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Wayne County Board of Elections

Board Meeting

July 26, 2022

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman
Nicki T. Artis, Member
Charles Wright, Member (via zoom)
Anne Risku, Director

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

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

- I. Approval of July 26, 2022, meeting agenda
 - Ms. Cowan made a motion to approve the July 26, 2022 meeting agenda. Mr. Hull seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- II. Early Voting Schedule – Midterm General Election
 - Mr. Edwards opened the floor to Board discussion.
 - Mr. Artis asked Ms. Risku how many Sundays the plan includes, what is the expected turnout, and what is the cost for Sunday voting compared to the 2018 schedule. Ms. Risku stated that the proposed plan includes two Sundays compared to one in 2018. It cost the Board approximately \$600 in salaries for the one Sunday in 2018 and would be expected to double with two Sundays in 2022. 463 people - 219 Democrats, 165 Republicans and 79 Unaffiliated - voted on the one Sunday with an average of 154 voters per hour.
 - Mr. Hull stated he preferred not to vote on Sundays but Sunday voting has been popular so he is okay with it.
 - Ms. Cowan stated that the Board should be as accessible as possible to everyone and individuals should be allowed to determine if and when they vote.
 - Mr. Wright stated that he has always been a strong proponent of Sunday voting and would like to see it continue in Wayne County.
 - Mr. Edwards stated that he felt it was the duty of the Board to make the process available to as many people as possible which allows voters to choose when and where they want to vote. He also noted that some people only have the opportunity to vote on weekends.
 - Mr. Artis stated that he had no issues with the three sites listed. He attempted to find somewhere in Pikeville but was not successful.

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- Mr. Edwards stated he felt the Board had exhausted all options to find a site in the northern end of the county but will work to find something for 2024.
- Mr. Artis said many of the individuals he spoke with just wanted to make sure the Pikeville Fire Department will be open on Election Day and no one expressed any issues with driving to the Maxwell Center.
- Ms. Cowan made a motion to accept the One Stop Early Voting Plan for the November 8, 2022 General Election as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- The Board signed the *One Stop Implementation Plan Signature Sheet*.

III. Adjournment:

- With all business having been conducted, Ms. Cowan made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary