



Betty Seidel
Chairperson

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Charles Bostic
Vice Chairperson

Barbara Bailey
Secretary

Barbara Dreher
Executive Director

MINUTES January 17, 2006 – 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order

Chairwoman Betty Seidel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., January 17, 2006 in the office of the Danville Election Commission. Those in attendance were Commissioners Betty Seidel, Charles Bostic and Barbara Bailey and Executive Director Barbara Dreher.

Approval of Agenda

Betty Seidel moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Barbara Bailey. Concurred by Charles Bostic.

Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2005

Barbara Bailey moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Charles Bostic. Concurred by Betty Seidel.

Accounts Payable – purchase orders

Barbara Dreher explained purchase orders in total amount of \$738.25. Barbara Bailey moved to approve for payment the purchase orders as presented. Seconded by Charles Bostic. Concurred by Betty Seidel.

Party honoring Jack Klage

A reception honoring the retirement of Jack Klage was scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2006 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Courthouse Annex Building. It was noted that Jack had served as Commissioner of the Danville Election Commission for more than thirty-four years.

Automark

Barbara Dreher reported that she would demonstrate the Automark at the City council meeting on the evening of January 17th. She also stated that the Automark would be used for absentee voting in the Commission office.

More money available from State

Barbara Dreher stated that the Commission has received the check from the State of Illinois for payment of the Automarks. She will attend the February 7th County Finance Committee meeting requesting an amendment to add this amount to the budget to allow payment to ES&S for this equipment. She also commented that there was an excess of \$8,300.00 from this check that is available for accessibility issues at the polling places and that additional funds would be received from the State from Phase II, part two. This money will be used for additional needs for the election process. Possibilities are being reviewed.

A discussion was held regarding the signature capture software program from Nexlan. This program will be in operation prior to the March primary election and is considered to be a financial savings over the system now in use.

Commissioner's role within Commission

Discussion was held regarding the role of the Election Commissioners and the Election Commission office. Ms. Seidel said that the Commissioners' role was not to get involved with the day to day operations, but to provide broader oversight and guidance to the office. If the Election Commission voted there was a need to provide specific hands-on assistance, then they would see that assistance was given, even if provided by a commissioner.

Voter Registration Drive Update

It was reported that voter registration was held at "First Night" and additional programs are being planned prior to the March primary. Discussion was held suggesting registration possibilities.

Commissioners Comments

Betty Seidel stated that Nancy Fahey of Dukes, Ryan, Meyer, Fahey, Freed and Goodwin Ltd. requested that she not be named the attorney for the Election Commission because she was a candidate on the primary ballot. Some discussion followed on sending another letter to that firm to clarify the situation. The letter will come from the Commission.

Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be February 14, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Danville Election office.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Bailey, Secretary