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April 7, 2015

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Dear Directors:

Please accept the following vote center plan on behalf of the Wells County Board of Election. It means a great deal to the Board and to myself to be involved in this innovative, progressive change for our county.

It is our intention to continuously modify this plan to fit current Indiana legislation and also to revise based on our experiences with vote centers and the needs of our voters.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding any of our documentation.

Regards,

Yvette Runkle
Wells County Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK

Citizens of Wells County:

Since the Vote Center concept became a reality in Indiana elections through Pilot Vote Centers in 2007 and subsequent legislation in 2011 allowing any county to become a Vote Center County, leaders in Wells County have been carefully observing its effect on voters, county budgets, and on the election process.

The following pages lay out our plan to make Vote Centers a reality in Wells County. This concept gives all registered voters in the county the opportunity to cast their ballot at any Vote Center within the county rather than being restricted to one precinct-based location in addition to making it easier for voters on Election Day. Vote Centers also call for increased early voting opportunities at Satellite Vote Centers, which will be open prior to Election Day.

Leading up to each election, the most common questions we hear address the concern of where an individual's polling place is located and what are the options if the voter can't make it to their polling place by the 6 p.m. end of voting on Election Day. Vote Centers address these common voter concerns by broadening the voters' ability to cast their ballot.

Another important part of the concept is the financial impact it will have on Wells County. Having to staff fewer locations and reduce the amount of support needed on Election Day will help the county to realize a cost savings, as well as, hopefully shortening wait times at the polls for voters.

By moving to Vote Centers, voter convenience is improved. Election administration is streamlined and made simple and improves the county's long-term fiscal stance for elections. Vote Centers also represent a major step forward into the ever-changing landscape of technology by bringing elections into the 21st Century.

I want to thank all the wonderful people who have provided feedback at our meetings to this point and worked so hard, in a bipartisan manner, to move the county toward Vote Centers. A thank you also goes out to all the locations that have been willing to allow us to utilize their facilities as Vote Centers in the upcoming elections as we are forever grateful.

Sincerely,



Yvette Runkle
Wells County Clerk of the Circuit/Superior Court

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INTRODUCTION

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In recent years, the struggle to find enough poll workers to fill the needed positions at all the precincts has increased. For the 2010 election, 154 poll workers were needed. This number which was reduced by the Wells County Election Board in 2012 to 105 poll workers with the elimination of the Election Sheriff position. However, this reduction did not ease the process as was hoped. Precinct Committeemen throughout Wells County continued to have difficulty finding the required number of individuals to fill their respective poll worker positions, including finding replacements for those who had originally agreed, then had to vacate their position for a variety of reasons. This factor was one of the major motivations, but not the only one, for the Wells County Election Board's decision to pursue establishing Vote Centers.

A major motivation for the change is the streamlined abilities of the poll workers at the Vote Centers on Election Day. In precinct-based voting, each polling place had one paper poll list that included only the registered voters for that specific precinct. So when a voter came in to check in to vote, the Poll Clerk had to flip through the poll list to find the correct name, and if that voter's name was not on the list, a call had to be made to the Wells County Election Office. Due to the amount of calls coming in from the 22 precincts asking where a specific voter was to cast their ballot, longer wait times were created in the attempt to allow a single person to vote. Through the utilization of Vote Centers and Electronic Pollbook, the Poll Clerks will have the entire list of registered voters in an easy-to-handle tablet, which will have the capability of immediately bringing up a voter's profile through the scanning of their state-issued ID. Along with having additional voting machines at each location, wait times should be drastically reduced by allowing more voters to check-in swiftly and efficiently.

In addition, the board sought to enhance the accessibility of voting locations in our fast-paced society in which busy schedules may hamper the ability of some voters to make it to their precinct polling location. Through Vote Centers, any registered voter may cast a ballot at any of the available facilities, rather than being locked in to just their one precinct location. This allows on-the-go voters to make casting a ballot part of their daily schedule, rather than have to work things around to try and find time to vote, which will hopefully lead to increased turnout percentages for each election.

Our County IT Staff continues to be a tremendous asset to this process. Our voting machine vendor brings to the table experienced managers who both understand Indiana law, the Vote Center concept, and have an intimate knowledge of Electronic Pollbooks.

THE PROCESS**Starting Out**

After meeting with the Secretary of State in March 2013, the Wells County Election Board agreed to begin the process of making the change to Vote Centers. Three informational meetings were conducted in 2013 in an attempt to gauge public interest into the matter. With feedback received from these meetings, along with informal discussions with citizens of the community, the board felt comfortable in

requesting the Wells County Commissioners and the Wells County Council to approve resolutions making Wells County a Vote Center County.

Following the approval of the resolutions, a study committee was formed to discuss the options available regarding Electronic Pollbook technology, as well as how many Vote Centers the county should have and where they should be located. The committee was comprised of the Election Board, IT Department, members of the County Council and Commissioners, leaders of the county Republican and Democrat parties, current and former poll workers, Mayor, community leaders and of course, voters.

Here and Now

Through the hard work of the committee and community, it was decided Wells County would start out with four (4) Vote Centers. Two vendors of electronic poll book equipment made presentations and provided early estimates to the cost of their supplies.

A draft of the Vote Center plan must be presented at one public meeting before a 30-day public comment period opens, at the end of which the Wells County Election Board may amend the plan prior to final approval, which must be unanimous. The board choose to conduct two meetings, one in Bluffton and one in Ossian in an attempt to inform as many people as possible about the Vote Center plan. As a result of questions and comments from the public at the public meetings the board chose to initially start out with five (5) Vote Centers.

The Future

If and when the Vote Center Plan is unanimously approved, the plan will be submitted to the Indiana Election Division for their files, along with any future amendments. Once that has been completed, the Election Board will proceed in the process of setting up the Vote Centers and purchasing needed equipment.

One major factor in the Vote Center process is that the Vote Center plan can be amended at any time, but all amendments must also gain unanimous approval. This is yet another beneficial aspect of Vote Centers as it can be modified as many times as needed in order to best fit the needs of the voters of Wells County, even down to adjusting how many voting machines are to be used at a specific location to accommodate a Vote Center that is attracting the most voters. Also, if at any point the Board deems the Vote Center model is not successful for Wells County, they may vote to revert to precinct-based voting. Again, this vote must be unanimous.

I.C. 3-11-18.1-4 Compliance Checklist

The following items are the requirements for a vote center plan as defined in Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-4. Following each of the 20 requirements is the page number listed references where the Wells County Vote Center Plan the particular requirement(s) is met.

1. The total number of vote centers to be established. *{Attachment "E"}*
2. The location of each vote center. *{Attachment "E"}*
3. The effective date of the order. *{Page 9}*
4. The following information according to the computerized list (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2) as the date of the order:
 - (A) The total number of voters within the county.
 - (B) The number of active voters in the county.
 - (C) The number of inactive voters within the county. *{Attachment "D" and Page 10}*
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 [IC 3-11-18.1-13] of this chapter for an election that is not being held in each precinct of the county. *{Attachment "E"}*
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. *{Attachment "F"}*
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. *{Attachment "F"}*
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. *{Attachment "F"}*

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. *{Attachment "E" &Page 10}*

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 a secure electronic connection between the county election board and the precinct election officials administering a vote center. *{Pages 11 &12}*

11. A description of the equipment and procedures to be used to ensure that information concerning a vote entered into any electronic poll list 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. *{Pages 11-12}*

12. For each precinct designated under subdivision (5), the number of electronic poll lists to be provided for the precinct. *{Attachment "E"}*

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. *{N/A}*

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. *{Pages 12-13}*

15. A certification that the vote center complies with the accessibility requirements applicable to polling places under IC 3-11-8. *{Attachment "G"}*
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 *{Attachment "I"}*
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. *{Pages 10}*
18. The method and timing of providing voter data to persons who are entitled to receive data under this title. Data shall be provided to all persons entitled to the data without unreasonable delay. *{Page 14}*
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). *{Attachment "H"}*
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. *{N/A}*

SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT

Multiple club meetings allowed Clerk Yvette Runkle to bring the Vote Center concept to their meetings which began in January 2015. Approximately 525 invitations were sent to Wells County businesses to advertise the two public meetings on Vote Centers. The Election Board held the following two public meetings a week apart where presentation of the Vote Center Plan was made to those in attendance:

February 19, 2015, at Lighted Gardens, Ossian Indiana
February 23, 2015, at the Wells County Public Library

During all of our public meetings concerns were raised about the following:

1. How much will this cost?
Answer: \$12,000 Capital investment in ePollbooks and \$4,000 in advertising.
2. If it doesn't work can we go back to precinct voting style?
Answer: Yes, with a unanimous vote by the County Election Board.
3. How safe is ePollbook any chance of identity theft?
Answer: No, the devices have security in them directly. The connection back to the server is encrypted where the data resides.
4. If you are a family member of a candidate can you work at the polls?
Answer: Since all ballot styles will be at each Vote Center no family member of candidates running for elected office will be allowed to work at any Vote Center.
5. Is one Vote Center for Bluffton enough?
Answer: It's too early to tell. Board will look at an additional Vote Center site.
6. Is early voting against The Constitution of the State of Indiana?
Answer: IC 3-11-4-1 states voters eligible to absentee vote early.
7. Is there back up if case of power failure?
Answer: Both the MicroVote Infinite voting panels and the ePollbooks will have battery backup. The Election Board also has one generator to use at any Vote Center if power is out for some time.

8. Will more poll workers be needed?

Answer: Fewer poll workers will be needed at Vote Centers. Depending on the election 25-35 poll workers a day compared to 105 in precinct voting.

9. Do I have to work all three days?

Answer: No. You may choose to stay with just Election Day, however with reduced hours at the Satellite Vote Centers days, we might get a new team of poll workers.

10. Has any county gone to Vote Centers and then changed back to precinct based voting?

Answer: Yes, Fayette used Vote Centers for one election. They had a recount on that year and voters thought it might be something to do with Vote Centers. However, election results came out the same. The ePollbook vendor they purchased equipment from did not submit the equipment to the Bowen Center to be certified.

11. What if you do not bring a drivers' license, can some other type of ID be used?

Answer: Yes. The clerk would use any type of ID that the law states can be used to check the voter in.

12. Why Zanesville and not Markle?

Answer: We have around 83 voters in Markle, most of Markle is in Huntington County. Union Township is our largest precinct and the United Methodist Church in Zanesville has been use for many years as a precinct voting location.

13. What if my Employer will not let me off to vote in time? Isn't there a law about this in Indiana?

Answer: There are no laws at this time in Indiana that an employer must allow time off to the employees to cast their vote.

14. Can we cross county lines to vote?

Answer: No

WELLS COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN

April 6, 2015

VOTER STATISTICS AND PRECINCTS

According to the 2010 census, Wells County has a total population of 27,636 and is divided into 22 precincts. Currently the total number of registered voters in Wells County is 18,523. The upcoming elections will be the 2015 Municipal Elections. Wells County will not have a Primary in 2015 so Vote Centers will be first used in the November Municipal Elections. No voter should feel disenfranchised because of this change to Vote Centers. Voting by absentee, mail or travel board is still available. Moving to Vote Centers will expand the voter's capabilities by not limiting them to a single polling location on a certain day. This plan will hopefully make voting more convenient and increase our voter turnout percentages.

VOTE CENTER and SATELLITE VOTE LOCATIONS

Wells County plans to utilize five (5) Vote Center locations. Indiana requires one Vote Center per 10,000 active voters, but the Wells County Election Board plans to provide one Vote Center per roughly 3,700 active voters. Per IC 3-11-10-26 absentee voting will begin twenty-eight (28) days prior to Election Day at the Wells County Courthouse and there will be two (2) satellite offices open on the two (2) Saturdays before Election Day from 7:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. The Wells County Court House and one Satellite Vote Center, however, the Satellite Vote Center may vary from election to election. Absentee applications will also be accepted for mail ballots and travel board as Indiana Code deems. Should a voter miss the deadline for these voting options they will still have the opportunity to vote in person at one of the Vote Centers on Election Day. The Vote Centers will be open on Election Day from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. as required by law (IC 3-11-8-8). This will give every voter the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Once accustomed to the idea of the Vote Centers, it is the hope of the Election Board that the voters will utilize them in an efficient and timely manner.

DATES, LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

The dates, locations and hours for Election Day voting will be posted in the local newspaper two (2) consecutive weeks prior to voting. Also, a county wide mass mailing will be sent out to all homes in Wells County to notify them of the various Vote Centers locations, dates and hours of operation for Satellite voting; along with locations on Election Day. In addition, all previous polling locations not being utilized as Vote Centers will be posted with signs indicating where the Vote Centers are located.

As of February 24, 2015:

- (A) Total number of registered voters within Wells County – 18,544
- (B) Total number of active voters within Wells County – 16,793
- (C) Total number of inactive voters in Wells County – 1,751

The following are the locations of the five (5) Vote Centers to be open on Election Day 6 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.:

1. Southern Wells High School located at 9120 S 300 W, Poneto, Indiana 46781
2. Wells County 4-H Park located at 1240 S 4-H Road, Bluffton, Indiana 46714
3. Presbyterian Church located at 215 E Dustman Road, Bluffton, Indiana 46714
4. Lighted Gardens located at 10794 State Road 1, Ossian, Indiana 46777
5. Zanesville United Methodist Church located at 11811 N Wayne Street, Zanesville, Indiana 46799

The following are the five (5) Satellite Vote Center locations to be open for Early Voting on Thursday and Friday before Election Day from 10 A.M. – 7 P.M.

1. Southern Wells High School located at 9120 S 300 W, Poneto, Indiana 46781
2. Wells County 4-H Park located at 1240 S 4-H Road, Bluffton, Indiana 46714
3. Presbyterian Church located at 215 E Dustman Road, Bluffton Indiana 46714
4. Lighted Gardens located at 10794 State Road 1, Ossian, Indiana 46777
5. Zanesville United Methodist Church located at 11811 N Wayne Street, Zanesville, Indiana 46799

The following are suggested Satellite Vote Center locations for the two Saturdays prior to Election Day with the hours of 7 A.M. – 2 P.M.:

1. Wells County Court House located at 102 W Market Street, Bluffton, Indiana 46714
2. Zanesville United Methodist Church located at 11811 N Wayne Street, Zanesville, Indiana 46799

NOTE: Voters from every precinct may vote at any Vote Center location or Satellite Vote Center location. Every ballot style for each precinct in Wells County will be available at each Vote Center and each Satellite Vote Center. Depending on the election, the number of ballot styles varies greatly; therefore, this plan does not attempt to provide a specific number of ballot styles.

VOTE CENTER FLOW CHART

Each Vote Center and Satellite Vote Center will be connected to all other Vote Centers or Satellite Vote Centers as well as the Wells County Clerk's office in the court house via ePollbook connected via secured internet lines. At least two ePollbook terminals will be available at each location.

Each Vote Center and Satellite Vote Center will run smoothly with the precinct election board as follows:

- One (1) Inspector, Political party that won the highest number of votes in the last election of the Secretary of State will fill this position
- Two (2) Judges - one from each major political party
- Two (2) Poll Clerks – one from each major political party

Depending on the election size and location of the Vote Center additional judges will be added to meet the demands of voter turnout. Training procedures for all poll workers will remain largely the same. Cross training is necessary in case of a rotation of duties for the judges or clerks.

The Inspector will also serve as a greeter and verify that each voter has his/her government issued ID. Voters will proceed to a team of Poll Clerks who will access the individual's voter profile via an ePollbook equipped with a scanner to read the voter's ID card. The Poll Clerks will also have the ability to type in the voter's name to access the correct profile. Once the voter's address has been verified, as required by state statute, a label will then be printed and given to the Judge. The Judge will receive the printed label from the clerk and will proceed to the Infinity voting machine with the voter. The printed label will indicate which ballot the voter is to receive. The Judge will then activate the MicroVote Infinity voting machine and select the appropriate ballot in order to verify it with the voter. The voter will then proceed with voting on the Infinity machine in the same manner as always. The Judge will keep the printed label in a small envelope which will serve as a hard copy documentation (the poll list) that the voter has voted in addition to the electronic information.

EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY

Voting Machine: As in recent years Wells County will continue to use the MicroVote Infinity Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) for Absentee In-Person and Election Day voting. Each of the Infinity panels will be programmed and publicly tested by the Wells County Election Board and will include all ballot styles and variations. Sample paper ballots will also be provided to the Inspector of each Vote Center in a three-ring binder to allow voters to view their ballot prior to casting their vote. In addition, those voting by mail and travel board will continue to use

Optical Scan Ballots, which are completed and placed in secured sealed envelopes, which are kept in a fireproof locked filing cabinet until tabulation of results begins on Election Day. As always, properly secured optical Scan Ballots and provisional ballots will be delivered to each Vote Center as part of the kit provided to the inspectors at each location.

ePollbooks: Wells County Election Board has chosen Knowink LLC as the ePollbook vendor. The Apple iPad with wireless PollPad, Model iPad 16gb WiFi, for the hardware and with software 2.0 version. Also included in the package is the charger, basic stand, stylus, Star Micronics Bluetooth receipt printer and receipt paper. The annual software license and maintenance will begin with the second year with Knowink. Knowink yearly maintenance is comparable to the other vendors without any additional fees for each election. Wells County IT Department will set up all ePollbooks prior to Satellite and Election Day voting to make sure the Wells County Clerk's office is connected to each Vote Center site.

SECURITY PLAN

The security plan for the voting machines and the ePollbooks are to be locked in the room that is being used at each Vote Center. By using a numbered zip tie seal each night on the MicroVote Infinity voting machines that will be cut the next morning by the Judges of opposite party will give added security. All cards to activate the Infinity voting panels will be taken home by the Inspector each night. The ePollbooks will only be accessible when a member of each party enters their undisclosed password. The number of voters on the machines and the number of voters in the ePollbook will be checked and balanced each day.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In the event of a power failure at each or one Vote Center, the voting machines and ePollbooks will be switched to battery backup. For obvious reasons, if the safety of voters and or poll workers is ever at risk, the Wells County Security Plan will go into effect with instructions from the Wells County Clerk, Wells County Election Board, Wells County Emergency Management Agency, and the Wells County Sheriff.

The following narrative describes what would happen in case of an emergency during an election. The first responders to any emergency, either man-made or natural event, are local citizens. Poll workers, volunteers, and police and fire personnel will be the first to identify the problem. The next level of response will come from the Wells County Commissioners and the Wells County Election Board in cooperation with the local emergency management agency. If deemed necessary by the County Commissioners, the Office of the Secretary of State's Election Division will be contacted for emergency assistance. In addition, any action taken either by the

Office of the Governor or the Office of the Secretary of State may be taken in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General to ensure that interpretations of the laws are correct.

Five general situations exist in which decision-making may occur regarding the election process and activities in Wells County:

1. Situation Normal-the status quo exists and the process moves forward according to normal laws and procedures.
2. Isolated Emergencies-individual precincts or parts of the county experience disruption to the election process and local agencies respond accordingly.
3. Regional Emergencies-an emergency involving Wells County and neighboring counties exists and a state-level response is required.
4. Catastrophic Emergencies inside Indiana-a large disaster exists that diverts the resources and attention of the citizenry and a state-level response in cooperation with the federal government is required.
5. Catastrophic Emergencies outside Indiana-a large disaster exists in the United States that diverts the resources and attention of the citizens and federal-level response is required.

The Wells County Commissioners have worked closely with the local emergency management director, the county sheriff, and local police and fire stations to ensure Wells County is prepared for emergencies. In addition, the Wells County Commissioners will be in close communication with the County Election Board via cell phone or land lines should any emergency occur on or surrounding the election process.

In this endeavor to be prepared for an emergency that could occur on or surrounding an Election Day, Wells County takes the following steps prior to each Election Day:

1. Review IC 3-141-8-3.2 which outlines procedures for changing polling locations.
2. Review of state's Quantity Purchasing Agreements (QPA) whereby Wells County may buy or lease emergency generators and other supplies.
3. Contact is made with power companies to ensure all vote centers have power on Election Day.
4. Electric company will have support staff in the field or by phone in the event of a disruption.
5. In the event of a power failure at a Vote Center, the voting machines and ePollbooks will be switched automatically to battery backup.
6. In the event that the internet is inaccessible at a Vote Center location, the eligibility of a voter will be ascertained from records maintained by the Wells County Voter Registration office via telephone/cell phone.

ELECTION RESULTS

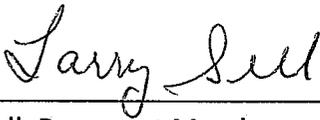
Wells County is a central count county and the election results will be tabulated in the Wells County Election Room on Election Day. Absentee voting by mail and traveling board will be by optical scan ballots, followed by DRE of satellite voting at the Vote Center and court house. As Vote Centers close on Election Day and arrive back to the Court House, Vote Centers will be tabulated on a first come first service basis. Election results will be tabulated by precinct totals and released to the public on a timely matter.

Attachments

- A. Resolution of the County Election Board adopting the Vote Center Plan
- B. Resolution of the County Commissioner
- C. Resolution of the County Council
- D. Current Precincts, Total Voters, Total Active Voters, Total Inactive Voters
- E. Overview of Voting Locations
- F. Poll Workers
- G. Certification of ADA Compliance
- H. Resolution adopting Wells County as a Central Count County
- I. Vote Center planned layout

Dated this 6th day of April, 2015

WELLS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

By: 
Larry Sell, Democrat Member

By: 
Roy Johnson, Republican Member

By: 
Yvette Runkle, Secretary
102 West Market St. Ste. 201
Bluffton IN 46714
Telephone: 260-824-6479

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 01

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

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-4 grants permission for any Indiana county that so chooses to implement vote centers in their county and,

WHEREAS, the Wells County Election Board so approves the Wells County plan for the implementation of Vote Centers in Wells County,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE WELLS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD:

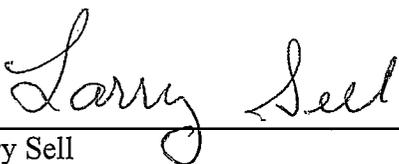
The Election Board of Wells County adopts this Resolution to approve the County Vote Center Plan, which is incorporated in the Resolution by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF April , 2015

WELLS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD



Roy Johnson



Larry Sell



Yvette Runkle

WELLS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION
OF WELLS COUNTY AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells unanimously approves the designation of Wells County as a vote center county and;

WHEREAS, the Wells County Election Board has the responsibility for properly drafting a vote center plan for Wells County, which will take effect upon unanimous vote of the Wells County Election Board and having the plan properly filed with the Indiana Election Division;

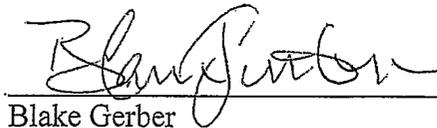
BE IT SO RESOLVED BY the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells that Wells County is approved to operate as a vote center county, upon the required approval and filing of the county vote center plan.

ALL AS RESOLVED September ^{7, cap} 3rd, 2013.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WELLS:


C. Scott Mossburg


Kevin S. Woodward


Blake Gerber

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF WELLS COUNTY AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY

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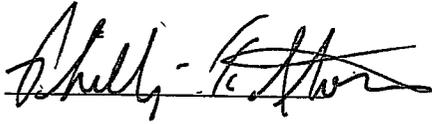
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells unanimously approves the designation of Wells County as a vote center county and;

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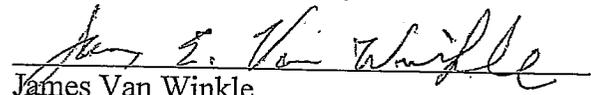
BE IT SO RESOLVED BY The Wells County Council that Wells County is approved to operate as a vote center county, upon the required approval and filing of the county vote center plan.

Adopted by the Wells County Council, this 3rd day of September, 2013, by the following vote:

Ayes	Nays	Absent
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____



Presented to me, the President of the Wells County Council and approved this 0 day of September, 2013.


James Van Winkle,
Presiding Officer, Wells County Council

Attest:


Beth Davis, Auditor

This instrument was prepared by the Wells County Attorney, Roy R. Johnson, Attorney No. 4937-90, 222 West Market St., P.O. Box 295, Bluffton, IN 46714. *I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law. Beth Davis*

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

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Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
BLUFFTON 2						
	0	790	118	908	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	790	118	908	0	0
BLUFFTON 3						
	0	610	126	736	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	610	126	736	1	0
BLUFFTON 4						
	0	665	55	720	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	665	55	720	1	0
BLUFFTON 5						
	BLUFFTON	653	106	759	0	0
	OUT OF TOWN	5	0	5	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	658	106	764	0	0
BLUFFTON 6						
	0	1,060	79	1,139	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,060	79	1,139	3	0
BLUFFTON LANCASTER 3						
	0	313	26	339	2	0
	Precinct Subtotal	313	26	339	2	0
BLUFFTON LANCASTER EAST						
	BLUFFTON	1,006	181	1,187	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,006	181	1,187	3	0
BLUFFTON LANCASTER WEST						
	BLUFFTON - DIST 2	568	124	692	0	0
	BLUFFTON - DIST 4	62	17	79	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	630	141	771	0	0
CHESTER						
	OUT OF TOWN	568	58	626	0	0
	PONETO	10	0	10	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	578	58	636	0	0

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Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
HARRISON EAST						
	OUT OF TOWN	499	30	529	1	0
	VERA CRUZ	35	8	43	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	534	38	572	1	0
HARRISON WEST						
	OUT OF TOWN	691	48	739	2	0
	PONETO	42	7	49	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	733	55	788	2	0
JACKSON						
	0	481	34	515	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	481	34	515	0	0
JEFFERSON EAST						
	OUT OF TOWN	810	40	850	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	810	40	850	1	0
JEFFERSON WEST						
	0	738	72	810	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	738	72	810	1	0
LANCASTER EAST						
	OUT OF TOWN 2	418	16	434	1	0
	OUT OF TOWN 3	330	25	355	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	748	41	789	1	0
LANCASTER WEST						
	OUT OF TOWN 2	461	51	512	0	0
	OUT OF TOWN 3	417	31	448	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	878	82	960	0	0
LIBERTY						
	OUT OF TOWN	578	38	616	0	0
	PONETO	53	4	57	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	631	42	673	0	0
NOTTINGHAM						
	0	603	51	654	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	603	51	654	1	0

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Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
OSSIAN EAST	0	845	93	938	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	845	93	938	3	0
OSSIAN WEST	0	1,109	155	1,264	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,109	155	1,264	3	0
ROCKCREEK	MARKLE	201	29	230	1	0
	OUT OF TOWN 2	285	19	304	0	0
	OUT OF TOWN 3	381	17	398	1	0
	UNIONDALE	136	10	146	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,003	75	1,078	2	0
UNION	MARKLE	62	7	69	0	0
	OUT OF TOWN	993	65	1,058	1	0
	UNIONDALE	14	1	15	0	0
	ZANESVILLE	301	10	311	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	1,370	83	1,453	2	0
WELLS County Totals	(9477 Total Cancelled)	16,793	1,751	18,544	27	0

Over View of Vote Centers

	Vote Centers	Address
1	Southern Wells School	9120 S 300 W Door 31, Poneto IN
2	Wells County 4-H Park	1240 S 4-H Rd, Bluffton IN
3	Presbyterian Church	215 E Dustman Rd, Bluffton IN
4	Lighted Gardens	10794 State Road 1, Ossian IN
5	Zanesville United Methodist Church	11811 N Wayne St, Zanesville IN

Number	Precinct	Voting Locations
1	Bluffton Lancaster East	*Any Vote Center
2	Bluffton 2	*Any Vote Center
3	Bluffton 3	*Any Vote Center
4	Bluffton 4	*Any Vote Center
5	Bluffton 5	*Any Vote Center
6	Bluffton 6	*Any Vote Center
7	Bluffton Lancaster West	*Any Vote Center
8	Chester	*Any Vote Center
9	Harrison East	*Any Vote Center
10	Harrison West	*Any Vote Center
11	Jackson	*Any Vote Center
12	Ossian East	*Any Vote Center
13	Jefferson East	*Any Vote Center
14	Jefferson West	*Any Vote Center
15	Lancaster East	*Any Vote Center
16	Lancaster West	*Any Vote Center
17	Liberty	*Any Vote Center
18	Nottingham	*Any Vote Center
19	Rockcreek	*Any Vote Center
20	Union	*Any Vote Center
21	Ossian West	*Any Vote Center
22	Bluffton Lancaster 3	*Any Vote Center

NOTE: Voters from every precinct may vote at any Vote Center location or satellite Vote Center location. Every ballot style for each precinct in Wells County will be available at each Vote Center and each satellite Vote Center. Depending on the election, the number of ballot styles varies greatly; therefore, this plan does not attempt to provide a specific number of ballot styles. Each Vote Center will be connected to all other Vote Centers; as well as to the County Election Board via electronic poll books connected via secured internet lines. At least two electronic Poll Book terminals will be available at each location. Each location, depending on the election, will also have at least one precinct election board, consisting of one inspector, at least two judges of opposite parties, and at least two poll clerks of opposite parties.

PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICERS**PRESIDENTIAL/GENERAL ELECTION POLL WORKERS****SATELLITE VOTING**

Presbyterian Church	4-H Park	Southern Wells	Lighted Gardens	ZUM Church	
Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1
Judge	2 Judge	2 Judge	2 Judge	2 Judge	2
Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Presbyterian Church	4-H Park	Southern Wells	Lighted Gardens	ZUM Church	
Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1
Judge	4 Judge	4 Judge	4 Judge	4 Judge	4
Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2

MUNICIPAL ELECTION POLL WORKERS**SATELLITE VOTING**

Presbyterian Church	4-H Park	Lighted Garden	ZUM Church	
Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1
Judge	2 Judge	2 Judge	2 Judge	2
Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Presbyterian Church	4-H Park	Lighted Garden	ZUM Church	
Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1 Inspector	1
Judge	2 Judge	2 Judge	2 Judge	2
Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2 Clerk	2

CERTIFICATION OF ADA COMPLIANCE

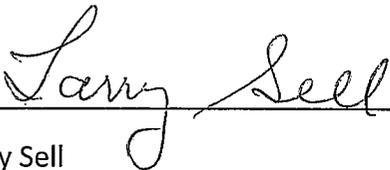
WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-18 (15) requires certification that Vote Centers and Satellite Vote Center locations complies with the accessibility requirements,

WHEREAS, the Wells County Election Board unanimously certifies that all voting sites are accessible under Indiana Code 3-11-18 (15),

BE IT SO CERTIFIED BY THE WELLS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD, this 30th day of March, 2015.



Roy Johnson



Larry Sell



Yvette Runkle, Secretary

comparison of the signature on the absentee ballot application with the applicant's signature on the applicant's voter registration application.

Section 3. In accordance with IC 3-11-10-26(f), an absentee ballot voted on an electronic voting system pursuant to this Resolution is not required to bear the seal, signature, and initials of the clerk prescribed by IC 3-11-10-27.

Section 4. (Optional) This resolution shall be subject to the procedures set forth in Attachment A hereto which is incorporated herein by reference.

Adopted this 22 day of MARCH, 2012 by all of the members of the
WELLS County Election Board.


Printed: ROY JOHNSON
Member, WELLS County Election Board


Printed: CHUCK KING
Member, WELLS County Election Board


Printed: YVETTE RUNKLE
Member, WELLS County Election Board

Vote Center Layout

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