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Charles Bostic  
Vice Chairperson

## MINUTES May 16, 2006

Barbara Bailey  
Secretary

### Call to Order

Vice Chairman Charles Bostic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2006 in the office of the Danville Election Commission. Those in attendance were Commissioners Charles Bostic and Barbara Bailey and Executive Director Barbara Dreher. Commissioner Betty Seidel was absent.

Barbara Dreher  
Executive Director

### Approval of Agenda

Barbara Bailey moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Charles Bostic. Motion was carried.

### Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2006 Meeting

Barbara Bailey moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Charles Bostic. Motion was carried.

### Accounts Payable – purchase orders

Barbara Dreher explained purchase orders in the total amount of \$16,734.88. After review and discussion Barbara Bailey moved to accept for payment the purchase orders as presented. Charles Bostic seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

### Appellate Court Decision on April 5, 2005 Newell Township Election

Barbara Dreher reported that notice had been received from the Illinois State Appellate Court that a part of the Circuit Court decision was affirmed and part was reversed. Therefore a full recount of Newell Township would be likely unless an appeal is filed by May 26, 2006.

### Report on AECOI Spring Conference

Barbara Dreher attended the Illinois State Conference in Collinsville, IL on May 10, 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>. She gave a brief report on the agenda of the meetings and noted that Danville will host the Spring Conference in May 2007. The September Conference is scheduled for Rockford and December will be held in Chicago.

### SB1445

Discussion was held regarding Senate Bill 1445 concerning changes in processing absentee ballots. Early voting, grace period and absentees will all be counted in the Election office for future elections. Since this bill will likely be passed the Election Commission is preparing for the change.

### **Voter Registration System – State mandate – State Grant**

Barbara Dreher informed the Commissioners that she had received notification from the Illinois State Board of Elections that the AS400 system now being used for voter registrations is not satisfactory and must be upgraded to comply with their new system. The present system allows one-way communication and now the State needs two-way communication in the voter system because of assigning a unique identifier for each voter. She was informed that this is mandated and a state grant in the amount of \$51,000.00 would be available to the Danville Election Commission to accomplish this upgrade. The County is now in the process of changing their AS400 system and there is a good possibility that it will be in compliance with the State voter identifier system requirements. Ms. Dreher has also contacted Nexlan for a quote.

### **Budget Information**

Tabled until the next meeting.

### **State Public Question**

Barbara Dreher stated that she has received petitions from the Illinois State Board of Elections regarding a State wide public question for the November 2006 General Election by the Protect Marriage Illinois organization. The question would be “In Illinois marriage would be one man, one woman”. She said that the State Board is requiring signature verification and that her office will be checking each petition submitted. The State Board is requiring signature verification on these petitions to jurisdictions throughout the state.

### **Commissioners Comments**

Discussion was held regarding the May 15<sup>th</sup> editorial in the Danville Commercial News. It was in respect to the Illinois Appellate Court decision.

Barbara Bailey commented that the daughter of a voter who had filed the necessary papers to become a permanent incapacitated voter well in advance to the General Primary Election had contacted her saying that no absentee ballot was mailed. Barbara Dreher recorded the name and will recheck the files to see that the voter will be receiving ballots for all future elections.

Barbara Dreher commented on possible polling place changes for precincts #17 and #30. Further discussion will be presented at the June meeting.

### **Adjournment to June 20, 2006.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bailey, Secretary

