

APPROVED
September 6, 2017

INGHAM COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Ingham County Election Commission was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Judge Garcia. The meeting was held in Board of Commissioners Room at the Grady Porter Building in Lansing, MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk
Richard Garcia, Chief Probate Judge
Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Maggie Fenger, Election/Clerk Coordinator

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Treasurer Schertzing, supported by Clerk Byrum, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2017 Election Commission Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Invoices:

Moved by Treasurer Schertzing, supported by Clerk Byrum, to approve the invoices totaling \$20,393.82 of the May 2, 2017 Special Election.

Clerk Byrum stated the invoices would get reimbursed by the Haslett School District and East Lansing School District because it was a special election.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Ballots:

Clerk Byrum asked to be given the latitude to make any necessary changes, and stated there was a candidate, Jeremy Garza, who needed a period after his middle initial to remain consistent with the style of the rest of the ballots, and that Meridian Township had failed to respond regarding their ballot proposal. She further stated that her office needed Meridian Township's approval because they put it on the ballot therefore they needed to sign off as to form.

Judge Garcia asked who from Meridian Township needed to provide that approval.

Clerk Byrum stated it should be the Meridian Township Clerk.

Treasurer Schertzing reminded the Commission members of previous issues with the Meridian Township Clerk. A discussion ensued.

Clerk Byrum stated she would be calling the Meridian Township Supervisor and through the Supervisor she expected to have either requested changes or an approval by the end of the day on the proposal.

Judge Garcia asked if there was a deadline for the proposal to be approved to be on the ballot.

Clerk Byrum stated there was a deadline for it to be submitted to her office, so it can be on the ballot, but she had to have the proof ballots approved as soon as possible so she could print the ballots. She further stated she gave the candidates ten days to approve the proof ballots, so the Meridian Township Clerk has had plenty of time to approve it.

Moved by Judge Garcia, supported by Treasurer Schertzing to approve the ballots, with any future corrections deemed necessary by the County Clerk's Office, for the August 8, 2017 Special Election.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment:

Clerk Byrum stated it had not been made official, but there would likely be a November County-wide election, and stated that the August Election would be the first time the new election equipment was used. She further stated she had done a training on June 7, 2017 on the new voting equipment with all of the municipal clerks, and would be conducting a number of trainings with all the poll and election workers.

Treasurer Schertzing asked if the November County-wide issue was related to the Headlee Override.

Clerk Byrum confirmed that was the issue the County was considering placing on the ballot, and there were two local municipalities that were talking about the November Election and wanted quotes for the cost. She further stated that she was unable to provide those quotes due to the new election equipment. Clerk Byrum stated she anticipated more municipalities joining into a County-wide November election because the County would be fronting the cost, so it would be a quasi-free election for those municipalities.

Treasurer Schertzing asked what Clerk Byrum estimated a County-wide election would cost.

Maggie Fenger, Election/Clerk Coordinator, stated the estimate was \$180,000.

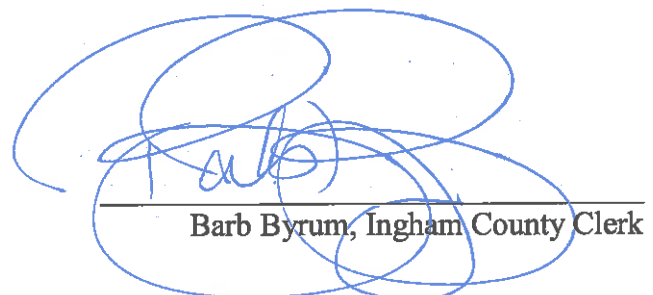
Clerk Byrum stated that figure was based on old election equipment, ballot printing and precinct kits, so it should be less for this election.

Treasurer Schertzing asked if Clerk Byrum though this election would cost less than the estimate.

Clerk Byrum stated it was a possibility because her office should be able to program the election rather than paying a vendor to do so.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19a.m.



Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk