

MARSHALL COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN



MARSHALL COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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Re: Marshall County Vote Center

Dear Co-Directors:

Please accept the following vote center plan on behalf of
Marshall County Election Board.

It is my belief that full compliance has been met. Please
contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding our plan.

Sincerely,

Deborah VanDeMark

Deborah VanDeMark
Marshall County Clerk

INTRODUCTION

Simply put, a vote center is a polling place where any eligible voter in the county may go to vote. The vote center model gives voters more flexibility on Election Day because they are not constrained to a specific polling location. Vote centers are connected through secure internet connections, and as ballots are cast, an electronic poll book is instantaneously updated.

From 2007-2010, the Indiana Secretary of State's office ran the Vote Center Pilot Program, where three Indiana counties; Wayne, Tippecanoe and Cass counties, used the vote centers concept to determine if it would be a viable option for election administration in Indiana. After immense success, and in 2011, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 32 and House Enrolled Act 1242 and the Governor signed both pieces of legislation, making vote centers an option for any Indiana county.

Our plan began with the approval of the Election Board, County Council, County Commissioner's, the Political Party Chairman, and the Public. The change is good.

The Marshall County Vote Center Plan will allow voters to have a choice to vote at any of our 12 locations. All machines will be programmed at each vote center location with all ballots for the entire county.

Will voters not vote because a location may be farther from their home? This should not affect the voter. The voter can vote anywhere in the County, on their way to work, on their way to a doctor appointment or grocery shopping. Maybe they will not be available to vote on Election Day at any "new" location...options have increased, not decreased. The voter can still vote by mail, vote absentee at the court house, travel board if confined, or at the new "satellite locations" that will be available.

ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY

While it is possible that counties will save money using vote centers, the purpose of the vote centers is to increase voter convenience and accessibility. Counties locating more than one precinct in the same location could experience cost savings. Vote centers may reduce the number of voting machines needed. With less poll sites, we will greatly alleviate a serious problem of not enough poll workers.

REQUIREMENTS OF PLAN

In compliance with I.C. 3-11-18.1-4(5), Marshall County will have 12 vote center locations placed strategically throughout the County. These locations were used in previous elections. The sites were selected because of their accessibility, parking, handicap accessibility, space for equipment, and accommodates our major towns and city in the County.

A vote center map is in the plan that references the vote center locations. The locations are marked with a heavy circle on the map.

Implementation of the plan is February 29, 2016.

On January 7, 2016 Marshall County had 29,467 registered voters, 25,816 active and 3,651 inactive voters.

Thirty (30) precinct ballots will be available to each vote center location in Marshall County. Bourbon 1, Bourbon 2, Center 1, Center 2, Center 3, Center 4, Center 5, Center 6, Center 7, Center 8, German 1, German 2, German 3, German 4, German 5, Green, Walnut 1, Walnut 2, North 1, North 2, North 3, Polk 1, Polk 2, Tippecanoe, Union 1, Union 2, West 1, West 2, West 3, and West-City of Plymouth.

There will be 1 satellite vote center at Bremen Town Hall and 1 satellite vote center at Culver Town Hall. At the beginning of each day, poll workers will collectively match the number of voter's signatures on the electronic poll book to the number of voters on the voting machines. At the close of the day the Republican and Democrat Election Workers will return voting equipment to the Voter Registration Office. At the close of absentee voting on the Saturday prior to the election, the voting machines will be securely locked and stored until the vote counting process on Election Day. This procedure will be in all elections.

VOTING EQUIPMENT

Marshall County will be using the Infinity voting machines from MicroVote. At the end of the Election Day, votes will be tallied and reported by Precinct.

ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK

Marshall County will be utilizing the Knowink Poll Pad. The system is certified with the Secretary of State's office. The Poll Pad EPoll Book application software runs on the Apple iPad tablet. The poll pad is managed by a central command and interfaced with Quest Voter Registration System. In the event of a power failure the poll pads will continue to operate 4-6 hours before needing recharged.

Bourbon Vote Center (Triton School) will have 8 machines with 2 poll pads

Plymouth West Vote Center (National Guard Armory) will have 8 machines with 2 poll pads

Plymouth East Vote Center (Knights of Columbus) will have 10 machines with 2 poll pads

Plymouth South Vote Center (REMC) will have 6 machines will have 1 poll pad

Bremen North Vote Center (Bremen High School) will have 8 machines will have 2 poll pads

Bremen South Vote Center (Bremen Missionary Church) will have 6 machines with 1 poll pad

Argos Vote Center (United Methodist Church) will have 8 machines with 2 poll pads

Lapaz Vote Center (Lapaz Fire Station) will have 8 machines with 2 poll pads

Tyner Vote Center (Tyner Community Bldg) will have 6 machines with 1 poll pad

Tippecanoe Vote Center (Tippecanoe Community Bldg) will have 4 machines with 1 poll pad

Culver Vote Center (Culver Depot) will have 6 machines with 2 poll pads

West Vote Center (Pretty Lake Church Fellowship Hall) will have 8 machines with 2 poll pads

Absentee in the Clerk's Office will have 3 machines with 1 poll pad.

Satellite office at Bremen Town Hall will have 2 machines with 1 poll pad.

Satellite office at Culver Town Hall will have 2 machines with 1 poll pad.

Failsafe - 1 machine.

VERIZON HOT SPOTS

The Verizon hot spots will be used to have continuous internet for the electronic poll books so they can be instantaneously updated.

POLL WORKERS

Each vote center will have:

One - Inspector, Two - Election Judges (one from each party), Two – Election Clerk's (one from each party), Two -Election Assistants (one from each party). The Satellite location will consist of at least two election workers, one from each party. Nomination of election workers will apply according to IC 3-6-6-9. However, if the appropriate parties do not nominate poll workers in a timely manner, then the Election Board will nominate workers.

POLL WORKER TRAINING

All poll workers will undergo training to be provided by the Election Board prior to Election Day. The training will include the duties of the poll worker, and the supplies provided in the vote center bag. It will also include training on the voting equipment, and poll pads.

VOTER EDUCATION

Education will be achieved through media and press releases.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Every Vote Center bag will have an Emergency Preparedness Guide that will be discussed during poll worker training and can be referenced at any time. Emergencies include fire, severe weather, floods, earthquakes, utility disruption, bomb threats, and weapons in the polling place, violent situations, and hazardous material. Each bag will have weather radios, and tornado signs.

The Infinity voting equipment voting equipment has battery backup. 8 C batteries per machine are required. Election headquarters will provide those as needed.

In the event of an emergency requiring the change of a vote center location prior to Election Day, IC 3-11-8-3.2 will be followed.

In the event of an emergency on Election Day requiring a temporary or permanent evacuation, the Election Board and County Commissioners in cooperation with the county emergency management director will determine the best resolution. If necessary the Office of the Secretary of State's Election Division will be contacted for emergency assistance. Signs will be posted communicating to the voters the emergency and indicating the other vote centers that are available.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Municipal elections will have one vote center for each town or city holding an election

12 Vote Center Locations

- 1. Bourbon Vote Center:** Triton High School, 100 Triton Dr., Bourbon IN
- 2. Plymouth West Vote Center:** National Guard Armory, 1220 W Madison, Plymouth IN
- 3. Plymouth East Vote Center:** Knights of Columbus, 901 E Jefferson St. Plymouth IN
- 4. Plymouth South Vote Center:** Marshall County REMC, 11299 12th Rd. Plymouth IN
- 5. Bremen North Vote Center:** Bremen High School, 511 West Grant Street, Plymouth IN
- 6. Bremen South Vote Center:** Bremen Missionary Church, 2958 Elm Rd. Bremen IN
- 7. Argos Vote Center:** United Methodist Church, 570 N Michigan St, Argos IN 46501
- 8. Lapaz Vote Center:** Lapaz Fire Station, Lapaz IN
- 9. Tyner Vote Center:** Tyner Community Bldg. 4836 French St., Tyner, IN
- 10. Tippecanoe Vote Center:** Tippecanoe Community Bldg, 18411 State Rd 331, Tippecanoe
- 11. Culver Vote Center:** Culver Depot, 615 E Lakeshore Dr., Culver IN
- 12. West Vote Center:** Pretty Lake Church Fellowship Hall, 8985 St Rd 17, Plymouth IN

2 Satellite Locations

- 1. Bremen Town Hall**
- 2. Culver Town Hall**

Vote Center Locations will be open from 6 AM – 6 PM on Election Day.

Satellite Locations will be open the two Saturdays prior to Election from 8 AM – 3 PM

Absentee voting will be in the Clerk's office 28 days prior to Election including two Saturdays prior to Election.

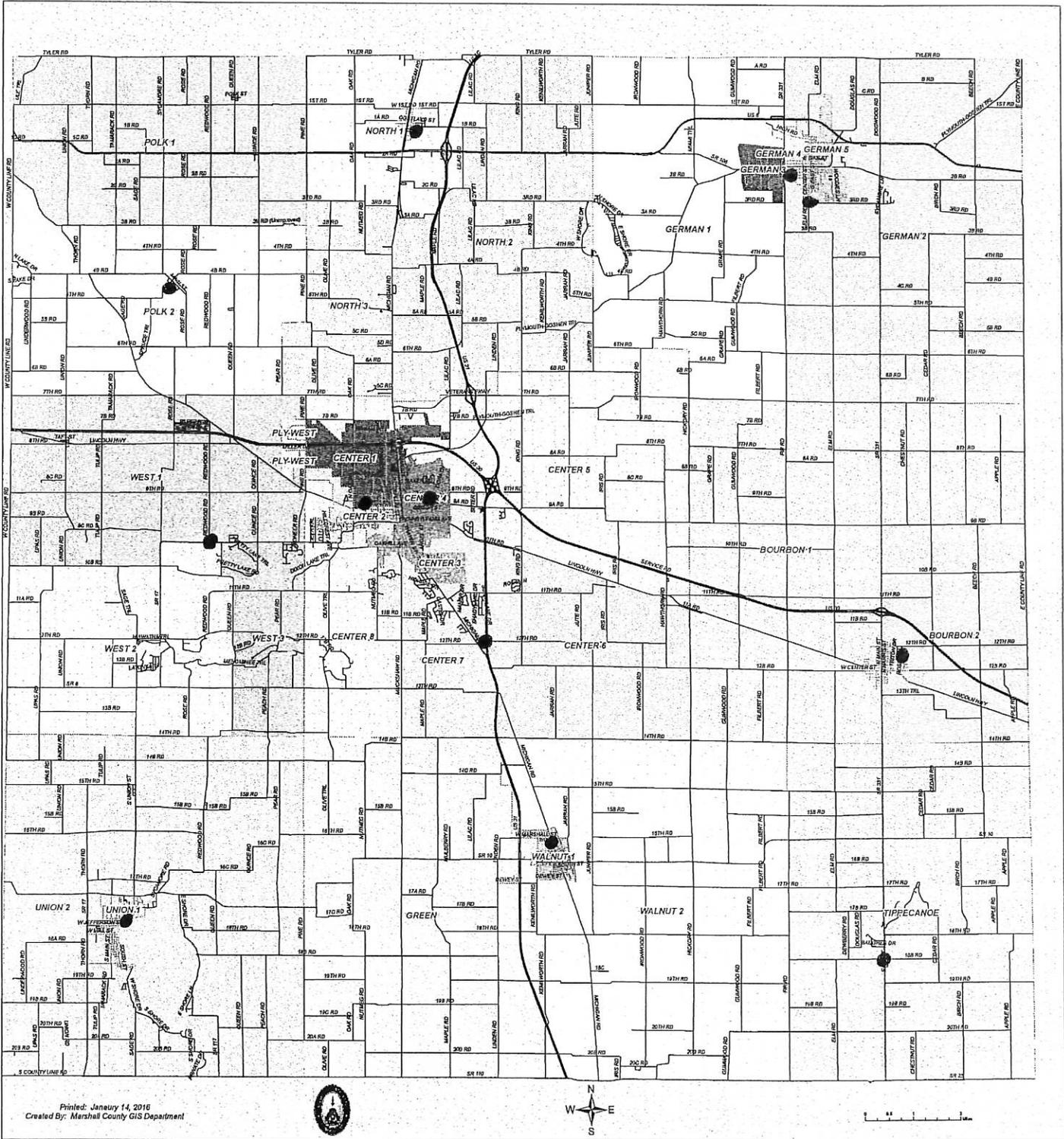
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1. **Bourbon Vote Center:** Triton High School, 100 Triton Dr., Bourbon IN
2. **8 machines/2 poll pads/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
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4. **Plymouth West Vote Center:** National Guard Armory, 1220 W Madison, Plymouth IN
5. **8 machines/2 poll pads/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
- 6.
7. **Plymouth East Vote Center:** Knights of Columbus, 901 E Jefferson St. Plymouth IN
8. **10 machines/2 poll pads/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
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10. **Plymouth South Vote Center:** Marshall County REMC, 11299 12th Rd. Plymouth IN
11. **6 machines/1 poll pad/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
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13. **Bremen North Vote Center:** Bremen High School, 511 West Grant Street, Plymouth IN
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23. **8 machines/2 poll pads/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
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25. **Tyner Vote Center:** Tyner Community Bldg. 4836 French St., Tyner, IN
26. **6 machines/1 poll pad/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
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28. **Tippecanoe Vote Center:** Tippecanoe Comm. Bldg, 18411 State Rd 331, Tippecanoe
29. **4 machines/1 poll pad/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
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31. **Culver Vote Center:** Culver Depot, 615 E Lakeshore Dr., Culver IN
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34. **West Vote Center:** Pretty Lake Church Fellowship Hall, 8985 St Rd 17, Plymouth IN
35. **8 machines/2 poll pads/1 Inspector, 2 Judges, 2 Clerks, 2 Assistant Clerks.**
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2 Satellite Locations

1. **Bremen Town Hall**
2. **2 machines/1 poll pad/1 Democrat Clerk/1 Republican Clerk**
- 3.
4. **Culver Town Hall**
5. **2 machines/1 poll pad/1 Democrat Clerk/1 Republican Clerk**
- 6.

Marshall County 2016 Voting Precincts



MARSHALL COUNTY ELECTION BOARD
211 W Madison
Plymouth IN 46563

Sean Surrisi
Ralph R. Huff
Deborah VanDeMark

January 6, 2016

Election Board approves the following Vote Center Committee.

Sean Surrisi, Election Board Chairman

Rick Huff, Election Board Vice Chairman

Debbie VanDeMark, Election Board Secretary, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dave Holmes, Republican Chairman

Jim Smart, Democrat Chairman

Dan Adams

Mike Wolfington

Donna Pontius, Voter Registration Deputy will serve as Secretary.

RESOLUTION 2016-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARSHALL COUNTY ELECTION BOARD
ADOPTING MARSHALL COUNTY AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indiana code 3-11-18.1 allows counties in any Indiana County that so chooses to implement vote centers in their county; and

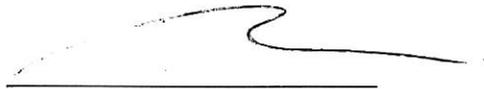
WHEREAS, the Marshall County Election Board so approves the Marshall County plan for the implementation of vote centers in Marshall County.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE MARSHALL COUNTY ELECTION BOARD:

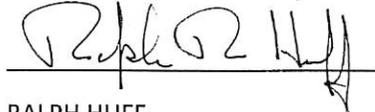
The Election Board of Marshall County adopts this resolution to approve the county vote center plan, which is incorporated in the resolution by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 29 DAY OF February 2016.

MARSHALL COUNTY ELECTION BOARD



SEAN SURRISI



RALPH HUFF



DEBORAH VANDEMARK

RESOLUTION 2016 -01

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF
MARSHALL COUNTY AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-18.1 allows counties to adopt the vote center model and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Marshall County, by majority vote, approves the designation of Marshall County as a vote center county.

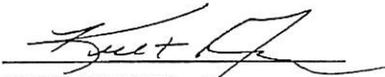
WHEREAS, the county properly drafts a vote center plan for Marshall County and the plan be properly filed with the Indiana Election Division.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Marshall County is approved to operate as a vote center county, upon approval and filing of the vote center plan.

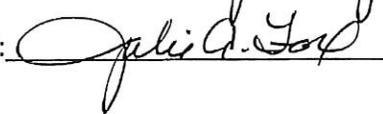
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARSHALL COUNTY


KEVIN OVERMYER


DEBORAH GRIEWANK


KURT GARNER

ADOPTED THIS 19th OF January, 2016

ATTEST: 

RESOLUTION 2016-01

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MARSHALL COUNTY AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY

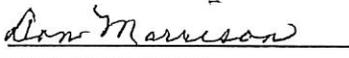
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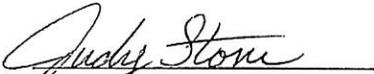
WHEREAS, the County Council Members of Marshall County, by majority vote, approves the designation of Marshall County as a vote center county.

WHEREAS, the county properly drafts a vote center plan for Marshall County and the plan be properly filed with the Indiana Election Division.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL that Marshall County is approved to operate as a vote center county, upon approval and filing of the vote center plan.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF MARSHALL COUNTY


DON MORRISON


JUDY STONE


REX GILLILAND


STEVEN HARPER


JON VANVACTOR


WILLIAM GITHENS JR (BILL)


HEATH THORNTON

ADOPTED THIS 11th OF January, 2016

ATTEST: 
Julie A. Fox
Marshall Co. Auditor

MARSHALL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

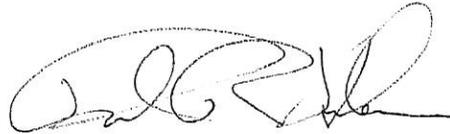
David R. Holmes, Chairman
Debbie VanDeMark, Vice Chairman
Sam Schlosser, Treasurer
Sharon Dotta, Secretary

January 4, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I support the idea to go to County Voting Centers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DRH', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

David R. Holmes, Chairman
Marshall County Republicans

DRH/sd

Marshall County Democrat Party



Marshall County Election Board
211 West Madison Street
Plymouth, IN 46563

All,

I am sending this letter in favor of vote centers in Marshall County. However, please take into consideration the placement of all vote centers so that it serves and gives the best option for all voters. If vote centers are established, I encourage the board to make efforts to inform and educate voters on vote center locations as well as updated voting processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jim Smart'.

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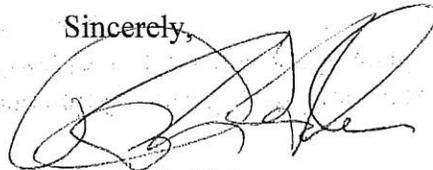
In re: Voting Centers

February 2, 2016

Gentleman,

Please be advised that as chairman of the Marshall County Republican Central Committee I fully support and encourage the transition to voting centers. I have discussed and reviewed the matter with members of the public and others in Bremen and believe the best site in the municipality is the Bremen School auditorium. I also think that for the precincts in the township that the best site is the Missionary Church south of town on Center Street/Elm Road. While I understand that some people at Lake of the Woods might disagree I don't think establishing one at the Lake of the Woods makes sense for the limited number of voters and the lack of a really good facility. Half of the people at Lake of the Woods were used to voting in Lapaz in any event and when the citizens have a choice of any of the voting centers I think that they have actually better opportunities available to them.

Sincerely,



David R. Holmes
Chairman, Marshall County GOP

Steve Harper
1030 Bayless St
Plymouth, IN 46563

Deborah Vandemark
Marshall County Clerk
Plymouth, IN 46563

Re: Vote Centers

I enjoyed my conversation that we had recently concerning vote centers.

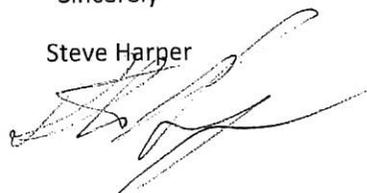
As you know, I was a former member of the Election Board, serving as President for 16 years. During that time, the idea of vote centers was introduced to the Election Board. At that time, we set up a committee and explored the possibilities of going to Vote Centers. We found that this would probably be the future of voting in Marshall County however we thought the cost of the technology at that time was too costly and the recapture rate on those costs were too long. Because of this we decided to utilize Precinct Consolidation as it was allowed under state statute. Under that plan, it allowed us to realize some of the costs of Vote Centers, without the cost of the technology. This I think was a good step in the right direction.

After, talking with you about the plan of the current Election Board and committee to adopt Vote Centers, I was quite impressed. It is nice to see that the cost of technology is within reach. Some of the technology you are using was not available 4 to 6 years ago when we considering it. (ie ipad technology for poll books) One part of the plan I like are that you are sensitive to the current voters by having more vote centers than are required by law to help accommodate all voters during this time of transition Also spacing those centers so all parts of the County are within a short drive of a vote center will help in the transition.

I think you plan is well thought out and should serve the public well. I think the voters will appreciate the benefits of being able to vote anywhere within the County and not having to be shuffled from one precinct to another on Election Day. Hopefully, this will turn into a higher percentage of registered voters, when they do not have to be concerned with what location to vote at.

Sincerely

Steve Harper

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Harper", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Poll Pad Hardware Specifications:

Apple iPad Air ME999LL/A 16 GB Tablet - 9.7"

In-plane Switching (IPS) Technology, Retina Display - Verizon - Apple A7 1.30 GHz - Silver - iOS 7 - Slate - 2048 x 1536 Multi-touch Screen Display (LED Backlight) - Bluetooth

Basic Specifications:

- Backlight Technology: LED
- Bluetooth: Yes
- Brand Name: Apple
- Cellular Data Connectivity Technology: CDMA2000 1xEV-DO Rev A
- Cellular Data Connectivity Technology: DC-HSDPA
- Cellular Data Connectivity Technology: EDGE
- Cellular Data Connectivity Technology: HSPA
- Cellular Data Connectivity Technology: HSPA+
- Cellular Data Connectivity Technology: UMTS
- Cellular Network Supported: CDMA2000
- Cellular Network Supported: GSM
- Color: Silver
- Flash Memory Capacity: 16 GB
- Form Factor: Slate
- Front Camera/Webcam: Yes
- GPS: Yes
- Graphics Controller Manufacturer: Imagination Technologies
- Graphics Controller Model: PowerVR G6430
- Maximum Battery Run Time: 10 Hour
- Operating System Platform: iOS
- Operating System: iOS 7
- Optical Drive Type: No
- Processor Manufacturer: Apple
- Processor Speed: 1.30 GHz
- Processor Type: A7
- Product Family: iPad Air
- Product Type: Tablet
- Screen Resolution: 2048 x 1536
- Screen Size: 9.7"
- Weight (Approximate): 1.05 lb
- Wireless LAN: Yes

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Star Micronics TSP650II BTi Direct Thermal Printer Monochrome

- Wall Mount
- Receipt Print 3.15"
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- dpi Bluetooth

Apple MFi certified, the TSP650II BTi receipt printer is approved for use with the iPod Touch®, iPhone® and iPad®. With operating system support for iOS, Android and Windows, the TSP650II BTi features the best of both worlds by coupling the comfort of legacy products with the speed and connection options demanded today in fast-paced point of sales environments. The TSP650II BTi's "JustWorks" SSP profile makes the pairing process very simple to use. It allows for a quick connection without the hassle of a passkey or having to choose between iOS and Android modes. Quick and ready to use, no user interaction is needed to pair the TSP650II BTi. One attribute that grabs the user's attention is TSP650II BTi's lightning fast print speed. Capable of printing 60 receipts per minute (300 mm/sec), the TSP650II BTi offers unrivalled processing power and outstanding data throughput. Equipped with easy "drop in and print" paper loading, small footprint and reliable guillotine cutter, the TSP650II BTi is a welcomed addition to any POS system. With exceptional performance, functionality, Bluetooth accessibility and iOS support, the TSP650II BTi embodies Star's motto of "Always Leading and Always Innovating."

Basic Specifications:

- Bluetooth: Yes
- Brand Name: Star Micronics
- Form Factor: Wall Mount
- Green Compliant: Yes
- Maximum Mono Print Speed: 11.81 in/s
- Maximum Print Resolution: 203 dpi
- Print Color: Monochrome
- Product Family: TSP650II
- Product Type: Direct Thermal Printer
- Recommended Use: Receipt Print

iOS Receives FIPS 140-2 Certification from NIST

iOS and MacOS have received FIPS 140-2 certification from NIST. This certifies the encryption algorithms for government use. Government agencies can then officially use iOS and MacOS devices for computing of sensitive data with the correct configuration and usage. However, there are already many government agencies using iOS and MacOS including FBI, DOE, NASA, DoD, etc. Indeed, to our knowledge, there are no primary government agencies that are not using Apple technology now.

A Comparison of iOS and Android Platforms

	iPad	Android
Use in Enterprise and Government	iPads accounted for over 93% of tablet activations in enterprise and government sectors during Q4 2012 ¹ . Good Technology, a leader in mobile IT, calls the iPad the 'go-to tablet' for mobile enterprise.	Only 6.8% of tablet activations in the government and enterprise sector were Android based in Q4 2012 ¹ . Mobile malware and security concerns have been a hindrance to Android's growth in enterprise environments ² .
Security	Apple has built a rock solid, secure operating system from the ground up. That is why the iPad has been recently approved by the Department of Defense to hold classified information. In fact, there are no virus scanners available for the iPad because they simply aren't necessary! Apple designed iOS with application sandboxing, meaning each application is stored separately, preventing any one application from infecting any others.	In a study performed by Kaspersky, a computer security firm, over 99% of all mobile virus and malware threats were targeted for the Android operating system ³ . Being an open source product, Android is much more susceptible to viruses, malware, and hacking. In addition, Android tablet manufacturers often fail to make operating system updates available to older devices, leaving the device susceptible to security holes ⁴ .
Reliability	In a survey of some 63,000 PC World Magazine readers, participants ranked the iPad higher than any other device for reliability ⁵ .	In a 2012 report by FixYa, an online resource for electronic tablet information, users identified issues with Android tablets that were "serious and fundamental" to the usage of the device ⁶ .
User Satisfaction	In a consumer survey conducted by JD Power, users rated the iPad the highest in consumer satisfaction. The iPad handily won in the following four categories: ease of use, performance, design, and features.	After the latest operating system update, Android users complain of issues relating to poor WiFi performance, random freezing and rebooting, poor battery life, and poor bluetooth performance ⁷ .

1 <http://media.www1.good.com/documents/Good-Q4-Device-Activations.pdf>

2 <http://www.zdnet.com/citrix-ios-leads-enterprise-globally-but-android-growing-fastest-in-emea-7000012773/>

3 http://www.kaspersky.com/about/news/virus/2013/99_of_all_mobile_threats_target_Android_devices

4 <http://gizmodo.com/5987508/why-android-updates-are-so-slow>

5 http://www.techhive.com/article/244603/tablet_reliability_and_satisfaction_ipad_comes_out_on_top.html

6 <http://www.padget.com/2012/01/19/report-says-ipad-significantly-more-reliable-than-android-tablets/>

7 <http://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/android-jelly-bean-problems/>

MicroVote Infinity

Poll Worker's Manual

Version 3.10



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Welcome to the World of MicroVote

Welcome!

Welcome to electronic voting. The world of the MicroVote Infinity! The MicroVote Infinity is as easy to use and understand as a paper ballot. However, it is tamper-proof when properly prepared for an election. The Infinity is accurate: it records every ballot cast, exactly as it was cast. It is confidential: Random-order ballot recording insures that nobody can tell who voted for whom. It is fast: just pushing a couple of buttons after the polls close gives you complete totals in minutes. The MicroVote Infinity is a leap forward in Direct Recording Electronic voting equipment and that means a lot less work for you, the election official, before, during, and after the voting process.

What is MicroVote Infinity?

MicroVote Infinity is a Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machine that stores ballots, receives, and records votes without the need to use other equipment. Whether at the polls or at the election headquarters, the Infinity does it all. And election results are automatically tallied for your entire polling site. MicroVote Infinity keeps three separate records of the vote: a tape printout from the voting panel, the electronic "audit image" of every vote cast, and the triple redundant electronic memory inside the Infinity itself.

How Does MicroVote Infinity Work?

The poll worker simply inserts a voting card into the machine and the Infinity displays the different ballot styles available to a particular precinct. The poll worker then selects the appropriate ballot style for that particular voter by pressing the gray square button next to the proper ballot style. The Infinity panel will then present to the voter the correct ballot style he/she is entitled to vote for.

The poll worker leaves the booth and lets the voter proceed. The voter pushes a button next to the name or issue he/she wants to vote for, and turns the ballot 'pages' with the **Next Page** or **Previous Page** buttons. When all the choices have been made, the voter casts the entire ballot by pushing one final button. The machine itself guides the voter, step by step, so that it's impossible for the voter to cast a spoiled or invalid ballot.

For you, the election official at the polls, there are simple, easy steps to perform in order to open, operate and close the polls, and to secure the complete tally for your precinct. These steps are detailed in the following pages, step by step. Please take time to read them over and follow them very carefully. That's all you have to do. You can leave the rest to the MicroVote Infinity.

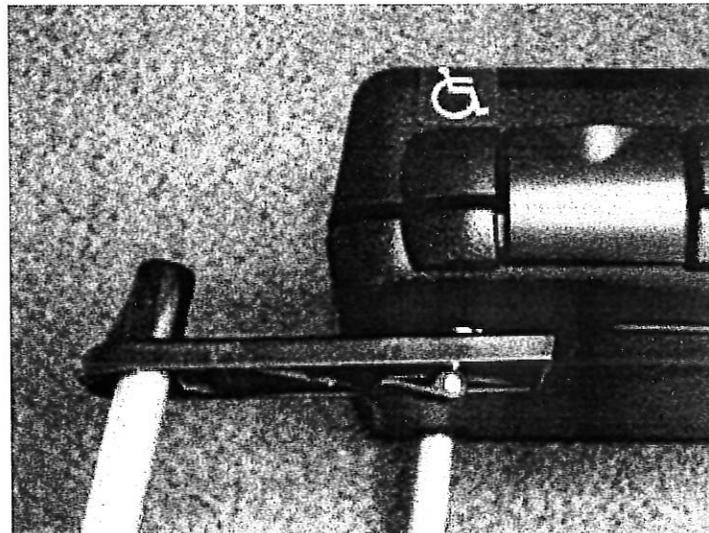
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American's with Disabilities Act Voting Mode

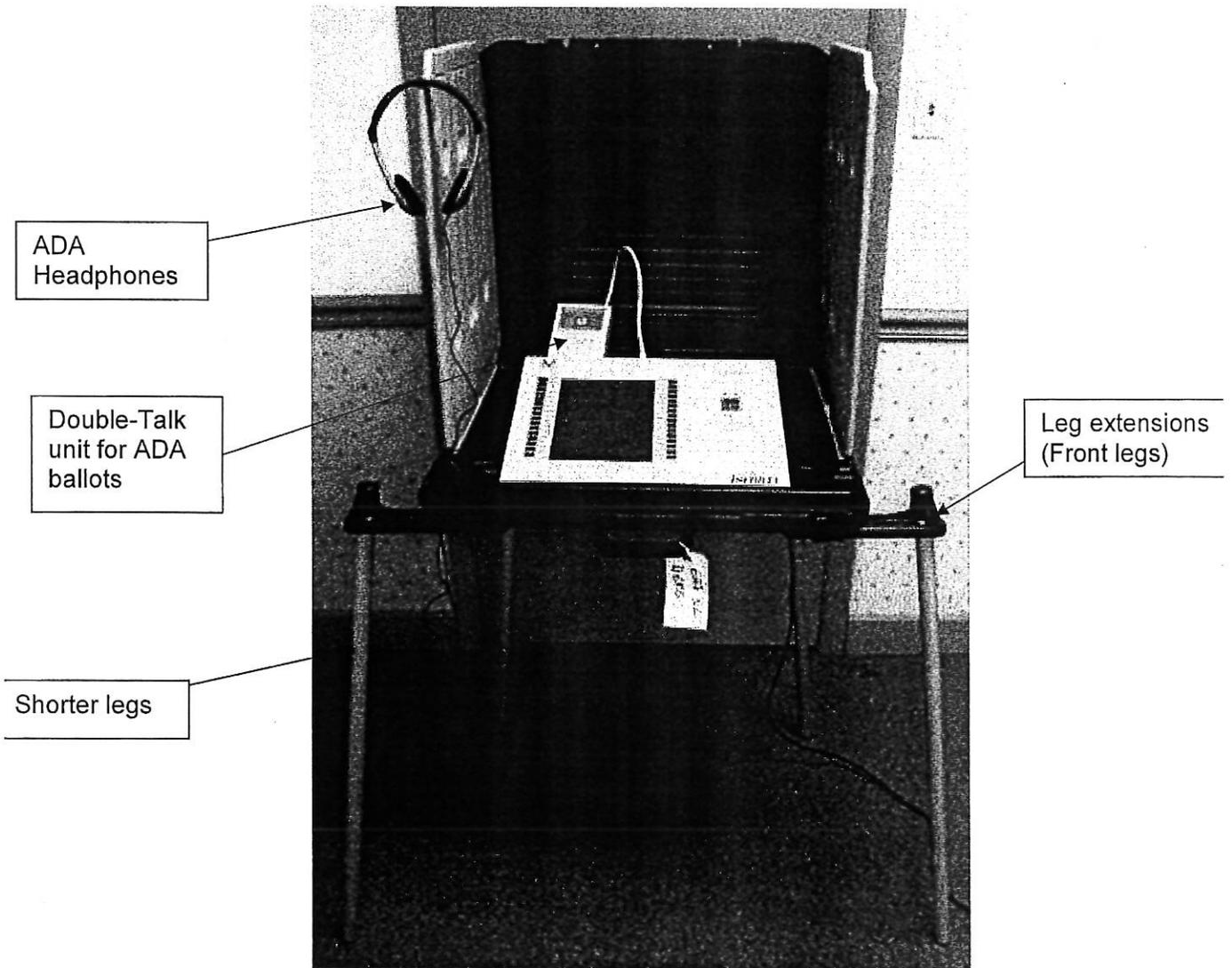
Summary

The Infinity voting panel has the capabilities to convert the ballot into an audio version which will allow voters that are visually impaired the ability to vote directly on the panel without any outside intervention.

1. The accessible booth will be marked by a blue sticker near the latch. It will have shorter legs to make the height of the voting panel more accessible to a person seated or in a wheelchair. It is also possible to remove the panel and place on the voter's lap if necessary.
2. The same booth will have plastic leg inserts that are placed between the booth and the front legs to allow a wider berth for a wheelchair or seated person.



Leg extensions (for front legs of accessible booth)

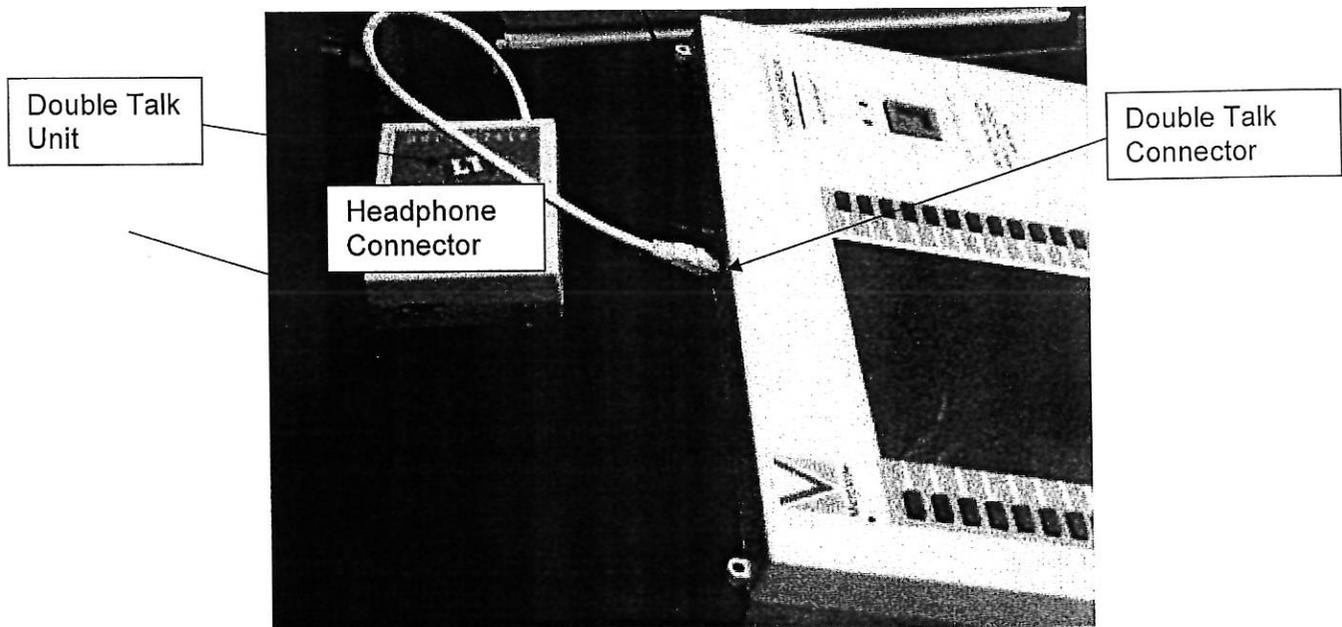


Booth set-up for ADA use

How do I Activate the ADA Mode?

The booth and the voting panel that have been designated for ADA use can still be used in a normal mode just like the rest of the panels in the precinct. However, when needed in ADA mode, the following steps will switch the Infinity panel to ADA mode.

1. Attach the DOUBLE TALK serial cable to the serial jack on the back of the panel. This must be done **before** the ballot is activated with the Vote Card. Make sure the headphones are plugged into the DOUBLE TALK device.



2. Insert the Vote Card into the voting panel and activate the ballot as normal.
3. When the ballot is activated, the panel will announce "**Volume level 5**". Each time the **Louder** or **Softer** button is selected, the volume will adjust accordingly by one step. It has a range of 1-softest to 10-loudest. This will return to a default level of 5 when each voter casts or cancels their vote.
4. Assist the voter in locating the two rows of raised gray buttons. Also assist them in locating the **Cast Vote** button. Have them place finger on top left

gray button on panel (to use as a starting point). Explain that when they press this first button, the panel will read further instructions on how to vote.

5. Instruct the voter to put on the headphones and have them press the top gray button to begin voting.
6. A single press of a button will announce the information associated with that button. To make a selection, the button must be pressed twice quickly. This includes all voter control buttons, as well as **Cast Vote** button.
7. The panel will remain in ADA mode as long as the DOUBLE TALK device remains plugged in. To return the Infinity panel to normal operating mode, simply unplug the DOUBLE TALK device before activating the panel for the next voter.

Steve Harper
Marshall County Election Board

July 20, 2011

To:
Julie Fox
Roger Wise
Brian Liechty
Sam Schlosser
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Ralph Winters

RE:Vote Center Committee

Summary of Findings

1st Meeting

A committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of Vote Centers for Marshall County.

A packet of information was given to each member which consisted of material readily available to the Election Board on the matter.

The problem was discussed along with the merits and shortcomings of Vote Centers.

Among Vote Center Merits were:

1. Voters no longer needing to identify where they vote. Voting would be universal for all voters at each center provided.
2. Number of Election Workers needed on the day of Election should be significantly less than current method of Precincts.
3. Satellite vote centers could be strategically timed and placed on the days before election to reduce Election Day lines and to offer more options for Voters to get to the Polls to vote.
4. Potential better use of Voting Machines.

Among Vote Center Possible Shortcomings were:

1. Need for Electronic Poll Book would be a large initial and possibly ongoing expense.
2. Additional equipment needed to operate Electronic Poll Book could be a large initial expense along with the additional cost of maintaining the additional electronic equipment.
3. Potential Cost of Internet Connection needed at each polling site.

4. While fewer poll workers should be needed, Poll workers will need to be more extensively trained and needed for longer periods of time. To attract and retain such individuals will probably cost more money per worker.
5. A further study is needed to determine number of needed polling sites, location of polling sites, and if adequate sites exist in the areas needed.
6. Public acceptance of no longer having a Polling Site in their immediate area
7. Public acceptance of longer appearing lines at the Polling Sites.

After discussion of the pros and cons of Vote Centers, other alternatives were raised. Of these alternatives, the possibility of consolidating existing Precincts was discussed.

The Committee was then adjourned from the first meeting to investigate and consider these and other alternatives.

2nd Meeting of the Committee

In the second meeting of the committee, it was determined that an electronic pollbook could cost as much as \$3,000 per election and with the additional cost of electronic equipment to run the electronic pollbook would be a large hurdle in implementing the Vote Center system.

Combining precincts would have little to no startup costs and would be a more direct savings in the cost of workers used on the day of election.

The Election Board studied this proposal and put together a plan where the current 27 precinct boards could be reduced to as few as 13 precinct boards. This could reduce the number of poll workers by 98 people. However the number will probably be less as some sites may require assistant clerks to efficiently accommodate all voters on election day.

In summary, after looking at the above options, combining precincts would provide a significant savings to the County, and probably a larger savings in initial years, than Vote Centers. Also, Vote Centers could still be adopted at any later time that the Election Board and/or Voting Public would find it advantageous.

IC 3-11-18.1

Chapter 18.1. Vote Centers

IC 3-11-18.1-1

Application of chapter; pilot counties automatically redesignated

Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies to a county designated as a vote center county under this chapter.

(b) On January 1, 2011, a county designated as a vote center pilot county under:

- (1) IC 3-11-18 (before its expiration);
- (2) P.L.164-2006, SECTION 148 (before its expiration); or
- (3) P.L.108-2008, SECTION 4 (before its expiration);

is automatically redesignated as a vote center county under this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3.

IC 3-11-18.1-2

"Active voter"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "active voter" means a voter who is not an inactive voter under IC 3-7-38.2.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3.

IC 3-11-18.1-3

Designation of county as vote center county; adoption of vote center order and plan

Sec. 3. (a) A county must comply with this section to become a vote center county.

(b) As used in this section, "board" refers to any of the following:

- (1) The county election board.
- (2) The board of elections and registration established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4.

(c) The board shall hold a public hearing to present a draft plan for administration of vote centers in the county.

(d) After presentation of the draft plan under subsection (c), the board shall accept written public comments on the draft plan.

(e) At least thirty (30) days after the hearing held under subsection (c), the board shall hold a public hearing to consider the following:

- (1) The draft plan.
- (2) The written public comments.
- (3) Any other public comment that the board may permit on the draft plan.

(f) After consideration of the draft plan and the public comments, the board may do the following:

- (1) Adopt an order approving the draft plan.
- (2) Amend the draft plan and adopt an order approving the amended draft plan.

The board may adopt the order to approve a plan only by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board.

(g) All members of the board must sign the order adopting the

plan.

(h) The order and the adopted plan must be filed with the election division and must include a copy of:

- (1) a resolution adopted by the county executive; and
 - (2) a resolution adopted by the county fiscal body;
- approving the designation of the county as a vote center county.
As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3.

IC 3-11-18.1-4

Vote center plan; requirements

Sec. 4. The plan required by section 3 of this chapter must include at least the following:

- (1) The total number of vote centers to be established.
- (2) The location of each vote center.
- (3) The effective date of the order.
- (4) The following information according to the computerized list (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2) as of the date of the order:
 - (A) The total number of voters within the county.
 - (B) The number of active voters within the county.
 - (C) The number of inactive voters within the county.
- (5) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), a list of the precincts whose polls will be located at the vote center consistent with section 13 of this chapter for an election that is not being held in each precinct of the county.
- (6) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the number of precinct election boards that will be appointed to administer an election at the vote center.
- (7) For each precinct election board designated under subdivision (6), the number and name of each precinct the precinct election board will administer consistent with section 13 of this chapter for an election that is not being held in each precinct of the county.
- (8) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the number and title of the precinct election officers who will be appointed to serve at the vote center.
- (9) For each vote center designated under subdivision (2):
 - (A) the number and type of ballot variations that will be provided at the vote center; and
 - (B) whether these ballots will be:
 - (i) delivered to the vote center before the opening of the polls; or
 - (ii) printed on demand for a voter's use.
- (10) A detailed description of any hardware, firmware, or software used:
 - (A) to create an electronic poll list for each precinct whose polls are to be located at a vote center; or
 - (B) to manage data in an electronic poll book through a secure electronic connection between the county election board and the precinct election officials administering a vote

center.

(11) A description of the equipment and procedures to be used to ensure that information concerning a voter entered into any electronic poll book used by precinct election officers at a vote center is immediately accessible to:

(A) the county election board; and

(B) the electronic poll books used by precinct election officers at all other vote centers in the county.

(12) For each precinct designated under subdivision (5), the number of electronic poll books to be provided for the precinct.

(13) This subdivision applies to a county in which ballot cards are used at a vote center. For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), whether each ballot card printed will have the printed initials of the poll clerks captured through the electronic signature pad or tablet at the time the poll clerks log into the electronic poll book system printed on the back of the ballot card immediately before the ballot card is delivered to a voter.

(14) The security and contingency plans to be implemented by the county to do all of the following:

(A) Prevent a disruption of the vote center process.

(B) Ensure that the election is properly conducted if a disruption occurs.

(C) Prevent access to an electronic poll book without the coordinated action of two (2) precinct election officers who are not members of the same political party.

(15) A certification that the vote center complies with the accessibility requirements applicable to polling places under IC 3-11-8.

(16) A sketch depicting the planned layout of the vote center, indicating the location of:

(A) equipment; and

(B) precinct election officers;

within the vote center.

(17) The total number and locations of satellite offices to be established under IC 3-11-10-26.3 at vote center locations designated under subdivision (2) to allow voters to cast absentee ballots in accordance with IC 3-11. However, a plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center to be established as a satellite office under IC 3-11-10-26.3 on the two (2) Saturdays immediately preceding an election day.

(18) The method and timing of providing voter data to persons who are entitled to receive the data under this title. Data shall be provided to all persons entitled to the data without unreasonable delay.

(19) That the county election board shall adopt a resolution under IC 3-11.5-5-1 or IC 3-11.5-6-1 to make the central counting of absentee ballots applicable to the county (if the board has not already done so).

(20) For a plan adopted after July 1, 2014, in a county in which

a majority of votes are cast on optical scan ballot cards, any additional procedures to provide for efficient and secure voting at each vote center, including ballot on demand printing.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.225-2011, SEC.69; P.L.258-2013, SEC.81; P.L.55-2014, SEC.9; P.L.64-2014, SEC.59; P.L.76-2014, SEC.44.

IC 3-11-18.1-5

Use of vote centers; exceptions

Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a plan must provide a vote center for use by voters residing within the county for use in a primary election, general election, special election, municipal primary, or municipal election conducted on or after the effective date of the county election board's order.

(b) A plan may provide that a vote center will not be used in a municipal election conducted in 2015 and every four (4) years thereafter for some or all of the towns:

- (1) located within the county; and
- (2) having a population of less than three thousand five hundred (3,500).

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.64-2014, SEC.60.

IC 3-11-18.1-6

Number of vote centers required

Sec. 6. When the total number of active voters in the county equals at least twenty-five thousand (25,000), the following apply:

- (1) The plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center for each ten thousand (10,000) active voters.
- (2) In addition to the vote centers designated in subdivision (1), the plan must provide for a vote center for any fraction of ten thousand (10,000) voters.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3.

IC 3-11-18.1-7

Designation of vote center county; criteria

Sec. 7. Before adopting an order designating a county as a vote center county under this chapter, the county election board must determine the following:

- (1) That the secure electronic connection as described under section 4(10)(B) of this chapter is sufficient to prevent:
 - (A) any voter from voting more than once; and
 - (B) unauthorized access by any person to:
 - (i) the electronic poll lists for a precinct whose polls are to be located at the vote center; or
 - (ii) the computerized list of voters of the county.
- (2) That the planned design and location of the equipment and precinct officers will provide the most efficient access for:
 - (A) voters to enter the polls, cast their ballots, and leave the vote center; and

(B) precinct election officials, watchers, challengers, and pollbook holders to exercise their rights and perform their duties within the vote center.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3.

IC 3-11-18.1-8

Effective date of designation; rescission of designation

Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the designation of a county as a vote center county takes effect immediately upon the filing of the order with the election division, unless otherwise specified by the county election board.

(b) An order filed with the election division during the final sixty (60) days before an election becomes effective on the day following the election.

(c) The designation of a county as a vote center county remains in effect until the county election board, by unanimous vote of its entire membership:

- (1) rescinds the order designating the county as a vote center county; and
- (2) files a copy of the document rescinding the order with the election division.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.258-2013, SEC.82.

IC 3-11-18.1-9

Notice of vote center locations

Sec. 9. The county executive shall publish notice of the location of each vote center in accordance with IC 3-11-8-3.2.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3.

IC 3-11-18.1-10

Administration of election according to laws and plan

Sec. 10. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the county shall administer an election conducted at a vote center in accordance with federal law, this title, and the plan adopted with the county election board's order under section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.225-2011, SEC.70.

IC 3-11-18.1-11

Casting absentee ballots at vote centers located at satellite offices

Sec. 11. Notwithstanding any other law, a voter who resides in a vote center county is entitled to cast an absentee ballot at a vote center located at a satellite office of the county election board established under IC 3-11-10-26.3 in the same manner and subject to the same restrictions applicable to a voter wishing to cast an absentee ballot before an absentee board located in the office of the circuit court clerk or board of elections and registration.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3.

IC 3-11-18.1-12

Applicability; electronic poll lists at vote centers; application for certification; examination by VSTOP; report; approval of certification; expiration of certification

Sec. 12. (a) Notwithstanding section 1 of this chapter, this section applies to an electronic poll book to be used in:

- (1) a precinct polling place, office of the circuit court clerk, or a satellite office in accordance with IC 3-7-29-6; or
- (2) a vote center under this chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the electronic poll list used at each vote center must:

- (1) comply with IC 3-11-8-10.3; and
- (2) be approved by the secretary of state in accordance with this section.

(c) A person who wishes to market, sell, lease, or provide an electronic poll book for use in an election in Indiana must first file an application for certification with the election division on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(d) The secretary of state shall refer the application to the person or entity conducting the voting system technical oversight program (VSTOP) established by IC 3-11-16-2.

(e) The VSTOP shall examine the electronic poll book with its accompanying documentation and file a report with the secretary of state indicating:

- (1) whether the electronic poll book would operate in compliance with this title;
- (2) any recommendations regarding the acquisition or use of the electronic poll book; and
- (3) whether VSTOP recommends that the secretary of state approve the electronic poll book under this section, including any recommended restrictions that should be placed on the secretary of state's approval.

(f) After the report required by subsection (e) is filed, the secretary of state may approve the application for certification permitting the electronic poll book to be used in an election in Indiana.

(g) A certification under this section expires on December 31 of the year following the date of its issuance, unless earlier revoked by the secretary of state upon a written finding of good cause for the revocation.

As added by P.L. 1-2011, SEC. 3. Amended by P.L. 271-2013, SEC. 25; P.L. 64-2014, SEC. 61.

IC 3-11-18.1-13

Voter right to cast vote at any vote center in county

Sec. 13. Notwithstanding any other law, including IC 3-11-8-2 and IC 3-14-2-11, a voter who resides in a vote center county is entitled to cast a ballot at any vote center established in the county without regard to the precinct in which the voter resides.

As added by P.L. 1-2011, SEC. 3.

IC 3-11-18.1-14**Separation of ballots at vote center by precinct; reports of anomaly with poll book**

Sec. 14. (a) The precinct election board administering an election at a vote center shall keep the ballots cast in each precinct separate from the ballots cast in any other precinct whose election is administered at the vote center, so that the votes cast for each candidate and on each public question in each of the precincts administered by the board may be determined and included on the statement required by IC 3-12-4-9.

(b) This subsection applies to a county described under section 12 of this chapter on and after the date absentee ballots are first transmitted to voters. A person that receives a certification for an electronic poll book shall file not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the discovery of an anomaly or problem with the poll book a written report describing the anomaly or problem with the secretary of state.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.169-2015, SEC.134.

IC 3-11-18.1-14.5**Repealed**

(As added by P.L.258-2013, SEC.83. Repealed by P.L.219-2013, SEC.58.)

IC 3-11-18.1-15**Amendment of county vote center plan**

Sec. 15. (a) A county may amend a plan adopted with a county election board's order under section 3 of this chapter.

(b) For a county to amend its plan:

- (1) the county election board (or board of elections and registration established under IC 3-6-5.2 or IC 3-6-5.4), by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board, must approve the plan amendment;
- (2) all members of the board must sign the amendment; and
- (3) the amendment must be filed with the election division.

(c) A plan amendment takes effect immediately upon filing with the election division, unless otherwise specified by the county election board.

As added by P.L.1-2011, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.225-2011, SEC.71.

**State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split
MARSHALL COUNTY**

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
BOURBON 1	1	428	28	456	1	0
	BOURBON TOWN LIMITS	386	44	430	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	814	72	886	1	0
BOURBON 2	1	279	10	289	0	0
	BOURBON TOWN LIMITS	518	63	581	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	797	73	870	1	0
CENTER 1	0	870	247	1,117	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	870	247	1,117	0	0
CENTER 2	0	1,219	277	1,496	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,219	277	1,496	1	0
CENTER 3	0	1,333	296	1,629	2	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,333	296	1,629	2	0
CENTER 4	0	1,362	294	1,656	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,362	294	1,656	3	0
CENTER 5	0	958	46	1,004	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	958	46	1,004	0	0
CENTER 6	0	948	71	1,019	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	948	71	1,019	1	0
CENTER 7	0	976	78	1,054	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	976	78	1,054	0	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
CENTER 8	0	738	54	792	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	738	54	792	0	0
GERMAN 1	1	499	50	549	1	0
	LOTW	450	78	528	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	949	128	1,077	2	0
GERMAN 2	0	890	80	970	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	890	80	970	0	0
GERMAN 3	0	693	145	838	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	693	145	838	0	0
GERMAN 4	0	785	189	974	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	785	189	974	1	0
GERMAN 5	0	926	201	1,127	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	926	201	1,127	0	0
GREEN	1	622	30	652	0	0
	ARGOS TOWN LIMITS	40	2	42	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	662	32	694	0	0
NORTH 1	1	653	83	736	1	0
	LAPAZ TOWN LIMITS	252	45	297	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	905	128	1,033	1	0
NORTH 2	2	593	57	650	0	0
	LOTW	129	20	149	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	722	77	799	0	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete	
NORTH 3	0	725	47	772	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	725	47	772	0	0
POLK 1	0	801	87	888	1	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	801	87	888	1	0
POLK 2	0	974	113	1,087	2	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	974	113	1,087	2	0
TIPPECANOE	0	722	96	818	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	722	96	818	0	0
UNION 1	0	841	194	1,035	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	841	194	1,035	0	0
UNION 2	0	1,211	170	1,381	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	1,211	170	1,381	0	0
WALNUT 1	0	831	169	1,000	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	831	169	1,000	0	0
WALNUT 2	0	590	32	622	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	590	32	622	0	0
WEST 1	0	867	77	944	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	867	77	944	0	0
WEST 2	0	876	92	968	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	876	92	968	0	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
WEST 3	0	831	85	916	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	831	85	916	0	0
WEST-CITY OF PLYMOUTH	0	0	1	1	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	0	1	1	0	0
MARSHALL County Totals	(12689 Total Cancelled)	25,816	3,651	29,467	16	0

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Marshall County to Re-Visit Vote Centers

By Kathy Bostorff

January 4, 2016



Marshall County Clerk, Deb VanDeMark told the County Commissioners Monday that the Election Board is re-visiting the possibility of Vote Centers.

VanDeMark said about one-third of the counties in the state are now using vote centers. This initial issue was the need for poll pads which Marshall County now has in place.

The Clerk read the definition of a vote center which simply put is a polling place where any eligible voter in the county may go to vote. The vote centers give voters more flexibility on Election Day because they are not constrained to a specific polling location. Vote centers are connected through secure internet connections, and as ballots are cast, an electronic poll book is instantaneously updated.

Currently there are 29 precincts in Marshall County and currently the county uses 14 polling sites.

There are several steps to implementing vote centers in Marshall County including unanimous approval from the Election Board and a majority vote of support of both the commissioners and county council to proceed.

A committee will be created draft a local plan which will then be presented in a public hearing. The plan will also be submitted to the Indiana Election Division for approval.

Marshall County, like many other counties has trouble finding citizens willing to work the polls on Election Day and VanDeMark said the goal would be to reduce the number of polling sites. She also noted that creating the vote centers wouldn't cost any additional funds.

The Marshall County commissioners voiced their support for re-visiting the vote center issue but didn't take official action. It's anticipated they will vote on the idea at their January 22nd meeting.

***On a side note, the Marshall County Election Board will meet on Tuesday, January 5th at 8 a.m. in the Clerk's Office and this is one of their agenda items.

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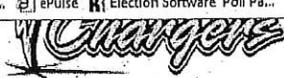
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Election Board Takes Initial Step to Create Vote Centers

By Kathy Batorff

January 6, 2016



On Tuesday the Marshall County Election Board took the first official action to make the county a Vote Center county. By unanimous decision the board voted to begin the process. The next steps are to secure a majority vote by both the County Council and County Commissioners and create a plan for the vote centers.

Marshall County Clerk Deb VanDeMark presented letters of support from both the Republican and Democratic county chairmen.

The election board decided to create a seven-member committee to create the mandatory plan that must be presented to the Indiana Election Division at least 60 days prior to an election. Members will include the election board; Sean Surrish, Rick Huff and Deb VanDeMark, Republican Party Chairman David Holmes, Democratic Party Chairman Jim Smart and two other members possibly poll workers. To get the vote centers in place prior to the May primary the plan must be sent to Indy prior to March 3rd. A public hearing will be set prior of acceptance of the final plan.

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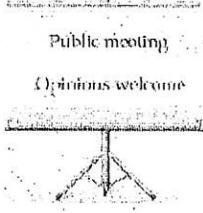
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Public Hearing on Vote Center Plan this Thursday
By Kathy Batorff

January 18, 2016



A Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st to present a draft plan to the public for administration of Vote Center's in Marshall County.

The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's meeting room, room 203, of the County Building at 6 p.m.

The Vote Center committee will unveil details of the locations of proposed vote centers to the public and accept comments and questions during the session.

Registered voters are urged to attend.

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Open meeting to discuss Vote Centers versus Poll Sites

BY JAMES MASTER
STAFF WRITER

MARSHALL COUNTY — Change is coming to Marshall County in the form of how residents vote. Currently, residents are assigned to certain poll sites depending on their residence. This might present a problem if a person works and lives on opposite sides of the county and cannot leave to vote.

The change that the Marshall County Election Board is seeking is to make the county into a Vote Center. This form of voting would allow residents from the county to vote at any of the poll sites in the county,

regardless of residence.

"The main advantage is any eligible voter in the county may go to any polling place to vote. The vote center gives more flexibility on Election Day because voters are not constrained to a specific polling location. Vote centers are connected through secure internet connections, and as ballots are cast, an electronic poll book is instantaneously updated," Deb VanDeMark, Marshall County clerk, said.

The change was initially investigated on July 20, 2011 with the formation of a vote center committee. The committee found that in order to make Marshall County



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Seeing this sign in your neighborhood used to mean that you had to vote at that site, but now there is a change that would give the freedom to vote at any voting site in the county.

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into a Vote Center, electronic poll books and an internet connection was required. In 2015, the Election Board was given approval to purchase 18 electronic poll books and 4 hot spots for internet. According to VanDeMark, two additional books and eight hot spots were purchased at the end of 2015.

Wayne, Tippecanoe, Cass, Vanderburgh, Fayette, Blackford, Johnson, Switzerland, Floyd, Hancock, Miami, Noble, Vigo, Bartholomew, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Elkhart, Wabash, White, Clinton, Henry, Huntington, Wells, Owen, and Pulaski counties all utilize Vote Centers.

The first counties to change from traditional poll sites to vote centers were Tippecanoe and Wayne counties. Christa Coffey, Tippecanoe County clerk, explains the origins of how the counties began changing.

"The pilot project for Vote Centers was approved by the Secretary of State's office for Tippecanoe and Wayne Counties in 2007, and Cass County was added in 2008 when an issue with their voting machine certification required the purchase of new equipment. The pilot project ended Dec. 31, 2010, and in 2011 the Indiana General Assembly

approved new language expanding the option to use Vote Centers to all counties," Coffey said.

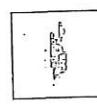
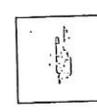
According to Coffey, the change over was difficult at times, but the voters of Tippecanoe County adapted to the Vote Centers.

"The ability to cast their ballot at any location is the greatest single benefit provided to voters in decades; the worst feeling as an election administrator was to have a voter appear in the wrong precinct location at 5:55 p.m. with no time to get to the correct location and cast a vote that would count," Coffey said.

Currently, the Marshall County Election Board has passed several requirements on their way to change to the vote centers. They have purchased and installed the technology, they have received unanimous votes from the County Council and the County Commissioners. Now they are holding a public hearing that will present a draft plan for administration of Vote Centers in the county. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Room in the County Building Room 204 on Thursday Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

The public is encouraged to be present and learn more.

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Election board seeks to use vote centers

By TISHA J MAHER
STAFF WRITER

MARSHALL COUNTY — Marshall County's election board met Tuesday morning to discuss the upcoming election season. This election, being a presidential election, is going to be incredibly busy. The election board has been hard at work to attempt to

make voting much easier for residents in the county. One option is vote centers instead of polling sites. Vote centers would be located throughout the county, eliminating precincts. With vote centers, the county would save substantial money. With precincts, staff is fixed with the number of voters, though some precincts may

have far less voters. Vote centers can accommodate anyone in the county and be in plain view for all voters to stop in. They also reduce the number of voting machines needed within the county. The election board quickly and unanimously voted in favor of proceeding with the voting centers. One voting center for LaPaz was discussed in particular as a

location has not yet been chosen. The board will be touring the fire department as it may be the most logical location. "In order for us to become a vote center county, we need to have a unanimous vote from the commissioners and the council as well as a unanimous vote from us," said Deborah VanDeMark, secretary of the election board. "We then have

both the Democratic and the Republican party chairs in approval of the centers which will be submitted with the plan." The hours for any absentee voting were established in the meeting as well. The last day to register to vote is April 4 at the end of the day. April 5 is the first day a person can vote in the primary election. The clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be open every Monday through Friday after April 5 until April 29. It will also be open on April 23 and April 30 which are Saturdays, from 8 a.m.

until 3 p.m. The last day the clerk's office will be open for the primary election will be Monday, May 2 from 8 a.m. until noon. "Did you get any indication from the absentee board members that they would be coming back?" asked Sean Surrisi, election board chair. Deb VanDeMark stated that there was no indication that those board members would not be returning. The election board then signed the resolution to approve the absentee voting hours. The resolution for the assistant poll clerks would slightly be changing, as vot-

ing precincts may no longer exist in Marshall County. It was also discussed that the previous machine techs would also remain as the techs. "Toward the end of the last election, there turned out to be a minor problem on disclaimers," stated Ralph Huff. "We need to come up with a policy as to how we handle those. Should we work to have a procedure that we tell people when they file those complaints?"

The group discussed how complaints should be filed. They decided that a "burden of proof" would be necessary. The group then discussed creating a new committee for the vote centers. The group will consist of seven people, though not all of the people have yet been determined. The election board will present the vote center to the next town council meeting for their vote to move forward with the plan.

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Council, from front

an efficient process and a good use of county resources." Lukkenbill said.

According to Lukkenbill, to print and mail out 35,500 statements it would cost the county \$17,500. This cost does not include a situation where the statements are returned to the treasurers office.

The contract between Manatron Thomson Reuters to print and mail out the statements would cost \$21,000. The benefits of allowing this company to print and mail statements has benefits. The company tracks addresses so that there would be little returned mail. Marshall County would not be the only county to have outsourced their mailing and printing tax bills. According to Lukkenbill, three fourths of the states counties have outsourced their mailing.

The council gave their support to this and Lukkenbill will now take this matter before the county commissioners.

Director of Operations for the Community Correction Program Ward Byers came before the council to fix a slight oversight issue.

"There was a slight oversight in the 2016 Salary Ordinance for the new Community Corrections Grant Fund. When that salary ordinance was put together it included the directors salary as well as the case manager position. However, we left out the current salary part time field officer," Byers said.

The salary ordinance 1122 to be amended to include three positions paid for by the grant was approved by the council unanimously.

Vote Centers was brought to the council's attention by Election Board Secretary Dep VanDeMark. The Marshall County Election Board at their last meeting on Tuesday Jan. 5 voted in favor of changing the county to become a vote center. This would allow a citizen of the county to vote anywhere in the county. The council needed to have a majority vote in favor of changing the way the county votes for the Election Board to continue this path.

The council voted unanimously in favor of the change and VanDeMark will now head to the County Commissioners to receive a vote from them.

There were 14 additional appropriation requests from 2015 that were approved by the council and only two from 2016 that was approved.

A discussion about the way the transferral of money from one account to another was brought up by Commissioner Kevin Overmyer.

"At your December meeting, the treasurer brought up some of these transfers of staying within our budget and transferring. We understand that when you go from one major category to another you have to get council approval. I know that you, Don, and Rex have been on the council for a long time. Is there a problem or are you guys going to set a different policy that we are going to have to adhere to?" Overmyer asked the council.

Overmyer highlighted a problem concerning what would happen if a bill had to be paid, at the beginning of the month claims were accepted, a transferal was placed and then denied by the council. Overmyer asked what would happen and how would they get their money back.

When asked how this would change how the county does business, Lukkenbill responded that "I think that it changes it a couple ways. We have always had that latitude in our budget. And I think that there was such an element of trust between the council and the department heads and the elected officials that gave us some flexibility in our budgets because we make our budgets six to seven months ahead and we don't know exactly what that budgets going to be."

"There most definitely needs to be a policy," Councilman Steve Harper stated.

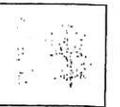
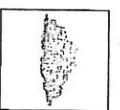
There was a motion to have all transfers come before the council for approval. Van Vactor, Harper, and Githens favored this motion while Thornton, Gilliland, Morrison, and Stone did not favor this motion.

A new motion was made to have all transfers above \$5,000 come before the council for approval and this time it passed with a vote of 4 - 3 with Stone, Morrison, and Thornton not in favor.

With no other business to attend to, the council adjourned.

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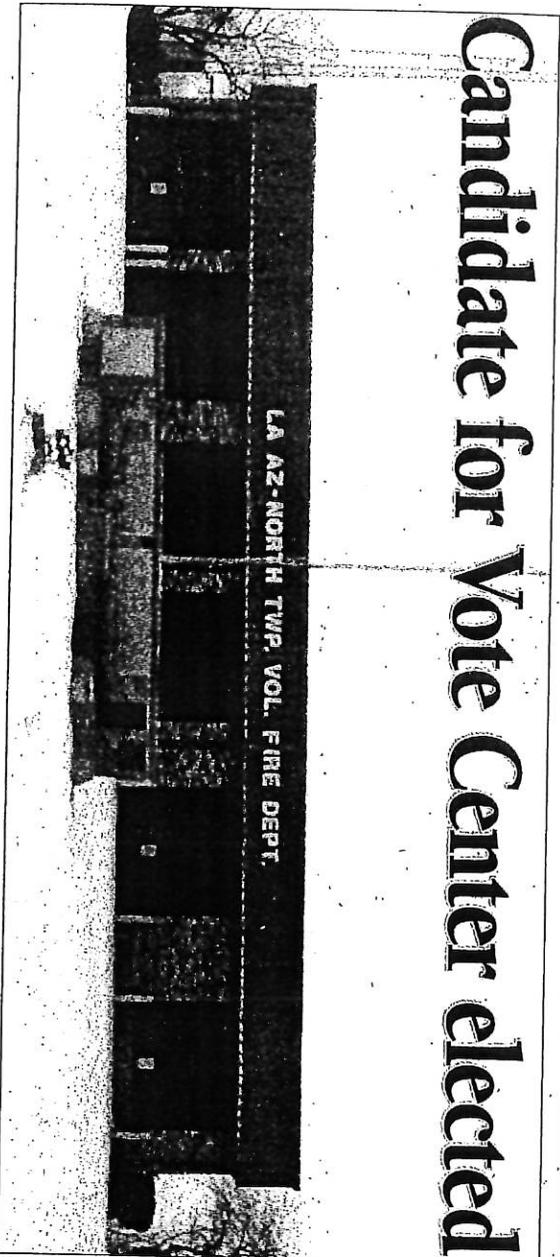
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Candidate for Vote Center elected



The LaPaz-North Township Fire Department building was selected as a future voting center location if the county switches from polling sites to vote centers.

By JAMES MASTER
STAFF WRITER

MARSHALL COUNTY — The Marshall County Election Board met Wednesday, Jan. 13 to discuss several issues. The board approved the minutes from the Jan. 5 meeting.

The board took a tour of the LaPaz Fire Station with Marshall County Commissioner Kurt Garner and LaPaz Assistant Fire Chief Jon Knepp. The primary concern for this location is the lack of a ramp to meet ADA standards.

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Get involved:
Do you want to know more or share your thoughts about the proposed Vote Centers? Attend the public hearing, Jan. 21, 6 p.m. Commissioners room, County Building, room 203.

Vote, from from

The motion to accept the LaPaz Fire Station as the North 1, 2, 3 poll site was voted on with a 3 - 0 vote.

Members were chosen for the Vote Center Committee. In addition to the Election Board Members Rick Huff, Deb Vandemark, and Sean Surrisi, Republican County Chair David Holmes, Democratic County Chair Jim Smart, Mike Woolfington, and Dan Adams were chosen. These meetings will be held Wednesdays and Thursdays after 4 p.m. The board accepted the committee members unanimously.

There will be a public hearing to address the Vote Center on Thursday Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Marshall County Building, 112 W. Jefferson St. Plymouth, room 203. The hearing is designed to give residents the opportunity to learn more about the center and poll sites. Moreover, residents will be able to ask questions, express concerns and share thoughts about the potential changes.

A price list for Mifco Vote Services was passed out to the members. Surrisi suggested that research should be done in regards to programming costs when board members and machine technicians did the programming. Huff stated that while cost is of great concern, so also is having the work done correctly and efficiently. This matter was tabled.

The next meeting of the Marshall County Election Board will be on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 8 a.m. in the Marshall County Clerk's Office conference room.

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Vote Center Committee Proposes to Close 2 Polling Sites

January 22, 2016
By Kathy Bottorff



A dozen people attended last night's Vote Center public meeting in the County Building. The meeting was the first opportunity for the public to see the draft plan of moving Marshall County from a precinct voting county to a vote center county.

The plan is being created by a seven member committee including Election Board members Deb VanDeMark, Sean Surrisi and Rick Huff, party chairmen Dave Holmes and Jim Smart along with citizens Mike Woolfington and Dan Adams.



The most important portion of the plan to voters is unveiling the proposed vote center locations.

Marshall County has a total of 28 precincts, but they have been combined into 14 polling sites since 2014. The vote center plan proposes to have 12 vote centers; in Bourbon at the Triton High School, in Plymouth at the National Guard Armory, Knights of Columbus and REMC, in Bremen at the Bremen High School and Missionary Church, in Argos at the United Methodist Church, in LaPaz at the Fire Station, in Tippecanoe at the Community Building, in Culver at the Depot, in West Township at the Pretty Lake Church Fellowship Hall and in Tyner at the Polk Township Fire Department.



These are the same sites people have voted in with the exception of taking the site at Lake of the Woods and the Plymouth Baptist Church out of the mix.

The committee felt having 3 sites already in Plymouth was enough and the Baptist Church is already close to the K of C. The Polling site at Lake of the Woods consistently has low voter turnout.

The vote center committee will now accept written comments and suggestions on the draft plan for the next 30 days. They can be sent to the County Clerk's office in the courthouse.

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