

Union County Board of Elections met on October 6, 2020. Those in attendance were Chairman Robert Parrott; Board Member; William Steele, Board Member; Dean Cook, Board Member; Rebecca Pokorski, Brandon Clay, Director; Tina LaRoche, Deputy Director; Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist; Susie O'Brien, SOS liaison by phone.

Chairman Parrott called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Approve minutes from September 8, 2020.

The Minutes from the September 8th, meeting were presented, Board Member Pokorski moved to approve minutes once there was an adjustment made to include the corrected portion from the Emergency meeting from Sept. 21st, Board member Steele seconded the motion once the minutes are corrected.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review

Deputy LaRoche presented the board with current and updated budget. The Board said to move forward with 3% increase in pay for the 4 full time staff.

Bills

Deputy LaRoche presented last months bills to the Board. Board Member Cook motions to approve bills and Board Member Pokorski seconds.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Election Update

Director Clay and Deputy LaRoche updated the Board on the status of the Election. From how far the quarantine set the office back to what has been already accomplished. Overall, the staff is confident that everything will get done, and we will run a successful election.

Precinct Election Officials

Election Specialist Forrider gave an update on the current situation with Poll workers. Forrider spoke on the State's requirement to train 50% more poll workers than needed. This added an additional 4 PEO trainings.

Security Grant

Deputy LaRoche went over the spending of the security grant.

Cares Act Grant

Deputy LaRoche discussed the status of Cares Act spending.

The Official Canvass date is set for November 16th at 9am.

Post-Election Audit

Director Clay spoke of the possibility of having a Risk Eliminating audit. He gave the pros and cons for this type of audit. The Board says we should go ahead with the audit if the State approves and will assist with funding a pilot for this type of audit.

Ballot Drop Box - Director Clay and Deputy LaRoche presented the Board with the 2020-2016 directive on the use of additional drop boxes. The Board felt that only one drop box was necessary at the Board of Elections.

Covid-19 plan - Deputy LaRoche spoke on the plans for the staff if someone comes down with Covid-19. She also spoke on how she has ordered enough PPE, hand sanitizer and masks to keep poll workers and staff protected.

Board Member Cook motions to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Pokorski seconds. Chairman Parrott closes the meeting at 2:11 pm.

Attest: Michelle L. Forrider Chairman: Robert Parrott

Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist

Robert Parrott, Chairman