

# Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners

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**The May 2019 Monthly Meeting of the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners was held at the Election Commission Office at 4422 Brandywine Drive on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM.**

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

ABSENT: LaColis Reed, Treasurer  
Sandra Burke, Commissioner

GUESTS: Irene Pritzger  
Becky Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

A Roll Call of the Commissioners was taken by Chairman Collins finding all Commissioners present except Commissioner Burke. Treasurer Reed is expected to arrive soon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Ketterer moved to approve the minutes for the April 16, 2019 Monthly Meeting. Vice Chairman Bartolo seconded. Motion passed unanimously pending correction to a spelling error.

## **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 Increase of Election Judge training pay from \$25 to \$35, dependent on 2020 approved budget.**

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve an increase in election judge training pay from \$25 to \$35 dependent of 2020 approved budget. Secretary Ketterer seconded. Executive Director Bride told the Board that the pay increase was for training and would hopefully help with recruiting Judges and increase attendance at training. He also informed the Board that Tazewell County had increase their pay to election judges and the concern to maintain parity with surrounding counties. He told the Board that the last pay increase was around 2009. There was discussion about current pay and the length of time since the last increase.

Treasurer Reed entered the meeting at 2:10pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of Expenditure of Election Security Grant for adding 2 indoor cameras and 2 access control doors in the Election Commission Office.**

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve the expenditure of the election security grant for adding 2 indoor cameras and 2 access control doors in the office. Secretary Ketterer seconded. Executive Director Bride communicated to the Board the origin of the federal grant and the reason for the request for the new cameras and access control doors. The total grant was for \$36,565 and this request for the cameras and doors is for \$8,840. The Motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of Use of Election Data and Images by Larry Aspin for Study of Cumulative Voting in April 2019 Consolidated Election**

Secretary Ketterer moved to approve the use of election data and images by Larry Aspin for study of cumulative voting in April 2019 Consolidated Election. Treasurer Reed seconded. Executive Director Bride told the Board that Mr. Aspin is a retired professor from Bradley University and has done analysis for all but one election using the factional cumulative voting for the City of Peoria City Council-at-Large. He stated that there have been several requests for the information and that the past reports have been valuable for analysis of the intended purpose of the cumulative voting. There was

discussion as to the value of the data and the objectivity of the past reports. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Executive Director being an Election Observer for the Kazakhstan Presidential Election June 2 – June 11 or the Ukraine Parliamentary Elections October 21-October 30 for the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe**

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve the Executive Director being an observer for the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe. Treasurer Reed seconded. Executive Director Bride told the Board that he didn't think he would be selected for the Election in Kazakhstan, but he had requested permission to volunteer for election observations in the past. He gave a brief description of the mission and organization. He also told the Board that there was no expense and that the periods he would be gone were not busy times for the office. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Use of Executive Director to attend the International Association of Government Officials Annual Conference in Huston TX July 14 – July 18**

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to approve the Executive Director attending the International Association of Government Officials Annual Conference in Houston, Texas July 14 – July 18 with a cost of around \$2,000. Secretary Ketterer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director Bride told the Board that the staff is starting to work on summer projects. He also told the Board about a web meeting with Ballottrax which will allow voters to track their Vote by Mail ballots.

### **Report of the Attorney**

Assistant State's Attorney Kurth informed the Board that the lawsuit about the lease by the owner of 4422 N Brandywine Dr. should be moving into the discovery stage in the next month. He explained the issues in the lawsuit to the Board.

### **New Business**

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 2:00 pm at the Election Commission office.

## **Public Comment**

Irene Pritzger told the Board that the League of Women Voter's is going to be studying the issue of cumulative voting in the City of Peoria City Councilman at Large elections.

Becky Kelly told the Board that Larry Aspin has been studying cumulative voting since the early 1990's.

## **Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Bartolo moved to adjourn, Treasurer Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.

| <b>Monthly Expenses</b> | <b>Description</b>                   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Acct #</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ameren Illinois         | Gas & Electric                       | \$469.42      | 53600         |
| Central Cleaning        | Office Cleaning                      | \$240.00      | 54367         |
| Digital Copy Systems    | Copier Lease                         | \$111.00      | 54380         |
| Illinois American Water | Water for Brandywine                 | \$77.58       | 54363         |
| PDC Services            | Garbage Service                      | \$34.72       | 54366         |
| Stratus                 | Phones & Phone Service               | \$580.57      | 54320         |
| Verizon Wireless        | Wi-Fi Hotspots & Phones              | \$1,539.26    | 54338         |
| Ziad A. Musaitif        | April 2019 Rent & CAM for Brandywine | \$3,351.88    | 54390         |

**Total \$6,404.43**

| <b>Misc.</b>     | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Acct #</b> |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Warehouse Direct | Certificates        | \$43.30       | 53081         |
| Warehouse Direct | Envelopes           | \$38.37       | 52201         |
| Warehouse Direct | Smoking Receptacle  | \$78.62       | 52210         |
| Fastsigns        | Polling Place Signs | \$112.03      | 53081         |
| Warehouse Direct | Batteries           | \$12.69       | 52201         |
| Warehouse Direct | Labels              | \$32.57       | 52201         |
| Various          | Election Judges     | \$105.46      | 53071         |

**Total \$423.04**

| <b>PCard</b>    | <b>Description</b>                 | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Acct #</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Lowes           | Tarps for Polling Place            | \$50.34       | 53081         |
| Avantis         | Food on Election Day               | \$104.75      | 52041         |
| IACO            | IACO Spring Conference             | \$115.00      | 54000         |
| BOS Parking     | Parking for IACO Spring Conference | \$7.00        | 54000         |
| OfficeMax/Depot | Certificates                       | \$82.32       | 53081         |
| Simply Stamps   | Election Commission Seal           | \$64.95       | 53081         |

**Total \$424.36**

| <b>Payroll</b>   | <b>Description</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Acct #</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Staff            | 4/12/2019          | \$10,229.86   | 51031         |
| Staff            | 4/26/2019          | \$10,229.88   | 51031         |
| Part Time Staff  | 4/12/2019          | \$628.59      | 51040         |
| Part Time Staff  | 4/26/2019          | \$550.13      | 51040         |
| Temp Employees   | 4/12/2019          | \$1,587.54    | 51050         |
| Overtime         | 4/12/2019          | \$2,431.36    | 51060         |
| Commissioners    | 4/12/2019          | \$492.32      | 51145         |
| Commissioners    | 4/26/2019          | \$492.32      | 51145         |
| Medical Benefits | 4/12/2019          | \$2,186.73    | 51241         |
| Medical Benefits | 4/26/2019          | \$2,186.73    | 51241         |

**Total \$31,015.46**

**Monthly Total \$38,267.29**