

CALHOUN COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, May 19, 2023, at 10:00AM

CALHOUN COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE

ROOM 2-100A 315 W GREEN STREET, MARSHALL MICHIGAN 49068

MINUTES

1. Call to Order **10:00am**
Notice posted 5/15/2023, 10:00am at County Clerk – Election’s webpage & Marshall County Building Entrance Board & the Elections Office Window
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (*Clerk Hinkley*) Introduce commission members:
 - Calhoun County Clerk and Register of Deeds, Kimberly Hinkley **Present**
 - Calhoun County Treasurer, Brian Wensauer **Present**
 - Calhoun County Probate Judge Michael Jaconette **Excused**
4. Approval of Agenda **Motion made by Treasurer Wensauer to approve the agenda, 2nd by Clerk Hinkley, Passed**
5. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2023, **Motion made by Treasurer Wensauer to approve the minutes, 2nd by Clerk Hinkley, passed**
6. Citizens’ Comments (*limited to 3 minutes*) **None.**
7. Review ballot content for the August 8, 2023, Special Elections – refer to proposal language: 14 precincts open, 13 ballot styles, 4 proposals. **Election Specialist Jill Stout presented that The Marshall Fire Fighters Ambulance Authority has submitted language for an 11-year renewal so that going forward their proposal will fall during a regular election year. Marengo Township will also have a millage renewal proposal on the ballot in August due to having an election for the MFFAA. There are also 2 out-county school districts, Gull Lake Schools & Hasting Area Schools. Bedford Township will be open for the election due to these 2 proposals.**
8. Consideration of Precinct Consolidations for: No consolidations necessary For the August 8, 2023, election **None**
9. Review Ballot printing bids submitted, Award printing order – *refer to attached bid responses*
 - ELECTION SOURCE:\$0.50 for 11” ballot, colored numbering: add \$.04/ ballot, Pre-Folded: add \$.04/ballot, Test decks: \$75/ ballot style
 - PLERUS.....The Elections Office did not receive a pricing quote
 - SPECTRUM PRINTERS, INC.\$0.31 for 11” ballot, folded: add \$0.08, colored numbering: add \$0.015

Clerk Hinkley discussed the pricing received from Election Source & Spectrum Printers. No pricing was received from Plerus. Treasurer Wensauer requested a printed copy of the quotes to determine total cost of ballots that are to be ordered. Clerk Hinkley discussed changes occurring in ballot numbers due to the Prop 2 amendment. Treasurer Wensauer made a motion to select Spectrum Printer as the supplier of the ballots for the upcoming election. **2nd by Clerk Hinkley, Passed.**
10. Option to purchase more ballots if needed 2 weeks prior to election **Due to the nature of the election, it is not anticipated that the jurisdictions will need to order additional ballots for this election. Treasurer Wensauer moved to defer the option to purchase additional ballots up to 2 weeks before the election to the local Clerks & the Elections Office. 2nd by Clerk Hinkley, Passed.**
11. Future Elections:
 - November 7th – proposal deadline August 15, 4:00pm

Election Specialist Jill Stout shared that at this time it appears that Newton Township, Mar Lee Schools, & Bellevue Schools will be submitting proposal language for a November election.
12. Ballot proofing of August 8th, 2023, ballots (May 24th, 9:00am at the elections office) **Availability has been confirmed from the Treasurers & Judges office that ballot proofing will be done in the Elections Office on May 24th.**
13. Other Business **None**

14. Citizens' Comments (limited to 3 minutes each) Tim Allshouse from Spectrum Printers told the Election Commission "Thank You for working with us".

15. Election Commissioners Comments Clerk Hinkley told Spectrum Printers "Thank You for being great printers, The Clerks trust you & your product".

16. Adjournment A motion was made by Treasurer Wensauer, 2nd by Clerk Hinkley to adjourn. Motion passed, Adjourned at 10:25am.