CITY OF BURTON
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 1994, 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by William Walworth, Clerk.

Members Present: Sue Millard, Dee Sturk, Jim Townsend and William Walworth.

Members Absent: Les Bertram.

Others Present: Bonnie Gusie, Election Inspector; Alta Walls, Councilperson and Cheryl Ladd, Deputy Clerk.

Mr. Walworth explained that at the November 8th election, we would be having touch screen voting and would be using a device called the "Patriot" from a company based in California. The voters will be given the option to vote either the punch card method or with the touch screen. Bonnie Gusie will be the coordinator for the touch screen and will have others working with her just as though this were a separate precinct. There will be two poll books, one for each method of voting, and at the end of the evening, they will be put together so the total voted in precinct #5 will be added together.

Mr. Walworth said the State Elections Division has not been supportive of our computer at the polls project, nor have they been supportive of the touch screen voting. However, a representative from the Election Division, called and said if she was in the area, she may stop by and see the process.

Mr. Walworth asked for a consensus of the members as whether to proceed with the touch screen voting.

Mr. Walworth said he would like the committee to consider a change in precincts. Before combining precincts 4 & 6 we would have to break away from the law that says there can only be 2,999 registered voters in a precinct, so we will wait to see if the State will make an exception for Burton. Precincts 1 and 9 would become 1 and leave precincts 7 and 13 as is; precincts 2 & 12 to become 2 and leave 4 and 6 as is; combine 3 & 8 and leave 10 & 11 alone.

Mr. Walworth said the only way we will get the State Election Division to look at changing the number of registered voters in a precinct, is by combining the precincts and getting close to what the State Law now requires, which is 2,999 per precinct.

Discussion was held concerning the combination of several precincts.

Mr. Walworth said an error was made on Williamson Street and it should be located in Precinct #4, not #6, as Judd Road is the dividing line between the two precincts.

Committee Recommendations:

Millard moved and Sturk supported the following motion:

1. The Election Commission approve and authorizes the use of Touch Screen Voting in Precinct 5 in the City of Burton for the November 8, 1994 General Election. Motion carried 4-0.

Sturk moved and Millard supported the following motion:

2. The Election Commission authorizes the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to hire

temporary election workers who are registered voter of Burton, being within the boundaries of the City and who have no felony convictions. The Election Commission reserves the right to review the list of election workers at any time to ensure compliance with applicable State and Local requirements. Motion carried 4-0.

Townsend moved and Sturk supported the following motion:

3. The Election Commission authorizes the Clerk and/or Deputy Clerk to sign necessary election documents on their behalf, as needed. The Election Commission reserves the right to review the documents at any time. Motion carried 4-0.

Millard moved and Sturk supported the following motion:

4. The Election Commission approves and authorizes the Clerk changing the precincts as follows:

   Precincts 1 & 9 to become 1
   Precincts 2 & 12 to become 2
   Precincts 3 & 8 to become 3

   The remainder of the precincts to stay as is for the present time and the numbers to remain status quo.
   Motion carried 4-0.

Sturk moved and Millard supported the following motion:

5. The Election Commission approves and authorizes the placement of Williamson Street to be placed in Precinct 4 and removed from Precinct 6, to correct a computer error.
   Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Walworth said he would like to see the members of the Election Commission at the polls on November 8th to see the touch screen program. He said at the Kearsley School Election next June, they are considering the touch screen program. The election will be held the second Monday in June.

Mr. Walworth adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk

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