CLARK COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2025

A meeting of the Clark County Election Board was held at the Clark County Courthouse, Voter Registration Office, 501 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana, on February 24, 2025.

The following Board Members were present: Democratic Representative and President, Andrew Steele; Republican Representative and Vice Chairman Tony Singleton, and Clark County Clerk, Ryan Lynch. Also present were Chrissy Henson and Angela Cornett, Voter Registration employees, and JoAnn Geoghegan, Secretary of Minutes. Members of the public present were James McClure, Teresa Ballew, Kaitlin Blessitt, Judy Robertson, Rick Robertson, Benita Pate, Susan Popp and Christina Kelty. Andrew Steele called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

The first matter before the Board is information on the upcoming Primary Election. The only race that will be on the ballot is the Silver Creek School Corporation race on May 6, 2025.

The next matter before the Court is a follow-up on the finance campaign complaint that was filed previously. Andrew Steele advises that the Board has received additional information from the Mike Moore campaign. Kaitlin Blessitt advises that she has been receiving the paperwork filed by the attorney for the PACs since she is one of the complainants. She advises that there was a check issued to Eric Hedrick that she believes is suspect. Also, there should have been an in-kind payment on Scott McVoy. Ms. Blessitt asks that the Board look further into these suspect payments. Mr. Steele advises that the Board can only look into matters addressed in the complaint and that he doesn't believe that these actions were illegal. Ms. Blessitt also suggests that there should be some type of checks and balances due to all of the finance issues in Clark County and thinks there needs to be an audit conducted. Andrew Steele advises that the Board will check to see if they can present bank statements as they never had an actual audit. He can request information from the attorney for the finance complaint to see what their response will be. John McClure inquires about limits to donations by corporations. Rick Robertson addresses the Board and suggests that the Board ask a Court to make a decision of what is and isn't legal. The Board advises that some of the over the limit donations have been returned to the donors. Mr. Steele advises he will ask the attorney for receipts and try to make sure that they retain all of the paperwork and information relating to the complaints. Ms. Blessitt suggests that the PACs may need to file an amended form to make sure that they have complied with the issues in the complaints. Christina Kelty inquires if there would be penalties if the PACs are found to have done anything illegal. Mr. Steele advises that he will have to contact the IED to see what the next steps will be in this matter.

Th next matter before the Board is Public Comments. Susan Popp addresses the Board regarding the last election where she believes that the straight party issue and workers just informing the voters to re-read the instructions was not sufficient. The Board checked with the IED and were advised to remind the voters to read the instructions when dealing with voting a straight party ticket. There were signs posted at the voting locations advising the voters about the straight party voting and needing to also vote for the Council and other races manually. Ms. Popp recommended telling ABS voters also. Angela advises that they were told that the best practice was to tell the voters to read the instructions and that this was a very high-volume election making it too hard to tell every voter. Ms. Popp also suggested that electioneering and handicap parking issues need to be looked into at the voting locations.

Andrew Steele advises that they are trying to get the per diem up to \$200 to entice more election workers. He also reminds everyone that all poll watchers must have credentials, especially in order to get copies of results or get in to VR to view the counting of votes.

There being nothing further before the Board, Tony Singleton makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Andrew Steele. Carried 3-0. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. at the Courthouse. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS:

ANDREW STEELE, Democrat Chairman

TONY SINGLETON, Republican Appointee

RÝAN LYNÇH, Clark County Clerk