

The Union County Board of Elections met on February 6, 2024. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Jeff Robinson, Barbara Luke, and William Steele, Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Election Specialist Vicki Flanders, Secretary of State Liaison Susie O'Brien, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thayne Grey, and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Sam Hobbs; Members of the Public Tony Eufinger, Lauren Engler, Laura Moir, Sandra Fiehrer, and Tina Larsen.

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

Approve minutes from December 22, 2023 meeting.

Board Member Steele moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Luke seconding the motion

- Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Cook asked the members of the public to introduce themselves and state why they were at the board meeting. They all gave their own personal testimonies on their experience at Radiant Life Polling Location on November 7, 2023. They felt that their rights were infringed upon that day at Radiant life and that their right to Poll Stand and Electioneer outside the 100ft cones were denied by Radiant Life. They are asking the board to consider leaving that polling location or to have in contract with polling locations the rights for poll standing and electioneering. Chairman Cook then gave the floor to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thayne Grey. Mr. Grey stated that Radiant Life had every right as a private property owner to ask all parties be removed from premises. Chairman Cook recommended revisiting this issue after the Board has additional time to review all information and talk with all parties involved. Director Clay noted that he and Deputy Director Forrider, have been looking for new and more polling location sites. Both agree they are not in favor of moving locations during a Presidential year but would entertain the idea of contracts with Polling locations.

Approve Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. Knowink
2. Dell Technologies
3. Travel Expenses
4. RBM Consulting, LLC
5. Verizon
6. Richwood Bank
7. Intab

Board Member Steele motioned to approve the bills with Board Member Robinson seconding.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Campaign Finance

Deputy Director Forrider presented Campaign Finance for approval.

1. Stauch for County Engineer
2. For Union County
3. Union County Republican Party- Scholarship Fund
4. Union County Republican Party- Restricted Fund
5. Friends of the Union County Health Department Levy Committee
6. Friend to Elect Keith Conroy
7. Smarra for Treasurer

8. Marshall for Marysville
9. Make Growth Pay for Growth
10. Citizens to Re-Elect David Phillips Prosecutor
11. Union Co 911 Committee
12. Committee to Re-Elect Steve Robinson Commissioner
13. Union County Democratic Party- Restricted Fund
14. Citizens for Schools Committee
15. Tom McCarthy for Commissioner
16. Ryan Lee for Fiscal Responsibility
17. Jerome Township Property Owners PAC
18. Union County Democratic Party- Scholarship Fund
19. Bordner for Marysville (Pre-General and Post-General)
20. Tyler Hall for Traditional Values
21. Jermaine Ferguson for Marysville
22. Donald Boerger for Marysville
23. Safer Jerome
24. Citizens for Senior Services, Better Roads, and Safer Bridges
25. Jerome Township Property Owners PAC
26. Committee to Elect Andrea Weaver
27. Friends of Jamie Patton for Sheriff
28. Support Your Library Levy Committee
29. Verbus for Office
30. Union County Democratic Party Operating Fund

Board Member Steele motioned to accept the Campaign Finance with Board Member Robinson seconding.

- Motion passed unanimously.

2024 YTD budget review

Deputy Director Forrider presented the YTD budget. There were no questions or concerns.

2023 Election Chargebacks

Deputy Director Forrider presented the results of the chargebacks for the May and November 2023 elections.

Board Member Steele moved to approve the chargebacks with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

March 19, 2024 Primary Election

Deputy Director Forrider presented the election day ballot allocations for approval.

Board Member Steele motioned to approve the allocations with Board Member Robinson seconding.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Forrider presented the election machine allocations.

Board Member Steele motioned to approve the allocations with Board Member Robinson seconding.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Items

Deputy Director Forrider presented to the board 8 poll workers that made over the \$1000 earning limit which would require them to pay into OPERS. Deputy Forrider recommended to the board that we pay the full amount to OPERS so that the poll workers would not have to pay into the retirement system.

Board Member Steele motioned to approve the request with Board Member Robinson seconding.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Forrider mentioned that she and Director Clay will be going to the local high schools to teach a government class and put on a mock election.

Board Member Steele moved to adjourn the meeting @ 2:15 with Board Member Robinson seconding.

Attest: Vicki Flanders

Vicki Flanders, Election Specialist

Chairman: Dean E. Cook

Dean Cook, Chairman