. Ms. Risku informed the Board that staff had secured the Maxwell Center, Mt. Olive Train Depot and the Wayne County Public Library as early voting locations for the November 2022 election. The Board had four sites in 2018 but that did not include the Maxwell Center which is a large site. If it is the Board's wish for four sites, Ms. Risku asked for their input on where and help in securing a location. Mr. Edwards stated that the Board can take the data, talk to community members and amongst themselves and hopefully have a better directive at the next meeting. Ms. Risku

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reminded the Board that any site must be ADA compliant, secure, have parking and room for curbside. The Board discussed various possible locations in the northern end of the county. Mr. Wright asked if there was a cost analysis they could use to make the decision and if there were any other statutes besides ADA requirements. Ms. Risku stated that the SBOE does have some cost analysis and that there are just basic things staff has to consider like outlets, ingress and egress, etc. Mr. Edwards suggested the Board compile a list and then confer with staff and do site visits. Mr. Wright stated that everything seemed reasonable to him and he was fine with either three or four sites and asked what the cost would be. Ms. Risku stated that it would cost roughly \$31,000 per site. Mr. Artis asked about using one of the fire departments. Ms. Risku stated that it is difficult to ask them to leave their facilities for three weeks as it inhibits their ability to fight fires.

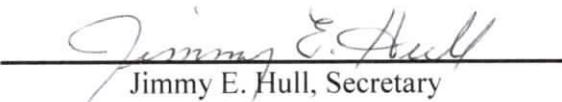
IV. Board Comments: There were none.

V. Public Comment

- Linda Harper stated that she would like to encourage signature verification.

VI. Adjournment

- With all business having been conducted, Mr. Artis made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.



Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary