

# Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners

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## The January 2019 Monthly Meeting of the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners was held at the Election Commission Office at 4422 Brandywine Dr. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 2:00 PM.

PRESENT: David Collins, Chairman  
Matt Bartolo, Vice Chairman  
LaColis Reed, Treasurer  
Mark Ketterer, Secretary  
Thomas Bride, Executive Director  
Elizabeth Gannon, Assistant Executive Director  
Alex Kurth, Assistant State's Attorney

ABSENT: Sandra Burke, Commissioner

GUESTS: Larrice Dukes  
Wendy Smith  
Becky Kelly  
Irene Pritzger

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

A Roll Call of the Commissioners was taken by Chairman Collins finding all Commissioners present except Commissioner Burke.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Treasurer Reed moved to approve the minutes for the December 11<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting. Secretary Ketterer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Expenses**

Executive Director Bride explained the bills (see attached) to the Board. Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve the bills. Secretary Ketterer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Early Voting Locations & Hours for Consolidated Primary Election**

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve the early voting schedule for the Primary Election as presented. Secretary Ketterer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Selection of Bid for Election Equipment Delivery for 2019**

Executive Director Bride presented the received bids to the Board. He recommended the Board accept the lowest bid from Federal Companies. Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve Federal Companies for election equipment delivery for 2019. Secretary Ketterer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Report of the Executive Director**

### **2019 Consolidated Primary Update**

Executive Director Bride stated this coming Friday is the first day for voting for military and overseas voters. The following Thursday, is the first day for early voting in the office and vote by mail. Currently around 20 vote by mail applications have been received. Secretary Ketterer asked if there is a challenge to the ballot, would the Election Commission need to re-test the database. Executive Director Bride stated, yes, the ballot and the database would need to be re-tested any time a change is made.

### **2019 Consolidated Election Update**

Executive Director Bride stated Ballot Certifications continue to arrive in the mail. We will continue to follow up with election jurisdictions to make sure all are received in a timely manner. There will be pollbook training for both the consolidated Primary and General elections for both pollbook judges and coordinating judges.

## **Report of the Attorney**

### **Board's issuance of written findings of fact and final decisions on the objections to the nominating papers of Larrice Dukes.**

Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-10, in the captioned case, and after a full hearing whereby all parties were given the opportunity to present evidence, present pertinent law, and make argument before the Board, and after hearing the same and deliberating on the matter, the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners finds as follows:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the objection, the nominating papers, and the disposition of the same;
2. That proper notice that there was an objection filed against Candidate Dukes' nominating papers was given;
3. That proper notice that the Board was having a hearing on the objection was given;
4. That a hearing was held on December 10, 2018 before a majority of the Board;
5. That attorney Robert Hanauer appeared on behalf of objector Walraven;
6. That Candidate Dukes was required to submit at least 131 valid signatures in her nominating papers;
7. That the objector presented unchallenged evidence that Candidate Dukes did not submit at least 131 valid signatures on her nominating papers; and
8. That the objector made a motion for directed verdict, which was granted unanimously on the basis of a lack of any mitigating evidence from Candidate Dukes.

Chairman Collins moved to approve written findings of fact and final decisions on the objections to the nominating papers of Larrice Dukes, Case 18.01. Vice Chairman Bartolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Board's issuance of written findings of fact and final decisions on the objections to the nominating papers of Lawrence J. Maushard.**

Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-10, in the captioned case, and after a full hearing whereby all parties were given the opportunity to present evidence, present pertinent law, and make argument before the Board, and after hearing the same and deliberating on the matter, the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners finds as follows:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the objection, the nominating papers, and the disposition of the same;
2. That proper notice that Robert Hanauer filed an objection against Candidate Maushard's nominating papers was given;
3. That proper notice that the Board was having a hearing on the objection was given;
4. That a hearing was held on December 10, 2018 before a majority of the Board;
5. That at the December 10, 2018 hearing Candidate Maushard made an oral motion for continuance for two weeks;
6. That Candidate Maushard's motion was unanimously granted by the Board, but for a need to be expeditious, continuance was only given until December 14, 2018;
7. That a hearing was held on December 14, 2018 before a majority of the Board;
8. That Candidate Maushard was required to have at least 131 valid signatures on his nominating papers;
9. That Robert Hanauer's objection was based on the allegation that a number of signatures on Candidate Maushard's nominating papers were not valid, so as to bring the number of valid signatures on Candidate Maushard's nominating papers below the requisite 131 needed;
10. That at the December 14, 2018 hearing, the Board was presented evidence prepared by the Director of the Peoria County Election Commission and his staff which addressed the validity of signatures questioned by Robert Hanauer;
11. That the Board adopted the evidence prepared by the Director of the Peoria County Election Commission and his staff;
12. That the evidence prepared by the Director of the Peoria County Election Commission and his staff demonstrated that Candidate Maushard's nominating papers lacked at least 131 valid signatures;
13. That both Candidate Maushard and Robert Hanauer had the opportunity to question the Director of the Peoria County Election Commission regarding the evidence he and his staff prepared;
14. That Candidate Maushard argued there were ambiguities in some signatures as they were written on the nominating papers;
15. That Candidate Maushard, during closing arguments, noted that there were other signatures which did not contain any ambiguities in Candidate Maushard's nominating papers;
16. That the Board found that Candidate Maushard's nominating papers contained less than the requisite 131 valid signatures required of the Candidate;
17. That having less than the requisite number of signatures prevented Candidate Maushard's name from appearing on the February 26, 2019 Peoria County ballot; and

18. That the Board unanimously voted to sustain Robert Hanauer's objection the Candidate Maushard's nominating papers.

Chairman Collins moved to approve written findings of fact and final decisions on the objections to the nominating papers of Lawrence J. Maushard, Case 18.02. Vice Chairman Bartolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Election Commission office.

Secretary Ketterer reported he and Treasurer Reed met and came up with possible solutions to the issues raised regarding return of equipment on election night, website updates, and tabulation room overcrowding. The Committee is recommending the plan presented by Aaron that requires all staff and visitors to park in the U-Haul parking lot. This opens lanes for equipment drop off vehicles to easily enter and exit the parking lot. Designate five to six parking spots to unload, U-turn and leave. The auxiliary police will be invited back to help direct traffic. ROTC will supply workers to unload the vehicles. A staff member from the Peoria County IT department will be on staff to make sure the website is updated, and the public is kept in the know as to when results will be coming. With respect to the tabulation room, a sign will be posted that states this room is for staff and designated observers only. If the room becomes overcrowded a Commissioner can help to regulate. Chairman Collins thanked both Secretary Ketterer and Treasurer Reed for their work and stated all suggestions can be implemented in the next election cycle.

## **Public Comment**

Irene Pritzger asked for clarification on when Early Voting will be held at the Downtown Library. Executive Director Bride stated Early Voting for the Primary Election will be available at the Downtown Library location Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Adjournment**

Treasurer Reed moved to adjourn, Secretary Ketterer seconded. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

## Peoria County Election Commission Monthly Expenses Summary

Monthly Expenses	Description	Amount	Acct #
Ameren Illinois	Gas & Electric	\$1,021.49	53600
Digital Copy Systems	Copier Lease	\$111.00	54380
Illinois American Water	Water for Brandywine	\$75.04	54363
PDC Services	Garbage Service	\$31.72	54366
Stratus	Phones & Phone Service	\$290.02	54320
Central Cleaning	Office Cleaning	\$295.00	54367
Verizon Wireless	Wi-Fi Hotspots & Phones	\$187.16	54338
Ziad A. Musaitif	February 2019 Rent & CAM for Brandywine	\$3,351.88	54390
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,363.31</b>	

Misc.	Description	Amount	Acct #
Warehouse Direct	Pushpins	\$75.00	52201
Fastsigns	Polling Place Sign	\$82.98	53081
Fastsigns	Timeline	\$247.10	52210
Intab	Printer Seals	\$337.97	53081
Warehouse Direct	Color Toner	\$496.68	52210
Hart InterCivic	Printer Paper Rolls	\$1,115.96	53081
Widmer Interiors	Office Chair	\$797.16	52210
FedEx	Shipping of Election Canvass	\$31.88	53081
Warehouse Direct	Step Stools & Tape Dispenser	\$70.96	52201
PJ Star	Elderly Notice	\$13.26	54340
PJ Star	Electoral Board Hearing Notice	\$124.96	54340
Peoria County	Electoral Board Transcripts	\$452.00	53081
Zone 2	IACCR Zone 2 Dues	\$60.00	54401
IAACR	W2019 Winter Conference	\$60.00	54402
Intab	eSlate Seals	\$333.87	53081
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,299.78</b>	

P-Card	Description	Amount	Acct #
Amazon	Hanging Files Wall Mount	\$39.74	52210
Amazon	USB Drives	\$59.38	53081
USPS	Certified Mail (Electoral Board)	\$23.72	53081

Sam's Club	Food for Open House	\$179.76	52041
Walgreens	Photo Printing	\$30.91	52210
Lowe's	Velcro & Hardware	\$25.92	52210
Hobby Lobby	Frames	\$156.88	52210
Amazon	Labels for Pollbooks	\$479.96	53081
Amazon	Coat Rack	\$223.37	52210
Dollar Tree	Forks	\$7.00	52041
FedEx	Timeline Photos & Script	\$239.80	52210
Amazon	Labels for Pollbooks	\$3,119.74	53081
Office Max	Binder lables	\$7.50	53081
Amazon	Toaster Oven	\$122.99	52210
<b>\$4,716.67</b>			

**Payroll**

Staff	12/7/2018	\$10,029.26	51031
Staff	12/21/2018	\$10,006.63	51031
Part Time Staff	12/7/2018	\$616.40	51040
Part Time Staff	12/21/2018	\$616.40	51040
Commissioners	12/7/2018	\$490.44	51145
Commissioners	12/21/2018	\$490.44	51145
Temporary Employees	12/7/2018	\$729.75	51050
Temporary Employees	12/21/2018	\$217.88	51150
Overtime	12/21/2018	\$216.57	51060
Medical Benefits	12/7/2018	\$2,082.62	51241
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<b>Total</b>		<b>\$27,579.01</b>	

**Monthly Total      \$41,958.77**