

ELECTION BOARD Meeting:

March 25, 2026, 3:30pm, County Building, 7th Floor, Commissioners Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm' minutes from March 4th approved unanimously.

Vote Center Workers (VCW) Needed:

All actions will be a bipartisan team of 1D and 1R. 10 teams for Central Count (opening absentee ballots on Election Day). 1 team to 'remake overseas ballots.' 39 workers for Absentee Voting and 4 for back-up.

Early voting starts Tuesday, April 7 at 2 locations – Mishawaka County Services Building and the County Building (formerly known as the County City Building); Monday through Friday, 8am – 4:30pm. Saturday, April 25 and May 2, 8am-4pm; and Sunday, April 26 and May 3, 12noon -4pm. Voting on Monday, May 4 was not addressed but early voting ends at 12noon. Early voting on the last weekend before Election Day will have 3 additional sites: Center Township Library, Osceola Library, and Clay Intermediate School.

Training Date:

All VCW trainings will be conducted as an 'official' Election Board meeting:

Tuesday, April 21 – 4pm and 6pm

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at 10am, 12noon, 1pm and 3pm each day

Election Day, Tuesday, May 5 will be a 4:30am start

Public Test Dates:

Public test of election machines will take place on Thursday, April 2, 10am at the Olive Street Warehouse, 142 S. Olive Street. Open to the public as are all Election Board meetings.

EB Meeting Dates: No discussion

New Business:

Ballot Room is now located on the 4th floor of the County Building in the Voter Registration office. [This is the former office of the SB City Clerk.] It is never left open; is always on camera 100%, and a bipartisan team will open and lock each time the ballot room needs to be accessed. Jason Cichowicz, or his proxy, will be a "key holder" and available if needed; Mary Beth Wisniewski will be 'D' back-up. I did not get who the R key holder and proxy are. All were invited to check out the ballot room after the meeting.

Old Business:

Zoom: they want to get back to using Zoom and are working on this.

Public Comment

I asked what is happening with Travel Board (this is 'vote the sick' at home or nursing home usually). Kim Riskovitch stated they are no longer allowed to call nursing homes. The voter themselves, their power of attorney, or other person, must request a visit from the Travel Board. (Voter Suppression to the max?!?) Kim stated new state laws became effective 7/1/2023; she will include the new regulations in the minutes.

Adjournment: No official adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Claeys