

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGENDA
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COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, THIRD FLOOR
10:00 AM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Call To Order

1. Welcome
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1. Roll Call

1. Clerk Brown
2. Ms. Candelaria Reardon
3. Mr. Mellon
4. Mr. Reed
5. Chairman Smith

2.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only per I.C. 5-14-1.5-3(d)(2))

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Approval of Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes for 1/20/2026

4.

Old Business

4.1 AICHNER V GARZA ETAL 2025-01 Defer to April

4.2 BARNHART V. CAVAZOS 2025-02 Defer to April

4.3 Early Voting-East Chicago

5.
New Business

5.1 Poll location for merged precinct. G4 14 to G4 01

5.2
CANDIDATE LOTTERY DRAWING

6.
Correspondence

7.
Counsel Reports

8.
Purchase Orders

8.1 Purchase Orders over 1,000

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Next Meeting (Notice is given to the news media pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-5(a))

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Public Comment

11.
Adjournment

Election Board Members *(Pursuant to IC 5-14-9-6 and IC 3-6-4.1)*

Democratic Members: **Kevin Smith, Chair** *(Term Limit: At Will)*, **Michael Brown, Board Member** *(Term*

Limit: At-Will), **Mara Candelaria-Reardon, Board Member** (*Term Limit: At Will*)

Republican Members: **John Reed, Board Member** (*Term Limit: At Will*), **Michael Mellon, Board Member** (*Term Limit: At Will*)

In the Matter of:

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BEFORE THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF
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CROWN POINT, INDIANA

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting before the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration, reported by Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary Public, Illinois License No. 084-004727, at the Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana, on the 20th day of January, 2026, at 10:15 o'clock, in the morning.

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Page 2 1APPEARANCES: 2Kevin Smith, Board Chairman 3Mike Brown, Board Member 4Michael Mellon, Board Member 5Carly Brandenburg, proxy for John Reed, Board Member 6Mara Candelaria Reardon, Board Member 7Michelle Fajman, Director 8Jessica Messler, Assistant Director 9Joel Rodriguez, Registration Administrator 10Jerry Schmitt, Election Administrator 11Genny Gasparovic, Assistant Election Administrator 12Michael Tolbert, Board Attorney 13and 14Members of the Public 15* * * 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25					Page 4 1CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'm going to call 2the Tuesday, January 20, 2026 meeting of the 3Lake County Board of Elections and 4Registration to order. If we could all please 5rise, if you're able, for the Pledge of 6Allegiance. 7(Pledge of Allegiance recited.) 8CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, and 9Happy New Year to everybody. Welcome back. 10Roll Call, please. 11MS. FAJMAN: Kevin Smith? 12CHAIRMAN SMITH: I am here. 13MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown? 14MR. BROWN: Present. 15MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria 16Reardon? 17MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Present. 18MS. FAJMAN: Mike Mellon? 19MR. MELLON: I am here. 20MS. FAJMAN: And Carly Brandenburg 21is serving as proxy for John Reed. 22MS. BRANDENBURG: Present. 23CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. I 24will show that we have a quorum. All members 25are here in person or by proxy.				
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Page 6 1 it's a great year for one of the Democrats to 2 go ahead and nominate one of the Republicans 3 for Vice-Chair. I look forward to that. I 4 think that will help us move forward and a 5 year of making sure there's safe and fair 6 elections. So, thank you to my Democratic 7 colleagues for that offer. 8 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Clerk Brown. 10 MR. BROWN: Thank you, to my 11 fellow Election Board member. I'll make a 12 motion for Mara Candalaria Reardon to be the 13 Vice-Chair of the Election Board. 14 MR. MELLON: Boy, that's pretty 15 partisan right there. 16 (Inaudible; talking in union.) 17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. We 18 have a nomination for Mara Candalaria Reardon 19 as Vice-Chair. Do you accept the nomination? 20 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: I do. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other 22 nominations? 23 (No immediate response.) 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Nominations are 25 closed. All those in favor signify by saying	Page 8 1 (Board members saying "aye" in 2 unison.) 3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 4 (No immediate response.) 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion carries. 6 Before we go to Old Business, I 7 did see Chairman Niemeyer here and 8 Chairman Repay. We always like to give the 9 chairmen the courtesy of being heard before 10 the Board. Anything, Chairman Repay? 11 MR. REPAY: No, Mr. Chairman. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you. 13 Chairman Niemeyer? 14 MR. NIEMEYER: Yes. Thank you, 15 Chairman Smith, and congratulations on your 16 reappointment as Chairman. Mike, I'm very 17 sorry that your effort failed. And, Mara, 18 congratulations on your appointment as 19 Vice-Chair. 20 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Thank 21 you. 22 MR. NIEMEYER: So, I missed the 23 last couple of meetings because your meetings 24 had overlapped with the County Council 25 meeting, but I know that there was some
Page 7 1 aye. 2 (Board members saying "aye" in 3 unison.) 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 5 (No immediate response.) 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That motion 7 carries. Congratulations. 8 MR. BROWN: Thank you. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Next 10 year, Mike. 11 MR. BROWN: Maybe next year. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Moving on to 13 Approval of the Minutes. We have before us 14 the minutes of November 13th, 18th, and 15 December 9th for consideration. I'll 16 entertain a motion to approve those minutes as 17 presented. 18 MR. BROWN: Motion to approve, 19 Mr. Chair. 20 MR. MELLON: Second. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion by Clerk 22 Brown, seconded by Mr. Mellon, to approve the 23 minutes. Is there any discussion on that 24 motion? Hearing none. All those in favor 25 signify by saying aye.	Page 9 1 discussion of some things that you had 2 questions of that I have come today prepared 3 to answer some of those questions. There was 4 mention of an investigation of where I found 5 certain information that I presented back this 6 past summer that related to the political work 7 on government time for the Democratic caucus, 8 the ghost payrolling of inspectors who did not 9 attend the training that's required both by 10 law and by internal procedure. 11 I want to say that was the main 12 crux of what I presented back in the summer. 13 But there are more things that I think this 14 Board needs to look at along with that, and 15 there are folders here in the cart that have 16 stacks of information in them that relate to 17 all of the things that I think are in need of 18 some oversight and possible policy and 19 procedure consideration. 20 There has been a case of a 21 noncitizen being registered to vote two times 22 by voter registration officials and that 23 person voted in an election. There has been 24 numerous cases of access to the ballot room on 25 both sides of the aisle without opposite Party

Page 10 1 present. There has been a case where the 2 assistant director signed off on a travel 3 voucher and the travel voucher, after she 4 signed off on it, was then changed without her 5 permission. 6 There has been training that's 7 been provided in the office only to the 8 Democrat employees. There has been a case on 9 August 27, 2025 of a nongovernment employee 10 working on a government computer. The voting 11 machines in the ballot -- in the storage area, 12 some of them are covered with blankets, not 13 even in their cases, not stacked on shelves. 14 And it's my understanding that Indiana code 15 gives the authority in the office to both the 16 director and assistant director, doesn't 17 necessarily create a superior entity in that 18 office, and the Republican employees are 19 appointed by me and managed by the assistant 20 director, who I appoint. 21 So those are a few things that 22 have also come up in the time being. But if 23 you want to know where I get the information, 24 payroll information I got from the auditor's 25 office. I'm a county councilman and I have	Page 12 1 about 9:50 this morning. 2 MR. NIEMEYER: Yeah, and I'm not 3 expecting there to be actionable items here, 4 but you guys had questions of where 5 information came from, how it was gathered. 6 It was all gathered through sources that are 7 readily available right in the Election 8 Office; camera feeds, documents. In the case 9 of the noncitizen being registered to vote and 10 voting came through a FOIA request that was 11 flagged by Jessica, that the FOIA request was 12 from an immigration agency that had made that 13 request. 14 So that is where the information 15 came from. All the normal channels. I don't 16 necessarily, as a county councilman, have to 17 FOIA everything, and as the appointing 18 authority of the Republican side, when the 19 assistant director blows the whistle on 20 something, I have a duty as well to advise her 21 on how to handle these things, which I have 22 done. And so I have no problem answering any 23 of your questions, if you have any for me. 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 25 Mr. Chairman. Obviously, we haven't had a
Page 11 1 the ability to ask for records. So that's how 2 I did it. I went to the auditor's office and 3 asked for records and I got records. 4 The assistant director works at my 5 pleasure as the appointing authority on the 6 Republican side of that office and has blown 7 the whistle on a number of issues in the 8 office. She has come to me as the appointing 9 authority with that information, and all of 10 that is contained in the green folders you see 11 in the cart. So, it's all available. I 12 believe it was sent to all of you in the form 13 of an electronic -- no? 14 MS. MESSLER: No. 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No. It was 16 Thursday afternoon right before the holiday 17 weekend, it was Thursday, and I think the 18 email said something it's too big to send 19 electronically, if you'd like hard copies, 20 happy to provide them. Is that fair what the 21 email said? 22 MS. MESSLER: Yes. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And then I 24 literally got -- I think Ms. Brandenburg 25 dropped off a pretty big stack of stuff at	Page 13 1 chance to look at the material. 2 MR. NIEMEYER: Sure. 3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I appreciate that 4 being provided. I assume Jessica will get us 5 copies if we need it. There was a lot there. 6 You know, it's information that I'm sure we'll 7 take up, and if the Board needs to make a 8 motion on any of it, I think they will. But 9 at this time I think it's just information 10 gathering and we'll take the information -- 11 MR. NIEMEYER: I think one of the 12 most important things, though, to look into is 13 that voter registration thing where you have a 14 noncitizen voting. 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, I think -- 16 you know, you brought up several things and 17 that, I think, is something that the Board 18 should look into. It's election law. 19 Personnel stuff -- 20 MR. NIEMEYER: Policy and 21 procedure stuff. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah. The 23 personnel stuff I kind of am a little bit 24 concerned about, if we even have that as 25 authority as an Election Board. As you

Page 14 1 mentioned, I think correctly, Mr. Chairman, 2 that, you know, you appoint Jessica. I can't 3 as a Board member discipline Jessica, nor 4 would -- you know, same thing goes for anybody 5 else working in the Election Office. That 6 gets done through either HR or personnel. 7 So those kinds of things I think 8 we'll have to work through. I appreciate what 9 you said and I appreciate you giving us the 10 information. Does anybody have any questions 11 of the chairman? 12 MR. BROWN: I'd like to make a 13 comment. 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Clerk Brown. 15 MR. BROWN: Good morning, 16 Mr. Chairman. 17 MR. NIEMEYER: Good morning. 18 MR. BROWN: Being a county-elected 19 official and knowing that the County Council 20 is also one of my bosses and oversees my 21 budget, the only concern I have at this point 22 is that of all these allegations, we haven't 23 really had an opportunity to really look at 24 it, and so for it to come out to the public in 25 this manner, I'm concerned that the public may	Page 16 1 you suggested, but I don't want the public to 2 jump to conclusions and assume that all of 3 this is true. Because I've been up here in 4 one form or another since 2010 in the clerk's 5 office either as a clerk or working under 6 Judge Arredondo, Honorable Judge Arredondo, 7 and this has been a very competent staff, 8 Election Board staff, and I've heard some 9 troubling things about some things and I'm 10 concerned, Mr. Chairman. 11 I respect your position as the 12 chairman of the Republican Party. I also 13 respect the employees that work with the 14 Democratic employees, and they are, at the end 15 of the day, county employees, and as a 16 county-elected official, I'm going to always 17 try to look out for county employees. And so 18 from my standpoint, I think that we should be 19 fair to the employees at all times. 20 I respect your position as 21 chairman as well as your position as a county 22 councilman. I don't have an issue with that, 23 but my concern is just putting things out here 24 for the public and we haven't had a chance to 25 really digest or understand it. And, again, I
Page 15 1 have some degree of prejudicial, you know, 2 some issues about all of this out here. 3 So my concern is I think we 4 should, you know, do what we do as Board 5 members. We deal with Board election issues. 6 We don't deal with personnel issues. And I 7 will say to you that I was in the County 8 Council meeting when you brought this before 9 the County Council and passed some of this 10 information out, and the County Council then 11 sent it to us. So we have it. 12 But at the end of the day we deal 13 with election issues. That's more like a 14 personnel issue. That should probably go to 15 the County Commissioners' HR person. Even as 16 a county-elected official I have an HR 17 director, and when we have questions about 18 things we're not sure about, we send them to a 19 county HR person, because the County 20 Commissioners hire attorneys to look out for 21 our best interests. 22 And so at the end of the day, from 23 my standpoint, I just believe a lot of this is 24 HR and has nothing to do with this Board as 25 far as elections. We will look into it, as	Page 17 1 can't say enough to you that we deal with 2 election issues, not personnel issues. I 3 thank you for your time. 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, Clerk 5 Brown. Any other questions for the chairman? 6 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman. 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Mellon. 8 MR. MELLON: Again, less of a 9 question, more of a comment and a request to 10 the Board. I agree there's a lot of 11 information here. There's certain areas that 12 are our areas and there's certain areas that 13 aren't. I agree that personnel is a very gray 14 issue for us and, obviously, it does require 15 some clarification through the attorneys, 16 through the Board to process and to kind of -- 17 and through both chairmen, to kind of come up 18 with one refined set of procedures and 19 policies, because a lot of it has functioned 20 in the past on just kind of implied policy, 21 and I think that that's maybe kind of a bad 22 tradition. 23 But I agree that that's not really 24 for us to decide, that we have no authority 25 for people per se. But the areas that we do

Page 18 1 have authority over, like dual control issues 2 and election voting issues, and things like 3 that, there is information about that in 4 there. And I guess instead of us just kind of 5 kicking the can down the road and say, okay, 6 thanks so much for the big binders, there are 7 some real issues, especially the dual control 8 thing. That really kind of hits a nerve with 9 me. 10 So I would make a recommendation 11 that our attorneys -- or our attorney, review 12 some of this information, find out which items 13 pertain specifically to us, specifically with 14 election controls, like dual control, and we 15 set that for not the February meeting, because 16 I know Carly is not going to be at that 17 meeting, but maybe the March meeting we set it 18 just for those areas and we begin to at least 19 address and talk about. Because those are 20 policies that we can create and those are in 21 the best interest of all of us, quite frankly, 22 to have dual control and have proper and safe 23 election, and all that good stuff. 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 25 Mr. Mellon. I have no problem with that.	Page 20 1 stuff needs to be worked out, but there are 2 some practices and habits that go on in the 3 office that are alarming, and I just want to 4 make sure that you all are aware. 5 You have all the information. 6 Take the time to read over it. The political 7 work on government time started a year ago and 8 I presented you with that a long time ago. I 9 don't know if you've reviewed that, along with 10 that issue with inspector pay, where they were 11 getting paid to attend training they never 12 attended. So those were the first two things 13 I presented way back in the summer. So, 14 again, I appreciate the Board considering this 15 and thank you for the opportunity. 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 17 Mr. Chairman. 18 MR. BROWN: Thank you, 19 Mr. Chairman. 20 MR. REPAY: Mr. Chairman? 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Oh, I'm sorry, 22 yes, Chairman Repay. 23 MR. REPAY: I apologize. I mean, 24 but the other chairman, I mean, goes on for so 25 long it's hard to, you know, wiggle in there
Page 19 1 Obviously, if it's something that is within 2 the purview of the Board, I think we should 3 address it. 4 MR. MELLON: Right. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And I think the 6 chairman has brought up several items that 7 probably would be best before us. So I would 8 ask Mr. Tolbert and Ms. Brandenburg, when 9 you're not in that seat, to take a look at 10 what's been given. Jessica, if you could 11 make -- I think we have a copy now in 12 Michelle's office. So that's great, if any of 13 the Board members want to look at that, and 14 then let's look in March and see if there's 15 some issues that the chairman has raised that 16 we can address. 17 MR. NIEMEYER: And just to quickly 18 address Mr. Brown's comments. I agree with 19 you that we don't want to single out county 20 employees. That's why in these communications 21 I've had with you all I don't mention people's 22 names. Right? I think that looking at 23 things, things that you do have policy 24 influence over and procedural influence are 25 important. Some of the internal management	Page 21 1 with the facts of the matter. The fact of the 2 matter is this Board doesn't have anything to 3 do with personnel. Straight away nothing to 4 do with personnel. It's not appropriate to 5 refer it to the attorneys because you could 6 just refer it to the director. 7 The director has all the integrity 8 she needs to make the right decisions, make 9 the recommendations in terms of policy and 10 procedure. It's not the councilman's or the 11 Republican chairman's responsibility to do 12 that. The idea that he is not besmirching 13 reputations or not saying anything personal is 14 absolutely incorrect. He is. And let's get 15 on with it. There's a lot of stuff on the 16 agenda, a lot of people here to talk about 17 real good business. I hope we have a good 18 2026 and I hope that I speak less in 2026 than 19 I did in 2025. 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 21 Mr. Chairman. 22 MR. BROWN: Thank you, 23 Mr. Chairman. 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. 25 Moving on to Old Business then. The first

Page 22 1 matter I have is IED-Approval of Election 2 Precincts. Michelle or Jessica? 3 MS. FAJMAN: So you received a 4 copy from the State Election Division that the 5 precincts are finalized. The voters have all 6 been moved to their correct precincts based on 7 the small precinct consolidation, the changes 8 that we made as a Board, and so that is just 9 the final notification that that is complete. 10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And I see it's 11 signed by both Mr. King and Ms. Nussmeyer. 12 MS. FAJMAN: Yes. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Jessica, anything 14 else on that? 15 MS. MESSLER: No. 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Is it just for -- 17 MS. FAJMAN: Your information. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: The Board's 19 information, okay. No action. 20 Next matter of Old Business, if 21 there's no questions for either Jessica or 22 Michelle on that matter, is G3-26 and G4-3 23 Request for Poll Location Change. My 24 recollection on this is that we got an email 25 at some point that the Republican chair had	Page 24 1 ahead. 2 MR. BROWN: It's just that serving 3 as the city chairman in Gary and talking to 4 the precinct committeemen, they agreed that 5 the location of the church is where they 6 wanted to be. So that's what my position was. 7 Did not get any input from the Republicans 8 because the county Republican chair wanted to 9 weigh in on it, and that's been the delay. 10 MR. MELLON: That's not correct. 11 (Inaudible; talking in unison.) 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Mellon, go 13 ahead. 14 MR. MELLON: I was just going to 15 say that's not a true statement. There was no 16 input that was gained from the Republican 17 chair, city chair, or any chair of the 18 Republican Party, and so, therefore, the 19 county chair said he would like to weigh in 20 absent of no information. That's not true. 21 MR. BROWN: Do you have a city 22 Republican -- 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Clerk Brown. 24 MR. BROWN: -- chair for Gary? Do 25 you have a chair for Gary?
Page 23 1 asked that he speak on this matter, not the 2 Gary Republican chair. 3 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman? 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Mellon. 5 MR. MELLON: The issue was we had 6 no voice from the Republicans. 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Got it. 8 MR. MELLON: The Republican chair 9 said that he was willing to. I think since 10 then he has weighed in on this issue and I 11 think we can now make a decision. It was just 12 unprecedented to make a polling location 13 without asking the other side. For some 14 reason -- 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No, I think we 16 always did. 17 MR. MELLON: We always did except 18 this one. 19 MS. FAJMAN: No, no. 20 MR. BROWN: Generally, the city 21 chairman of both Parties generally -- 22 MR. MELLON: Yeah, yeah, but he 23 wasn't asked. 24 MR. BROWN: Excuse me, please. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Clerk Brown, go	Page 25 1 MR. MELLON: Yes, we have a chair. 2 MR. NIEMEYER: Are you asking me? 3 MR. BROWN: No, I'm asking him. 4 Do you want to answer? 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Mellon, do 6 you know the answer? 7 MR. MELLON: Yes, we do. 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. And if I 9 started this, I apologize. What I was trying 10 to say was my recollection is the reason it's 11 back on Old Business is that we did not have 12 input from the Republican Party regarding this 13 change, and there was an email from Chairman 14 Niemeyer saying instead of the Gary city 15 chair -- maybe there wasn't one at the time, 16 I'm going to weigh in on it. That's just the 17 way I recall it. 18 Now whether we've gotten that 19 input yet or not, I'm not sure. Jessica, do 20 you want to report out on this? Where are we? 21 MS. MESSLER: Chairman Niemeyer, 22 from my understanding, is prepared to speak on 23 it. So, I mean, yes, we did get the letter 24 from him. I mean, do you want to speak on the 25 issue about the polling location?

Page 26 1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, let me set 2 the record real quick first, and then, 3 Chairman, if you want to speak, you can. 4 Michelle, where are we as far as the Democrats 5 are concern on G4-3 and G3-26? 6 MS. FAJMAN: There was an original 7 request from Mr. McKenzie asking for the 8 polling place to be changed from Pachter Park 9 Pavilion, which is no longer available because 10 the city is not upkeeping it and they asked 11 for it to be changed to the Love Feast Church, 12 located at 2456 Chase Street. Subsequently, 13 after that there was a letter from the Gary 14 Precinct Organization because Mr. McKenzie had 15 only asked for one of the precincts there and 16 there are two precincts there. 17 I did send that letter to Jessica 18 asking her back in September to notify the 19 Republican precinct committeemen or chairman 20 because that is not information I would have. 21 Their chairman or Jessica came back with an 22 email indicating that their proposed location 23 was Frankie Woods McCullough Academy. So 24 there was notification. The policy had not 25 changed. It was sent out. It did respond.	Page 28 1 committee -- 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 3 MR. BROWN: -- (Inaudible) of the 4 district met with him, we're good about the 5 church location. We just needed to hear from 6 you all about your location because we stand 7 tall on the church location. 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Chairman 9 Niemeyer, do you want to be heard on this? 10 MR. NIEMEYER: Very quick. Thank 11 you, and thank you for that clarification. We 12 don't object to the church location, but -- 13 MR. BROWN: Thank you. 14 MR. NIEMEYER: -- the input we 15 received from the precinct organization in 16 Gary was preferred for the school. 17 MR. BROWN: Thank you. 18 MR. NIEMEYER: And the policy we 19 have internally in the county for the 20 Republican side is these sorts of management 21 procedural matters go through the county 22 executive committee, not through our 23 individual precinct organization. So, going 24 forward on these precinct changes, the 25 precinct polling changes, just run it through
Page 27 1 Since then, yes, Chairman Niemeyer 2 had requested to speak on behalf or for it, 3 and that is where we are at. So at the time 4 the last motion was made that we move it and 5 then it stopped so that he could speak. 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. Yes, 7 Jessica. 8 MS. MESSLER: To clarify that 9 point, she's correct. The email was sent. I 10 did respond. We had spoken via phone about 11 this and I responded via email to him. I 12 think the concern, more or less, was that 13 somehow the Gary city chairman, who is no 14 longer our Gary city chairman, was woven into 15 the conversation, and that's where I think he 16 was wanting to have a conversation. 17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Fair 18 enough. 19 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair. 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Clerk Brown. 21 MR. BROWN: And that was the 22 reason why I agreed to the motion to move it 23 up because I wanted to make sure they had 24 their position on their location. But 25 Mr. McKenzie said, well, if the other precinct	Page 29 1 me. 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, I assume it 3 will go Michelle to Jessica, Jessica to you, 4 instead of in this instance -- 5 MR. NIEMEYER: We don't need to 6 contact city chairmen or township chairmen 7 on -- 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We didn't. 9 MS. FAJMAN: We didn't. You guys 10 did. 11 MR. NIEMEYER: Well, somebody 12 was -- 13 MS. FAJMAN: I don't have your 14 information, so there's no way we could have 15 contacted anybody because I don't know. Case 16 in point -- 17 MR. NIEMEYER: Okay. Going 18 forward, that's how. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Clerk Brown and 20 then Jessica. 21 MR. BROWN: So the way we do it 22 from the Democratic Party side is, the 23 precinct organization starts with the precinct 24 committeemen. So as a precinct committeeman, 25 as well as the chairman, we go through our

Page 30 1 precinct committeemen, our captains, and then 2 we decide what's best for that particular 3 precinct. I met with those precinct 4 committeemen, they believe based on the voters 5 in that area that's the best location, and 6 then at that point it goes further up the 7 chain. What you're saying is you want it 8 directed to you any other changes; right? 9 MR. NIEMEYER: And then I'll take 10 it to our precinct committeemen and that 11 organization through the local chair. So just 12 a little different than -- 13 MR. BROWN: Okay. No problem. 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Jessica. 15 MS. MESSLER: Just to clarify, 16 from what I was told, and this is completely 17 hearsay, but I believe the precinct 18 committeemen or chairs, or whatever, reached 19 out to each other. So we weren't involved in 20 that process yet. Not that it really matters, 21 but you guys were asking how did the 22 communications occur. I think the two chairs 23 reached out, the two local chairs reached out 24 to each other. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: It was just an	Page 32 1 MS. BRANDENBURG: Okay. Good. 2 MR. BROWN: And this is ADA 3 compliant. In fact, the minister of the 4 church was a former county employee himself 5 and so he's very familiar with government and 6 so they're pleased to have it at that 7 location. 8 MR. MELLON: So they're not 9 charging? 10 MR. BROWN: I'm not into the 11 charges. I'm into the issue of what I just 12 said, the ADA compliant, as well as -- 13 MR. MELLON: So (Inaudible.) they 14 charge? 15 MR. BROWN: I heard what you said. 16 MS. BRANDENBURG: No, I was 17 thinking more of I know we've had issues on 18 Election Day where a private facility couldn't 19 be opened and we couldn't figure out who had 20 the keys, things like that. 21 MR. BROWN: There was also damage 22 from the tornado that occurred in recent years 23 and so it was closed, and so, therefore, the 24 church is always open, as you know. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, it sounds
Page 31 1 unusual circumstance. That's a little bit 2 beyond our control. I think from our side 3 what we'll do is we'll just do what we usually 4 do, which is Michelle will email Jessica, 5 Jessica will, I assume, get ahold of you, and 6 you guys can -- 7 MR. NIEMEYER: And the information 8 I got came from the same place, Clerk Brown, 9 from our precinct committeemen. 10 MR. BROWN: That's fine. Thank 11 you, really appreciate that. 12 MR. NIEMEYER: Yep. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Ms. Brandenburg. 14 MR. NIEMEYER: No objection. 15 MR. BROWN: Thank you. 16 MS. BRANDENBURG: I just had a 17 question about the location being a school 18 versus a church, if there was any sort of 19 reanalysis on the local level of do we want 20 this at a government building versus private 21 facility, because I know we've had issues in 22 the past with access and having to pay, and 23 things of that nature. 24 MR. BROWN: So, it's not that 25 problem.	Page 33 1 like, based on discussion I heard, is that 2 Chairman Niemeyer is not objecting to the 3 change. 4 MR. NIEMEYER: No. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. The 6 requested change is to the church, which is 7 located at what address, Michelle? Do you 8 have that, or the name of the church? 9 MS. MESSLER: 3.2. 10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: What is that? 11 MS. MESSLER: 3.2 on here. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: 3.2, okay, thank 13 you. 14 MR. TOLBERT: 2456 Chase Street. 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. The 16 location for G3-26 and G-43 proposed change is 17 to 2456 Chase Street. I'll entertain a motion 18 to approve that. 19 MR. BROWN: Motion to approve, 20 Mr. Chair. 21 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Second. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion by Clerk 23 Brown to approve the change, seconded by 24 Ms. Candelaria Reardon. Is there any 25 discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor

Page 34 1 signify by saying aye. 2 (Board members saying "aye" in 3 unison.) 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 5 (No immediate response.) 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion carries 7 unanimously. 8 MR. BROWN: Thank you. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Next 10 is East Chicago Early Voting Request Change in 11 Location. So this is 3.3 of our agenda. It 12 appears that Mr. Robert Garcia, chairman of 13 the East Chicago Democratic Organization, has 14 requested an early vote change. I don't think 15 we -- do we entertain these now or is this 16 something that we should be looking at once we 17 set early voting? 18 MS. FAJMAN: The more information 19 we can get out there, if there is a change to 20 happen, the better, in my opinion. You know, 21 why reach out to places if we're not going to 22 be going to the East Chicago Courthouse? So 23 if you can address it early, it's preferred. 24 You can wait. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I don't know. It	Page 36 1 from the Republican chairman. Is there any 2 objection to deferring this matter to the next 3 meeting? 4 MR. BROWN: Motion to defer. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No objection to 6 deferring? All right. We'll just show it 7 deferred to the next agenda. Thank you. 8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 9 All right. Next matter of 10 business is Crane versus Gore, which is on our 11 agenda, 2025-17. Is Mr. Crane here, the 12 petitioner? Hello, sir, good morning. And 13 you have with you whom? 14 MR. CRANE: Thomas Ostrowski. 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Ostrowski, 16 are you an attorney? 17 MR. OSTROWSKI: I'm not an 18 attorney. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You're just here 20 with him. 21 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. And 23 then I see Mr. Gore here. Good morning. You 24 have Mr. McDermott with you. 25 MR. GORE: I do.
Page 35 1 says -- I see that Mr. Garcia has weighed in, 2 and it looks like Mr. Lopez has also weighed 3 in. Is that also on this issue or is that a 4 different issue? 5 MS. FAJMAN: Same. 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Based 7 on what you just said, Chairman Niemeyer, is 8 that okay or where are we going? 9 MR. NIEMEYER: We do not have an 10 East Chicago Republican Organization at the 11 time. So Mr. Lopez is not the chairman of any 12 organization. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 14 MR. NIEMEYER: It's been defunct 15 for a couple of years. 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Got it. Okay. 17 Just so you know, he signed something on 18 December 2nd. 19 MR. NIEMEYER: Yeah, that means 20 nothing. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Well, 22 maybe the best thing to do is let Chairman 23 Niemeyer decide what his side would like to do 24 on this and we'll move it to the next meeting 25 and defer it. That way we can get some input	Page 37 1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. If 2 you're going to give testimony, if you're not 3 an attorney, would you please stand and raise 4 your right hand. 5 (Whereupon, parties and witnesses 6 were sworn in by Chairman Smith.) 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We'll show 8 everybody duly sworn. So just for the parties 9 this is the way we do this. The petitioner 10 has brought the complaint. We do have all 11 your materials that you provided us, 12 Mr. Crane. So we have that. You don't have 13 to repeat that. If you'd like to summarize, 14 it's up to you. You'll have the opportunity 15 to go first in a brief manner and summarize 16 what your complaint is, and then we'll have a 17 chance to question you. Mr. Gore will have a 18 change to question you, if he'd like. And I 19 think at that point we would turn it over to 20 him and he'd have an chance to respond and we 21 go from there. I don't know, is Mr. Ostrowski 22 a witness or is he an advisor or what is his 23 position? 24 MR. CRANE: He's an advisor. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. All right.

Page 38 1 MR. GORE: And he also helped me 2 with the investigation into this complaint. 3 MR. OSTROWSKI: And Mr. Chairman? 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes. 5 MR. OSTROWSKI: Before you begin, 6 if we can get a little housekeeping matter 7 taken care of here. We received a letter from 8 the department here. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Election Board? 10 MR. OSTROWSKI: Election Board, 11 informing us of your policy that they have, 12 and it states the office does not send notices 13 to persons who are not involved, complainant's 14 witnesses, or respondent's in complaints. If 15 legal counsel is involved, it is our custom to 16 require counsel to send an appearance 17 indicating that they are representing you. At 18 that juncture we communicate with your legal 19 counsel. If Mr. Ostrowski is your legal 20 counsel and would like to enter an appearance, 21 we would encourage you to instruct him to do 22 so. If he is aiding you as a layperson, we 23 would suggest you correspond with him as you 24 deem appropriate. He would not, however, be 25 able to represent you as your legal counsel at	Page 40 1 it's either the petitioner, who is Mr. Crane, 2 or his attorney. That document is accurate. 3 Mr. Crane's remedy at this point -- and I'm 4 directing this to Mr. Crane himself, would be 5 if you need more time on this, you can request 6 more time. However, I think, you know, 7 Mr. Gore is here, his representative is here 8 and, you know, these are matters that I think 9 between the Board and the attorneys for the 10 Board we can address. 11 But Mr. Ostrowski is not an 12 attorney, and he's either going to be a 13 witness for you or he's probably not going to 14 be able to speak, just because that's what we 15 have here. I mean, if that was the case, 16 everybody could bring up five people and say 17 everybody is going to talk. You're the 18 petitioner. 19 MR. CRANE: Thank you, Chairman. 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, sir. 21 MR. CRANE: I'd like to call my 22 first witness, Mr. Ostrowski. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Why don't 24 you first give us a summary of what you're 25 complaining about to Mr. Gore.
Page 39 1 a Board hearing without an appearance on file. 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. I 3 think that's all accurate. 4 MR. OSTROWSKI: I went to your 5 website, sir. There's nothing about this on 6 your website. There's no policy, no 7 procedures. There's no rules, or anything. 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. 9 MR. OSTROWSKI: And to receive a 10 letter like this at the last minute is 11 disenfranchising Mr. Crane and his ability to 12 be here today. You cannot hold hearings -- 13 this is what this is, an administrative 14 hearing, and tell people at the last second 15 you can't do this. When Mr. Crane filed his 16 complaint, not one employee of the Election 17 Board handed him anything that said this is 18 our policy and procedures, you have to follow 19 this. Nothing. 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So, 21 Mr. Ostrowski, my understanding is you're not 22 an attorney; correct? 23 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes, sir. 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So I probably let 25 you speak more than I should have just because	Page 41 1 MR. CRANE: My complaint is that 2 Mr. Gore on his campaign literature has not 3 used the disclaimer. 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 5 MR. CRANE: And this actually 6 continues, and you got my written complaint. 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We did, yes, sir. 8 MR. CRANE: I also have a 9 complaint that Mr. Gore is using the title 10 Lake County Sheriff without "elect" or "for", 11 and both are in the complaint. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 13 you. Yeah, that's the way I understood it 14 too. I think there's kind of like, basically, 15 two tranches here. The first is you're 16 complaining about the way he is presenting 17 himself to the public, saying that he's saying 18 that he's sheriff and the way he presents 19 his -- either on his website, or otherwise. 20 Secondly, there's a disclaimer issue on a 21 couple of his items that you see. 22 MR. CRANE: Several. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay, several. 24 But you would agree with me those are the kind 25 of two tranches of information?

Page 42 1 MR. CRANE: Yes, Chairman. 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 3 you. Do we have any questions -- oh, I should 4 ask you this. Do you have any evidence other 5 than -- other documentary evidence, other than 6 what you presented in your complaint to us 7 that you'd like to give to the Board? 8 MR. CRANE: Yes, I do. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: If you do, just 10 pass it out and we're happy to take that. 11 While Mr. Crane is getting that ready -- and 12 if you could also provide a copy of it for 13 Mr. Gore. Are there any questions of 14 Mr. Crane? 15 (No immediate response.) 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And this is in 17 addition. 18 MR. CRANE: Yes. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 20 MR. TOLBERT: Mr. Chair, may I 21 speak just briefly? 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, Mr. Tolbert. 23 MR. TOLBERT: Just to frame the 24 issues a little bit and maybe allow the Board 25 to save a little bit of time. I know one of	Page 44 1 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman? 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, I was going 3 to get to you guys in just one second. I just 4 want to make sure we're good here. So on that 5 issue, before I turn it over to Mr. Gore for a 6 response, I want to make sure that we have 7 everything. So we've got these documents, 8 which I'm going to just label as Exhibit A, if 9 you're okay with that. Mr. Gore, did you get 10 a copy of this? 11 MR. GORE: We did, yes. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. So on 13 the issue of "for", that issue, if there's no 14 questions of Mr. Crane, I'm going to turn it 15 over to Mr. Gore or his representative, 16 Mr. McDermott. 17 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman, I 18 agree with Mr. Tolbert in regards to the 19 Indiana Election Commission Advisory Opinion 20 2015-1, which is exactly on point. It deals 21 with this specific issue, and the close in 22 Section 3 of that opinion: The election 23 division shall refer to this order and advise 24 candidates, political parties, county election 25 boards, and other interested persons to
Page 43 1 the allegations deals with not using the word 2 "for" on campaign literature, and there's an 3 advisory opinion that speaks specifically to 4 this issue. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 6 MR. TOLBERT: It's Advisory 7 Opinion 2015-1 issued from the Indiana 8 Election Commission, that has essentially said 9 that that is not really a viable offense. You 10 don't necessarily have to use "for" in your 11 campaign literature. So I just wanted to make 12 the Board aware of that to streamline -- 13 MR. CRANE: Mr. Chairman. 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: One second. 15 Thank you, and I've seen that, and I think, 16 actually, the interesting thing about that 17 advisory opinion is it also says that it 18 requires all election boards to use that as 19 precedence for, you know, any complaints that 20 come before us. Mr. Crane. 21 MR. CRANE: It doesn't override 22 the statute. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you. 24 All right. Any questions of Mr. Tolbert on 25 that issue?	Page 45 1 proceed accordingly until this matter is 2 addressed by the Indiana General Assembly. 3 It deals specifically with this 4 issue. If it says, Gore Sheriff, it doesn't 5 have to say Elect Jason Gore Sheriff. It 6 doesn't have to say, Gore For Sheriff. It's 7 fine, according to this Indiana Election 8 Commission Advisory Opinion. Specifically on 9 point. 10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. All 11 right. Any questions of Mr. McDermott or 12 Mr. Gore on this issue? Okay. Hearing none. 13 Mr. Crane, you get the last word on this 14 issue. We're still going to deal with the 15 disclaimer. I just want to make sure we're 16 still on this issue. 17 MR. CRANE: As I stated before, 18 this does not override the statute. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Which statute are 20 you referring to? And while you're looking -- 21 and take your time, please, you know, it's 22 kind of like when courts interpret statutes. 23 Right? You have a statute and then the court 24 has to say, well, this is what the statute 25 means as far as we're concerned. I think the

Page 46 1 Election Commission similarly has to look at 2 election statutes and interpret them for 3 direction, which they've done in this case. 4 But, go ahead. 5 MR. CRANE: Mr. Chairman, it's 6 Section 15, dot, I.C. 3-9-3-5. 7 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman? 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. McDermott, 9 yes. 3-9-3-5, Mr. Tolbert? 10 MR. TOLBERT: That's correct, it's 11 3-9-3-5, and that would be Subsection C of the 12 statute. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 14 MR. McDERMOTT: In the whereas of 15 the Advisory Opinion 2025-1, issued by the 16 Indiana Election Commission because of 17 confusion on this specific issue Mr. Crane 18 brings up, in the whereas, it says, whether a 19 candidate must use words or phrases such as 20 elect, vote, or, for in campaign material to 21 comply with the requirements under I.C. 22 3-9-3-5. The exact one Mr. Crane refers to. 23 This is exactly on point from the 24 Indiana Election Commission advising election 25 boards, just like this election board, exactly	Page 48 1 MR. McDERMOTT: The bigger 2 picture, I've been hanging out with Jason for 3 the last six months, and I never once heard 4 him refer to himself as the Lake County 5 Sheriff. That's the big issue here: Does he 6 walk around telling everybody he's a sheriff. 7 It's ludicrous. This complies, this advisory 8 opinion, straight on point. 9 This is a former federal agent, 10 vetted by the FBI, running for Lake County 11 Sheriff right now. Not once has he 12 misrepresented his position. Everybody knows 13 he's running for sheriff. Mr. Crane knows 14 full-well what he's saying is malarkey. The 15 advisory opinion is exactly on point, and I 16 suggest you follow what the Indiana Election 17 Commission tells you in a situation like this. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, I think I 19 was trying to stick with like the statute, but 20 I appreciate what you're saying. There was a 21 part of the complaint that kind of alluded to 22 this criminal statute, and I took a look at 23 that and I asked our counsel to take a look at 24 that. To me, that's more in the area, 25 Mr. McDermott, you just alluded to, which was
Page 47 1 what you're supposed to do in this case. 2 Mr. Crane is completely wrong. I'd like to 3 point out he's not an attorney. He doesn't 4 understand what the statute means. This is 5 exactly on point. 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 7 you. And, Mr. Crane, of course, I understand 8 you're not an attorney, but I think it sounds 9 like you're well-versed in it. So I 10 appreciate you bringing that statute to our 11 attention. 12 MR. CRANE: Sir? 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'm sorry, yes, 14 Mr. Crane. 15 MR. CRANE: Also I'd like you to 16 look at Section 5, dot, I.C. 3-6-4.1-26. 17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: What was the last 18 one? 19 MR. CRANE: 3-6-4.1-26. Any 20 advisory opinion issued by this Commission 21 before July 1, 2025 is void. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 23 you. We'll take a look at that as well. 24 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman? 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. McDermott.	Page 49 1 when someone is out and about, like you hear 2 about these people that like wear badges and 3 pull people over and say I'm a police officer 4 or I'm the sheriff or I'm this, I'm the FBI, 5 whatever it is. 6 MR. MELLON: Or wears a sheriff's 7 jacket in a polling place. 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You had to go 9 there. He's just been waiting for that. 10 (Inaudible; talking in unison.) 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: But the point 12 being, I think that, to me, is where I thought 13 that criminal statute looked to. So I didn't 14 even really think that was really at issue 15 here unless there's some specific example that 16 Mr. Crane can point to with evidence that says 17 Mr. Gore was out there saying I'm the sheriff. 18 So I just kind of threw that out, personally. 19 And I assume -- Mr. Crane, do you have 20 examples where Mr. Gore is specifically saying 21 I'm the sheriff? 22 MR. CRANE: His political 23 literature. 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, I get that. 25 I understand that.

Page 50 1 MR. CRANE: His signs that are up. 2 There's only one sheriff in this county that's 3 elected at this time. His signs are saying 4 that he's the sheriff of this county. It 5 doesn't say "elect", it doesn't say "for", and 6 according to section I.C. 3-6-4.1-26, it says 7 this voids, voids any opinion. 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Right. It 9 doesn't mean we can't look at it, though, and 10 I can appreciate that, but thank you. Any 11 other questions for either Mr. Gore on this 12 issue or Mr. Crane? 13 Okay. Hearing none. I'll 14 entertain a motion specifically on the matter 15 of Mr. Crane's complaint as it relates to 16 Mr. Gore holding himself out as a Lake County 17 Sheriff, whether it be by his words or by his 18 literature. 19 MR. BROWN: Motion to dismiss, 20 Mr. Chair. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We have a motion 22 to dismiss this portion of the complaint by 23 Clerk Brown. Is there a second? 24 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Second. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Seconded by	Page 52 1 advisory opinions, that doesn't mean that they 2 weren't valid, doesn't mean there wasn't 3 validity to those in the past, doesn't mean 4 they won't be renewed by the State Election 5 Board again in terms of advisory opinions. 6 You know, I always fall back to 7 banking and, look, there's federal code, but 8 then there's what the FDIC defines as federal 9 code, their advisory, their best practices, 10 things along those lines, and I think this is 11 a very similar situation to that. I don't 12 know that we're the body to sort of adjudicate 13 that aspect of it. So I think there is a 14 potential that what you're saying is 100 15 percent correct, but I think then the relief 16 is through the courts. That's my thought on 17 this that I thought I'd share before we voted 18 on it. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 20 Mr. Mellon. Any other comments on the motion 21 to dismiss this portion of the complaint? 22 Okay. Hearing none. A vote in favor would be 23 to dismiss this portion of the complaint. All 24 those in favor of the motion signify by saying 25 aye.
Page 51 1 Ms. Candelaria Reardon. Is there any further 2 discussion on this matter? Mr. Mellon. 3 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman, this is 4 a little tough because of the revoking of the 5 opinion, the advisory opinion. The fact that 6 the Indiana legislature put in there that they 7 require the Indiana Election Commission to 8 reevaluate or reissue under new law kind of 9 creates a little bit of a conundrum. 10 But I still say in this situation 11 that our best approach is to listen to 12 advisory opinions in these matters and that if 13 there is activity taking place that's counter 14 to state law, there's advisory opinions that 15 are counter to state law, or there's action of 16 this Board that's counter to state law, then 17 the relief needs to be through the courts, and 18 then it needs to go up to the Indiana Supreme 19 Court and then to come up with a final ruling 20 on it, and, therefore, possibly even fully 21 dismiss any advisory opinions moving forward. 22 So I think that based on the 23 information we're stuck with today -- even 24 though I agree that there is some language out 25 there that says, hey, disregard previous	Page 53 1 (Board members saying "aye" in 2 unison.) 3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 4 (No immediate response.) 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That motion 6 carries, and that portion of the complaint is 7 dismissed. 8 That leaves the disclaimer 9 portion. Mr. Crane, you have presented us in 10 your complaint with a couple different items. 11 I think one is a Veterans For, maybe, and 12 another one looks like a sign on -- looks like 13 a sign on a commercial location? 14 MR. CRANE: (Indicating.) 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, those are 16 the two I saw in the complaint. Is that 17 accurate? 18 MR. CRANE: Yes, plus the packet I 19 gave you there's also more information there 20 without disclaimers on it. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. It looks 22 like on this -- I'm just holding this one up. 23 It looks like on this one there is a 24 disclaimer on the sign, but are you saying 25 like the smaller material or -- there's

Page 54 1 another one I see with, looks like, Bernie 2 Carter in it. 3 MR. McDERMOTT: It's a picture of 4 Bernie Carter when -- Bernie Carter took a 5 picture with Jason Gore, the Lake County 6 Prosecutor. In that picture it says Paid For 7 By Committee To Elect on the bottom, and we 8 appreciate Mr. Carter taking a picture with 9 us. 10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Oh, yeah, I see 11 that at the bottom there. 12 MR. MELLON: Where do you see 13 that? 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Right here. It's 15 like behind their leg. 16 MR. MELLON: Oh, yeah, got it. 17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Is that in our 18 packet? 19 MR. CRANE: Yes, sir. 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Let me 21 take a look at that one. Ask The Candidate, 22 Live with Jason Gore, where is this from, from 23 like a Facebook page? 24 MR. CRANE: Yes. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Facebook page,	Page 56 1 MR. CRANE: (Nodding head.) 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. So 3 we've got all the evidence before us as far as 4 you're concerned, right, Mr. Crane? You've 5 given us everything? 6 MR. CRANE: Yes. 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you, 8 sir. Mr. McDermott. 9 MR. McDERMOTT: A couple of items. 10 First off, in regards to the wooden sign that 11 was made by Jason's father. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That's the 13 veterans one? 14 MR. McDERMOTT: It was at the 15 Veterans Day Parade. We acknowledge -- by the 16 way, unfortunately, that sign has been 17 destroyed since. I mean, we acknowledge. We 18 take the hit on that one. There should have 19 been a disclaimer and there wasn't. All 20 right? The billboard sign -- 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Who was that made 22 by? 23 MR. McDERMOTT: Jason's father. 24 It was shortly after Jason lost his mom. It 25 was like a very nice thing his dad made him
Page 55 1 okay. So, I guess my question would be -- 2 when I get a chance to ask Mr. Gore on this I 3 will, does the Facebook page itself have a 4 disclaimer. We dealt with this with another 5 sheriff's candidate not too long ago, Chief 6 Flores. We asked him to put it at the bottom. 7 Right? 8 MS. BRANDENBURG: Yes. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. All right. 10 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman? 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, 12 Mr. McDermott. I just want to make sure that 13 I -- 14 MR. McDERMOTT: Can I address 15 this? 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Just one second. 17 I just want to make sure. And then this is a 18 billboard? 19 MR. CRANE: Yes. 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: It looks like 21 there's a disclaimer on the bottom there. 22 MR. CRANE: (Nodding head.) 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. And 24 then it looks like another maybe like post, a 25 comment post.	Page 57 1 this sign and they put it on, proudly 2 displaying something his father made for him 3 and it didn't have a disclaimer. And I said, 4 well, let's just put a sticker on it. 5 Unfortunately, it's been destroyed and we 6 can't use it again. We take the hit. Okay? 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. 8 MR. McDERMOTT: The billboard, the 9 placard in front of the headquarters, I think 10 you can drive around a lot of headquarters and 11 notice the same mistake. Quite frankly, I 12 don't think it's confusing that there's a 13 Jason Gore sign on the Jason Gore 14 headquarters. I don't think there's any 15 confusion about who paid for that sign. 16 But if you all require us to get 17 onto a high-lift and put a sticker on there, 18 we'll gladly put a sticker on it, but I think 19 it's unnecessary. It's not confusing about 20 who paid for the placard in front of his own 21 headquarters, located at 7235 Indianapolis 22 Boulevard, for anybody that's want to 23 volunteer. 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: The only question 25 I had was whether dine in or take out applied

Page 58 1 to Jason Gore. 2 MR. McDERMOTT: It's right next to 3 Schoop's. So you can get Schoop's and come 4 over and help with the phone banks, which is 5 wonderful. But we're willing to put stickers 6 on it and rectify this problem, as far as 7 Facebook. I think it's a good wake-up call 8 for the campaign when a complaint like this is 9 made. I'm not going to justify anything that 10 went out without a disclaimer. 11 I promise this Board that we're 12 going to double-down and rectify this 13 immediately. And if you want us to get on a 14 high-lift and put a sticker on our campaign 15 headquarters at 7235 Indianapolis Boulevard, 16 I'm more than happy to do it, but I think it's 17 unnecessary because it's not confusing about 18 who paid for those placards. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you. 20 Any questions of Mr. McDermott or Mr. Gore? 21 MR. MELLON: I did have a few. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Mellon. 23 MR. MELLON: I've got this picture 24 here. Where is this sign located? 25 MR. McDERMOTT: It looks like --	Page 60 1 people miss things, they don't realize things, 2 they think all of this is simple, not a big 3 deal. Obviously, if I put up, you know, Vote 4 For Mike Mellon in front of my house, 5 everybody knows who paid for it, but the 6 requirement is that there's a bug. So put a 7 bug on it and we can move forward. 8 Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to 9 uphold the complaint on this area in terms of 10 the signage and request that the campaign 11 correct all deficiencies. 12 MR. McDERMOTT: No problem. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 14 Mr. Mellon. Is there a second? Oh, I'm 15 sorry, Mr. Tolbert. 16 MR. TOLBERT: I just want to make 17 sure before you vote, there was another aspect 18 of the complaint that is -- 19 MR. MELLON: This is just the 20 signage, the bug. 21 MR. TOLBERT: Okay. You want to 22 just narrow it to that issue. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes. 24 MR. TOLBERT: There was another 25 part in the material that I have where he's
Page 59 1 by the floor it looks like it's the Hammond 2 Center. 3 MR. MELLON: During like a private 4 fundraiser or -- 5 MR. McDERMOTT: If I had to guess, 6 it was probably during some type of event. 7 MR. MELLON: Like a public event. 8 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes. Trunk or 9 Treat, there you go. 10 MR. MELLON: Oh, Trunk or Treat, 11 yes, I'm very familiar. Oh, yeah, I see the 12 Halloween decor, yes. 13 MR. McDERMOTT: There you go. 14 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman, I mean, 15 obviously, there's areas that there aren't 16 signs and compliance is required. We do it 17 the same way and it's universal and there's no 18 ifs, ands or buts about it. I feel the pain 19 of having to get a high-lift truck and go up 20 there, but you could get a ladder and -- 21 MR. McDERMOTT: I'm not doing 22 that. 23 MR. MELLON: -- put a sticker on 24 it, but I think it does require signage. This 25 is a common theme that we see. You know,	Page 61 1 making reference to Title 35. 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I thought we 3 talked about -- oh, okay, let's do that next. 4 MR. TOLBERT: Okay. Well, it's 5 all commingled with the signage issue. 6 Actually, it's dealing with the signage issue, 7 as well as the candidate holding himself out 8 falsely as -- 9 MR. MELLON: My motion is related 10 to disclosure on signage and you're saying -- 11 I'm separating that out. Can we finish that 12 portion? 13 MR. TOLBERT: Okay. That's fine. 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. So 15 the motion before the Board is to uphold the 16 complaint regarding the disclaimer issue and 17 to direct the campaign to ensure that 18 disclaimers are placed, as provided under 19 Indiana law, on their material, including the 20 sign at the headquarters. 21 MS. BRANDENBURG: I will second 22 that. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Seconded by 24 Ms. Brandenburg. Any discussion? 25 MR. BROWN: Yes.

Page 62 1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Clerk Brown. 2 MR. BROWN: So this portion is 3 something, basically, that in all cases when 4 people come before this Board that might be a 5 disclaimer issue, we just ask them to rectify 6 it. 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes. 8 MR. BROWN: No penalty. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Right. 10 MR. BROWN: No other issue. It's 11 just simple. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That's the way I 13 look at it. 14 MR. MELLON: That's how we always 15 do it. 16 MS. BRANDENBURG: The code is -- 17 MR. MELLON: Because we have no 18 ability to do it. 19 MS. BRANDENBURG: So I would just 20 direct the candidate to -- and I know 21 Mr. McDermott already knows this, but 22 3-9-3-2.5(b) is the section that requires -- 23 I'm sorry, D, communication described under 24 Section D. 25 MR. MELLON: Our only other remedy	Page 64 1 already up and we asked the candidate to 2 actually go out and put stickers on the signs. 3 It was even late in the race. 4 MR. TOLBERT: Yes. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So we get these 6 complaints often, as you can imagine. 7 MR. BROWN: My fellow Board member 8 didn't really need to go down that aisle about 9 the prosecutor because I don't think we're at 10 that point. By no means we don't even get 11 there. I just wanted to make it clear about 12 this particular motion is just for correction. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: For compliance. 14 MR. BROWN: Nothing else. 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Mr. Crane, 16 we do have a motion in front of us, but I'll 17 let you speak. 18 MR. CRANE: Can I call a witness 19 before you guys vote? 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We can't at this 21 point because there's a motion before the 22 Board. I'm sorry. So there's a motion before 23 the Board regarding the disclaimer, requesting 24 the campaign to comply with the requirements 25 of the disclaimer law. Is there any other
Page 63 1 is like we've had situations where somebody is 2 a repeat offender, has abused it, it continues 3 on, they refuse to correct, and then in those 4 situations we refer to the prosecutor's 5 office, but in this situation it's cut and 6 dry. We uphold that portion of the complaint. 7 We ask them to make the corrective actions. 8 They will make the corrective actions. If 9 they didn't and they continue to come back and 10 it was the same site month after month, day 11 after day, then we would probably say, well, 12 there's a willful disregard for the law. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Agreed. 14 MR. BROWN: So there's a reason -- 15 MR. CRANE: Mr. Chairman. 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'll get right 17 with you. Thank you. 18 MR. BROWN: There's a reason why 19 I'm saying what I'm saying. So people don't 20 come out saying that a crime was committed or 21 it was egregious. It was just a simple 22 overlook that needs to be corrected. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, I can 24 remember -- and I appreciate that, Clerk 25 Brown. I remember a case where the signs were	Page 65 1 discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor 2 signify by saying aye. 3 (Board members saying "aye" in 4 unison.) 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 6 (No immediate response.) 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That motion 8 carries on that issue. Thank you. Mr. Crane, 9 there's one other issue. I believe it's on 10 your third point, which is entitled Official 11 Misconduct. Is that what I'm looking at, 12 Mr. Tolbert? 13 MR. TOLBERT: That is correct. 14 It's referenced under Title 35, Section 44 -- 15 or Chapter 44.1-2-6, and you kind of talked 16 about it a little bit, kind of on the 17 periphery level you kind of mentioned it. But 18 it appears that he's saying that these 19 previous violations or alleged violations in 20 some way trigger the criminal code of deceit, 21 inducement of compliance with persons, 22 instructions, or orders to falsely 23 misrepresent that person as a public servant, 24 and so forth and so on. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Let

Page 66 1 me ask Mr. Crane then. Do you want to be 2 heard on that matter? 3 MR. CRANE: Yes, and I'd like to 4 call a witness. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Has 6 Mr. Tolbert accurately summarized your 7 allegation? 8 MR. CRANE: Yes, he did. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Who 10 is your witness? 11 MR. CRANE: Tom Ostrowski. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. And 13 Mr. Ostrowski, you've been sworn? 14 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes, sir. 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. You 16 can ask your first question, Mr. Crane, of 17 your witness. 18 MR. CRANE: Mr. Ostrowski, can you 19 please address the Board -- 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, that's 21 not a -- 22 MR. CRANE: -- on the 23 investigation that I asked you to conduct on 24 my behalf? 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: There you go.	Page 68 1 presented the evidence to you that Mr. Gore 2 was stating Jason Gore Sheriff, he was in 3 violation of that I.C. 3-9-3-5, pretending to 4 be an officeholder, saying he's going to be 5 sheriff. That's why -- 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So what's been 7 cited -- I'm looking at the complaint, what's 8 been cited is official misconduct by a public 9 servant; correct? 10 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes, sir. 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So would you 12 agree with me that -- prior to July 1, 2025, 13 do you believe Mr. Gore was a public servant? 14 MR. OSTROWSKI: No, sir, we do 15 not. 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. You don't. 17 MR. OSTROWSKI: No, sir, we do 18 not. But as the complaint further states up 19 above it, he was acting as if he was a public 20 servant by saying that he was a sheriff. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Do you understand 22 that's different than official misconduct? 23 Official misconduct addresses official 24 misconduct by a public servant. 25 MR. OSTROWSKI: Correct.
Page 67 1 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes, sir. 2 Mr. Crane, I am not an attorney, as you know, 3 sir. I am his -- what Mr. Crane does and my 4 operation within his campaign is when he has a 5 legal question, he asks me to do research. I 6 do the research, I give it to Mr. Crane, 7 Mr. Crane then contacts whatever attorney he 8 wants to, so that Mr. Crane has the background 9 then to talk to the attorney in a 10 comprehensive manner. Okay? Mr. McDermott 11 states that the Advisory Committee ruling 12 should be the ruling factor here. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Just so you know, 14 we're talking about the last item here, 15 official misconduct. 16 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes, I understand 17 that. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 19 MR. OSTROWSKI: But House Bill 20 Enrollment Act 1680, which went into effect, 21 clearly states that they dropped that Advisory 22 Committee. So any action from July 1st of 23 2025 beforehand, going back, backwards, 24 January, February, March, April, May, is a 25 violation of the law. So when Mr. Crane	Page 69 1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. And you 2 just admitted that he is not a public servant. 3 MR. OSTROWSKI: Correct, but in 4 the I.C. -- 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Go ahead. 6 MR. OSTROWSKI: I'm sorry, sir. 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No, you go right 8 ahead. 9 MR. OSTROWSKI: No, no, please. 10 The I.C. that we're citing is 3-9-3-5, which 11 is in the complaint. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: 3-9-3-5 had to do 13 with a matter we've already dismissed, which 14 is about whether or not you can put "for" or 15 "elect" in front of his literature. And if I 16 understand your logic, what you're saying is 17 because in your opinion and in your 18 allegations he violated 3-9-3-5 he, therefore, 19 is also violating this official misconduct. 20 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes, sir. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. And all 22 I'm saying to you -- again, I'm not arguing, 23 I'm just kind of stating where I'm at on this, 24 is that I don't necessarily get the logic and, 25 specifically, I don't understand how you can

Page 70 1 cite that, if he's not a public servant at the 2 time this occurred. 3 MR. TOLBERT: Yeah, I would just 4 say, to streamline things a little bit maybe 5 for the Board, I guess the Board's previous 6 rulings as it relates to 3-9-3-5 and 7 3-9-3-2.5, Section E is referenced in this 8 complaint have already been determined and 9 have already really been disposed of. 10 Remedial action has already been ordered to be 11 taken. 12 So, really, if his Title 35 claim 13 is linked to those two previous complaints 14 that have already been disposed of, then I 15 think the Board could probably find that last 16 complaint to be moot. It's all commingled as 17 one. It's already been disposed of, and you 18 can't rule adverse to him and then find that 19 there's a violation under Title 35 because it 20 rises and falls with the previous ruling of 21 the Board on those code cites. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 23 Mr. Tolbert. Mr. Ostrowski, I want to give 24 you a chance to continue now. 25 MR. OSTROWSKI: Thank you, sir.	Page 72 1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'm going to let 2 him speak, but, yes, we already did. 3 MR. McDERMOTT: I mean, we keep 4 talking about stuff that's been ruled on 5 already. 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So, 7 Mr. Ostrowski, I understand your logic, but if 8 you could just wrap it up. 9 MR. OSTROWSKI: Sure, yes, sir. 10 So Mr. Crane asked me to investigate 11 Mr. Gore's website. He asked me to 12 investigate his campaign goreforsheriff.com, 13 which has merchandise on it that says Jason 14 Gore Sheriff, and so forth. Okay? And that 15 is why Mr. Crane brought these charges to this 16 Board, sir. 17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Complaints. 18 MR. OSTROWSKI: Yes, sir. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 20 you. Any questions of Mr. Ostrowski? 21 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes, sir. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No, this is for 23 the Board, I'm sorry. Any questions from the 24 Board? 25 MS. BRANDENBURG: This isn't a
Page 71 1 So what your attorney, if I may, sir, should 2 have advised you is to take the last complaint 3 first. That way it falls in line. 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, yeah, but 5 not if we end up dismissing him eventually 6 anyway. 7 MR. OSTROWSKI: Right, but you 8 would understand our logic. Now, also, you 9 know, as Mr. Crane has asked me to review 10 Mr. Gore's Facebook page, there is no 11 disclaimer on his Facebook page. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Which we've 13 addressed. 14 MR. OSTROWSKI: Right. And then 15 there's the numerous number of incidences on 16 his Facebook page where there are no 17 disclaimers on fliers, and so forth. So my 18 question to the Board would have to be that 19 Mr. Crane has asked me to try to find out is, 20 how many of those fliers were sent out without 21 disclaimers on it, how many of those fliers 22 done by email, by mail, and everything else, 23 and those -- 24 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman, 25 didn't we address this?	Page 73 1 question. I'm trying to clarify what we're 2 doing with the remaining portion, because I 3 think the section that was cited, 35-44.1-2-6, 4 which is impersonation of a public servant -- 5 a person who is intent to deceive or induce 6 compliance with another person, instructions 7 or his request, I don't know that that's 8 something that we've necessarily really looked 9 at as a Board. This Board doesn't go beyond 10 the confines of Title 3, and as Mr. Tolbert 11 stated, we've looked at Title 3. We've looked 12 at the appropriate opinion that provides the 13 background guidance on that and -- 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And I was just 15 going by 35-44.1-1-1 because that's what was 16 cited in his complaint. But I agree with you, 17 yeah. 18 MS. BRANDENBURG: Well, I mean, 19 we've got this code provision in our packet 20 and, I mean, this seems to be more in line 21 with like police officers who dress up and, 22 you know, try to order people around, and 23 things like that, but it also speaks very 24 heavily to intent to deceive, and things of 25 that nature.

Page 74 1 At least as far as what we've 2 heard today, you know, when your dad makes a 3 sign for you and it doesn't have the right 4 language, I think this Board is appropriately 5 concerned with making sure the letter of the 6 law is followed and that we stay within the 7 confines of Title 3. But we appreciate the 8 background and the information and being able 9 to make sure that candidates address those 10 issues so that we can keep everyone on the 11 same page and following that letter of Title 3 12 law. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 14 Ms. Brandenburg. Clerk Brown. 15 MR. BROWN: So one of the things 16 about the Board we do hear complaints about 17 concerns when someone comes before the Board 18 just by throwing things and see if it sticks, 19 and we've already addressed this matter. I 20 certainly appreciate you, Mr. Chairman, 21 allowing me to speak, but I'd like to move 22 forward because it's obvious that there's 23 nothing there. 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. I just 25 want to make sure. Thank you, Clerk Brown.	Page 76 1 MR. McDERMOTT: This gentleman has 2 never even met my client. He's never heard my 3 client. He's never seen my client do 4 anything. What we're talking about is a 5 serious allegation here of a former federal 6 agent that knows full well not to hold himself 7 out as law enforcement, and it's ridiculous 8 we're even talking about this. I'm nervous 9 even if one person votes against this that 10 people could insinuate the wrong thing about 11 my client. It's a ridiculous allegation made 12 by a ridiculous candidate. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, 14 procedurally, where we're at right now is a 15 motion to dismiss, and if it gets denied -- 16 MR. MELLON: I will second that 17 motion. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We have a motion 19 to dismiss by Clerk Brown. We have a second 20 by Mr. Mellon. Is there any discussion on the 21 motion to dismiss? 22 MR. MELLON: Just in general, this 23 entire thing, I think -- what I think this 24 all, basically, boils down to is, stickers on 25 signs, and I think that that's a very
Page 75 1 Mr. Crane, I don't want to cut you off. You 2 had a witness, Mr. Ostrowski. Do you have 3 anything else to present? 4 MR. CRANE: I do not. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Are there 6 motions or am I -- 7 MR. McDERMOTT: Mr. Chairman. 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- going to turn 9 it over to Mr. McDermott? 10 MR. BROWN: I would make a motion 11 to dismiss at this time, Mr. Chair, without 12 going further. 13 MR. McDERMOTT: Can I ask 14 questions? I mean, it's fine, but I would 15 like to -- 16 MR. MELLON: We already have a 17 motion to dismiss on the table. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Which would 19 resolve the matter. 20 MR. McDERMOTT: As long 21 as everybody goes along with it, I don't have 22 any -- 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, if the 24 motion to dismiss fails, it will be turned 25 over to you.	Page 77 1 important issue. That's a very important 2 issue for the Election Board. That's what 3 we've, in essence, ruled on here. We have 4 guidance on the "for" or the "elect" and we 5 kind of had to follow that in the first 6 portion of our sort of decision. And on this 7 conversation, again, I think it's way beyond 8 our scope. 9 So, I mean, I appreciate you 10 bringing it to us from the perspective of 11 we're addressing what the Election Board 12 should be addressing, and that's the signage, 13 the disclosure related to that signage. So, 14 thank you very much. 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, 16 Mr. Mellon. Yeah, I just want to say the same 17 thing. I mean, I like it when these issues 18 get brought to the Board, but I also want to 19 let Mr. Gore know that, you know, at the same 20 time we understand that when your name gets 21 slung through the mud, you don't like it, and 22 I get that, and that's why we're kind of here 23 to hear this and, hopefully, resolve it. 24 So we have a motion to dismiss 25 before the Board. It's been seconded by

Page 78 1 Mr. Mellon, made by Clerk Brown. Is there any 2 further discussion? A vote in favor of this 3 motion will dismiss the remaining allegation 4 in the complaint of Mr. Crane against 5 Mr. Gore. All those in favor signify by 6 saying aye. 7 (Board members saying "aye" in 8 unison.) 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 10 (No immediate response.) 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion carries. 12 Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you for coming 13 down. 14 MR. CRANE: Mr. Chairman? 15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Crane. 16 MR. CRANE: I would like 17 transcripts of this -- 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That's up to you. 19 You can address that -- 20 MR. CRANE: -- to be sent to the 21 Secretary of State and the Attorney General's 22 Office. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You're welcome to 24 get transcripts and send them to wherever you 25 want. You can order those at the desk	Page 80 1 additional machines. 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 3 you. 4 MR. MELLON: Everybody is in 5 agreement? This is all good? 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I was just going 7 to ask Jessica. 8 MS. MESSLER: Yes. 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Anything to add? 10 MS. MESSLER: No. 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You're good? 12 MS. MESSLER: Yes. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Motion 14 to -- 15 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman, I could 16 do that. 17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, I can see 18 that. Just what you need in your life. 19 (Inaudible; talking in unison.) 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I take it you 21 would like us to approve the form. 22 MS. FAJMAN: Yes, please. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Motion to 24 approve. 25 MR. MELLON: I'll make that
Page 79 1 downstairs. 2 MR. CRANE: Thank you. 3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, sir. 4 All right. The next matter -- I'm 5 sorry, is there any other Old Business? All 6 right. Hearing none. 7 Move on to New Business. 4.1, 8 IEC-22 County Certification of Voting System 9 and Electronic Poll Book Inventory. Michelle 10 and/or Jessica? 11 MS. FAJMAN: Every year we must 12 submit an inventory to the State of the 13 inventories, that way when we do the Public 14 Test we know what machines we have, and so 15 forth, and that has to be done by 16 January 31st. So this is our certification. 17 I do apologize. I have them printing it right 18 now. 19 We did not email this out because 20 that is confidential information, did not want 21 that inventory of the machines going out. 22 They are printing a copy for you right now to 23 bring upstairs for you to do. This is just 24 the certification, and there is no change from 25 last year, as we have not purchased any	Page 81 1 motion. 2 MR. BROWN: Second. 3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Have a motion by 4 Mr. Mellon, seconded by Clerk Brown. Any 5 further discussion? Hearing none. All those 6 in favor signify by saying aye. 7 (Board members saying "aye" in 8 unison.) 9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 10 (No immediate response.) 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion carries. 12 4.2, Notification of Poll Location 13 Change CCT-01 and CCT-09, which is out in 14 Lakedale, I think. 15 MS. FAJMAN: So I'd like to ask 16 this just to be put on hold or deferred for a 17 while. We're in conversations with them. 18 There is a statute that says that fire 19 stations and police, and so forth, public 20 buildings, have to be allowed for our use, and 21 so we are in discussion with them. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And just remember 23 a volunteer fire department may be a private 24 entity. 25 MS. FAJMAN: Exactly. That is the

Page 82 1 discussion that's coming in right now. 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 3 you. So any objection to deferring this to 4 another meeting? 5 MR. MELLON: No problem. 6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. No 7 objection. 8 4.3 is County Authorization 9 Form-New Office Precinct Committeemen Democrat 10 and Republican of Cedar Lake 11, St. John 20, 11 and Winfield Township 03. 12 MS. FAJMAN: Yes. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Michelle. 14 MS. FAJMAN: So those are the 15 three precincts we had to create due to size, 16 the legal limit, and, therefore, those offices 17 were not in the SVRS, which is required. So 18 we are asking for both Democrat and 19 Republican. Of course, Republican precincts 20 don't run for two years, but might as well be 21 proactive and get it all done at once. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Jessica, 23 anything to add on that? 24 MS. MESSLER: No, I'm fine with 25 that.	Page 84 1 needs to be removed and, unfortunately, we 2 cannot do it and/or, two, voters sometimes 3 need to be merged, and so forth. 4 And so that is what those two 5 items are; one is removing the citizenship 6 flag and the other one is -- they're actually 7 both in the citizenship proffer, and they will 8 be merging the voters. So that's just a 9 request to remove the flag and only the State 10 can do that. 11 MR. MELLON: What does the flag 12 do? 13 MS. FAJMAN: The flag is when a 14 voter at a certain moment in time, if they 15 were not a U.S. citizen, they'll get a 16 driver's license, and so it would flag them 17 from there at that point in time they had a 18 temporary credential that cues us. In the 19 meantime, they may have registered and be 20 fine, but that moment in time didn't mean 21 that's what it was. 22 And so we send them out 23 documentation, they in turn bring us in their 24 citizenship papers, and we can remove that. 25 In this case, the voter was in the hopper, the
Page 83 1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Entertain 2 a motion to approve the form. 3 MR. MELLON: So moved, 4 Mr. Chairman. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion by 6 Mr. Mellon. Is there a second? 7 MS. BRANDENBURG: Second. 8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Seconded by 9 Ms. Brandenburg. Any further discussion? 10 Hearing none. All those in favor signify by 11 saying aye. 12 (Board members saying "aye" in 13 unison.) 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 15 (No immediate response.) 16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That motion 17 carries. 18 Next matter is 4.4, which is 19 County Authorization Form-TC Update? Anybody? 20 MS. FAJMAN: TC is temporary 21 credentials, and so with implementation of the 22 Statewide Voter Registration System as it 23 relates to temporary credentials, it's a work 24 in progress. So as we've been moving forward, 25 there are certain instances where that flag	Page 85 1 voter took their documentation back to the 2 BMV, they have since removed it, but it's 3 still in our hopper. So they presented their 4 identification to the actual BMV on this. 5 MR. MELLON: So this is just for 6 one voter. 7 MS. FAJMAN: One voter. 8 MR. MELLON: Action for one 9 individual voter to take away their -- to 10 change their immigration status. 11 MS. FAJMAN: As it came to our 12 hopper -- 13 MR. MELLON: Or to change their 14 status. 15 MS. FAJMAN: It's just taking off 16 the flag that at the time they were a 17 temporary citizen. 18 MR. MELLON: And right now they're 19 a U.S. citizen. 20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Correct. 21 MS. FAJMAN: Yes. 22 MR. MELLON: And you're just 23 changing one voter; right? 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Right. 25 MS. FAJMAN: There are two of them

Page 86 1 that are pretty much the same. 2 MS. BRANDENBURG: That's the 3 naturalization information that you -- 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: The document I'm 5 looking at says since that time the voter has 6 provided proof of citizenship to the BMV 7 resulting in the removal of the TC credential. 8 MR. MELLON: I'm just trying to 9 understand the procedure. So once the BMV 10 removes it, we don't automatically remove it. 11 We say, no, you got to come in here and show 12 us; is that correct? 13 MS. FAJMAN: We are not getting 14 the updates from the BMV that says they have 15 now changed their status and presented their 16 documentation to us. So once we had the 17 status, we can't take it off. Only the State 18 can, and so we're -- 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And that's what 20 this does, ultimately? 21 MR. MELLON: But who brings in 22 their credentials? Where do they bring their 23 credentials then? 24 MS. FAJMAN: The majority of them 25 are bringing them to us, but they also want to	Page 88 1 they weren't -- 2 MR. MELLON: Right. 3 MS. FAJMAN: -- on their driver's 4 license, and that is what we are comparing our 5 information to. 6 MR. MELLON: Right. 7 MS. FAJMAN: So in this case, yes, 8 they went back there, but because it's already 9 in our hopper coming from the BMV, we can't 10 take it out of the hopper. We can't get them 11 out. 12 MR. MELLON: So they came in here, 13 registered to vote, and we said you can't 14 because it's in our hopper this way. 15 MS. BRANDENBURG: I think 16 Mr. Mellon is concerned with how information 17 got to us. We understand that she went to the 18 BMV and I see we have naturalization papers. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, it's even 20 attached. 21 MR. MELLON: I just want to 22 understand the process. So do they bring it 23 to us or does the BMV supply it to us? 24 MS. FAJMAN: I believe -- and I 25 could be wrong because the staff had requested
Page 87 1 get it taken off their driver's license. So 2 some are going straight to the source having 3 it taken off there. The only problem is that 4 we are not necessarily getting that 5 information and the voters are -- 6 MR. MELLON: So in this case they 7 went to the BMV, you're saying. 8 MS. FAJMAN: Yes. 9 MR. MELLON: Here's my 10 credentials, take it off my driver's license. 11 I don't want that. I'm a U.S. citizen. They 12 say no problem. So then we've got them in our 13 system that they can't -- they come in and go, 14 hey, I'd like to register, and we say we're 15 sorry, you're not a U.S. citizen. They 16 weren't registered -- they couldn't have been 17 registered before because they weren't a U.S. 18 citizen; right? 19 MS. FAJMAN: I may have gotten my 20 driver's license two years ago and I wasn't a 21 citizen, but in that meantime I have become a 22 citizen. 23 MR. MELLON: Right. 24 MS. FAJMAN: And so then we would 25 get the notice, because at that moment in time	Page 89 1 this, I believe they can come in, I believe, 2 but I'm not positive. We were notified and 3 then -- 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: How initially are 5 we notified? How initially do we get 6 notification of something like this? 7 MS. FAJMAN: Whenever someone 8 registers online, either through the BMV, 9 through another commercial service, or through 10 the online voter registration, the voter is 11 giving us their driver's license number so 12 that way we can capture their signature. And 13 so whenever these are coming through the 14 hopper -- and that's where it's going to be an 15 online, once it bounces off the BMV, we're 16 getting the notification that there was a 17 temporary credential. 18 And so as they try to register, 19 there's a whole other set of forms that go out 20 to the voter saying, here, you need to provide 21 us with one of these pieces of documentation 22 so we can remove that credential, that flag 23 out there. So most likely what has happened 24 is they did that, we sent them out notice, and 25 they said we've already done that through

Page 90 1 them. 2 MS. BRANDENBURG: So the Board 3 is -- 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Ms. Brandenburg. 5 MS. BRANDENBURG: -- essentially 6 seeking information. Once we get the notice 7 from the BMV, then we send out a request, 8 here's what you need to do in order to become 9 an actual active voter, they respond, and they 10 provide the data. 11 MR. MELLON: And they respond to 12 us? 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes. 14 MS. FAJMAN: And they don't become 15 an active voter until we have that 16 documentation, which in this case the 17 documentation is attached. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah, in fact, 19 even in here -- 20 MR. MELLON: That's what I was 21 trying to get at. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: On here it even 23 mentions supporting documentation is attached 24 for our review. So, hopefully, that means 25 we've got it.	Page 92 1 see right here, here's our credentials, and we 2 say, okay, great, fantastic, you're now clear. 3 We send in this form down to the State and 4 everything is fine. But you said in this 5 situation they said I've already given my 6 credentials. To who? 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: BMV. 8 MS. FAJMAN: BMV. 9 MR. MELLON: Okay. Then we 10 contacted the BMV and got them? 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: In other words, 12 how do you confirm that the BMV -- 13 MR. MELLON: If they didn't bring 14 it in here, how did we get this? 15 MS. FAJMAN: My understanding is 16 they were talking with the Help Desk and Anola 17 (Phonetic), who is one of the main people over 18 there -- 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: At the BMV? When 20 you say "over there". 21 MS. FAJMAN: At SVRS. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 23 MS. FAJMAN: And they said they 24 could see that it was clear, that it wasn't on 25 there, that the TC was no longer there from
Page 91 1 MR. MELLON: I mean, I see it. 2 I'm just wondering how does it get to us? I'm 3 trying to understand the procedure. 4 MS. FAJMAN: Nine times out of ten 5 the voter is bringing in their documentation 6 to us. I believe in this case they said we've 7 already take it up with them, and we just 8 can't get it out of there because -- 9 MR. MELLON: So then we contacted 10 who? 11 MS. FAJMAN: In this case we 12 contacted -- we can contact the voter, but in 13 this case now only the State can take it out. 14 It's a work in progress. We are finding, 15 because our volume up here is so much greater 16 than a lot of counties, in essence, we are 17 helping build the system because we have these 18 certain situations that come up. And so as 19 they go through them, go to the Help Desk 20 first, they sat there and said we can't do it, 21 you have to go this route, and that is why 22 this is before you today. 23 MR. MELLON: Just one more shot. 24 So, normally, you said, somebody comes in here 25 and they bring in their credentials, which I	Page 93 1 the BMV. 2 MR. MELLON: I have a 3 Certification of Naturalization in my report. 4 That looks very -- it looks legitimate. How 5 did we get that? 6 MS. FAJMAN: If you like, I can 7 call -- 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: May I? 9 MS. FAJMAN: Go ahead. 10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Joel. 11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: With regards to -- 12 there's a 30-day window that allows that voter 13 to submit their documentation to us. If they 14 don't submit it within that 30 days, then that 15 voter is canceled. So what happens is, he 16 goes back to the BMV -- we have that red flag 17 that we can't remove. He goes to the BMV, 18 shows the documentation to the BMV, and they 19 turn that Y into an N, which means -- 20 MR. MELLON: I get all that. 21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: -- which means 22 that they're fine, and we look at our hopper 23 and we still have that individual in our 24 hopper as needing information. 25 MR. MELLON: I totally understand

Page 94 1 every bit of that. I'm going to try this 2 later. I'm good. Thank you. 3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 4 you. I'll entertain a motion to -- and I'm 5 sure Mr. Mellon will make this motion, to sign 6 the County Authorization Form TC Update. 7 MR. MELLON: I will, because I get 8 it, except for one small part that nobody will 9 answer. 10 MR. BROWN: I'll second that. 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Seconded by Clerk 12 Brown, motion by Mr. Mellon, to accept the 13 County Authorization Form TC Update for this 14 lucky voter. Any other discussion? Hearing 15 none. All those in favor signify by saying 16 aye. 17 (Board members saying "aye" in 18 unison.) 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 20 (No immediate response.) 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That motion 22 carries. Any other New Business? 23 MS. BRANDENBURG: Do we need to do 24 that for the second voter too? 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'm sorry, both	Page 96 1 as they're tweaking the system and figuring 2 out how we can do it. So you may have more. 3 The voter stays in limbo until you guys meet, 4 and so that way we can send it down, because 5 it does require your signatures. 6 MR. MELLON: If we're going to 7 start having more, Mr. Chairman, we should 8 probably have a procedure established as to 9 how we're going to handle them and what we 10 require and from whom. These are two very 11 different situations here. There's different 12 validations, and maybe both are acceptable, 13 maybe only one should be acceptable. 14 I think these are both accurate, 15 these individuals. I can tell this looks 16 legitimate, but I'm just saying if you're 17 going to have a lot more of them, you should 18 probably have a procedure. So I would 19 recommend that the Board direct staff to 20 develop a procedure as to what exactly we're 21 going to do with this and then what type of 22 credentials will be acceptable to us and then 23 in what version we will receive those 24 credentials. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I have no problem
Page 95 1 voters? 2 MS. BRANDENBURG: There's a second 3 one, 4.4B. 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Got it. So, 5 Ms. Brandenburg, is there a motion? 6 MS. BRANDENBURG: I'm looking 7 through the documents here. Is this the same 8 scenario? 9 MS. FAJMAN: I believe they're 10 both very, very similar. The first one -- 11 MR. MELLON: Attached scenario to 12 county authorization form. Clerk processed a 13 voter registration for a TC person who was 14 currently in the Citizenship Validation 15 Hopper. Since voter was processed proof of 16 citizenship has been provided to the BMV which 17 caused them to remove the TC credential. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. 19 MS. BRANDENBURG: From this one it 20 looks like the BMV made that change that we 21 relied on that analysis that they've done. 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We just kind of 23 go along with the BMV, it sounds like. 24 MS. FAJMAN: And as they work 25 through the system we may have more of these,	Page 97 1 with that, unless another Board member does, 2 requesting that Jessica and Michelle meet or 3 other staff meet to develop a procedure for 4 these, just so the Board can understand. 5 MS. FAJMAN: Well, it's pretty 6 much what we're giving you, so that way -- 7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I get it. We 8 just want it written down. 9 MS. FAJMAN: Yeah. 10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: It will be a lot 11 easier then. 12 MS. FAJMAN: Okay. 13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Ms. Brandenburg, 14 did I hear that you made a motion to approve 15 this? 16 MS. BRANDENBURG: I will make the 17 motion on 4.4B to approve. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Motion to 19 approve by Ms. Brandenburg. 20 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Second. 21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Seconded by 22 Ms. Candelaria Reardon. Any further 23 discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor 24 signify by saying aye. 25 (Board members saying "aye" in

Page 98 1 unison.) 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 3 (No immediate response.) 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Motion carries. 5 Hearing no other New Business, 6 move on to Correspondence. I don't have any 7 listed. 8 Counsel Report. Mr. Tolbert? 9 MR. TOLBERT: Nothing. Nothing 10 for her either. 11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Nothing for her 12 either. All right. Thank you. 13 MS. BRANDENBURG: Thanks. 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Whoever that is. 15 Purchase Orders. We have before 16 us four purchase orders. I'll entertain a 17 motion to approve as presented. 18 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: So moved. 19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We have a motion 20 by Ms. Candelaria Reardon to approve the 21 purchase orders. Is there a second? 22 MR. MELLON: I'll second. 23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Seconded by 24 Mr. Mellon. Any discussion? Hearing none. 25 All those in favor signify by saying aye.	Page 100 1 Park, as far as the voting location. As you 2 may recall, we had a pretty significant issue 3 there last year when someone left the place 4 unlocked. I'd like to know if anyone has made 5 any attempt to get that replaced as a new 6 voter location. I'd be happy to recommend 7 some places in Highland. So, Jessica or 8 Michelle, if you can get ahold of me, I'd like 9 to get that changed because that is absolutely 10 insecure and probably need to think real 11 quickly about this before the election. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, sir. 13 Any other Public Comment? I thought I saw -- 14 yes, ma'am. Just state your name and we'll 15 get you started on three minutes. 16 MS. SEATON: Carol Ann Seaton, and 17 I don't need three minutes. I'd like 18 clarification on something that was done. You 19 have to have a disclaimer now on your Facebook 20 page, because some people have Facebooks that 21 may have less than 50 people on it. So is 22 there a breakdown of when you have to have it 23 or is this a new recommendation? 24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Thank 25 you. Any other Public Comment? Yes. Oh, I'm
Page 99 1 (Board members saying "aye" in 2 unison.) 3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any opposed? 4 (No immediate response.) 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That motion 6 carries. 7 Next matter is Public Comment. Do 8 we have any Public Comment? Public Comment is 9 open. Yes, sir. We have two, it looks like 10 at least. Please state your name and you'll 11 have three minutes, and welcome. 12 MR. RAPINOL: Jeff Rapinol 13 (Phonetic), Highland, Indiana. 14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Good morning. 15 MR. RAPINOL: You know, early on 16 in the meeting there was comment made that 17 there was some concern about how the public 18 may jump to conclusions. The very same thing 19 could be stated about the meeting that we went 20 to when the Board of Elections met over there 21 and the same thing was made by Randy when he 22 was absent because he had to be at the Council 23 meeting. So I find that a little bit 24 disappointing. 25 I'd also like to talk about Wicker	Page 101 1 sorry. Who wants to go first? 2 MR. OSTROWSKI: Ladies first, 3 please. 4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Mr. Ostrowski, 5 we'll be right with you. Yes, ma'am, if you 6 could just state your name and you'll have 7 three minutes. 8 MS. TALLOS: I am Barbara Tallos 9 (Phonetic), Hobart, Indiana. I missed you 10 guys. I haven't been here in a long time, and 11 it's so refreshing to be at this meeting where 12 you're actually discussing things. I've been 13 going to the Hobart City Council meetings and 14 the city clerk reads an ordinance, the mayor 15 reads the title, someone explains the title, 16 and they vote, no discussion, aye, aye, aye, 17 aye, aye. So I really appreciate this. 18 I just wanted to say today that 19 I've heard about some -- I've known about some 20 irregularities at the election office, and 21 then today the gentleman who omitted the 22 disclaimer on his literature, to me, these are 23 like little micro-aggressions. Things that 24 shouldn't be happening and then they escalate 25 a little bit and then more things happen.

Page 102 1 It's just like -- you know, I'll give you a 2 good example. 3 Kids putting their laundry in the 4 washing machine, throwing it in the dryer, and 5 leaving it there for someone else to take out. 6 So then you say, all right, next time you're 7 going to be in trouble. Next time they take 8 them out of the dryer and throw them on the 9 couch, and one more time they take them out of 10 the dryer and throw them right back in the 11 laundry basket. 12 MR. MELLON: Have you been talking 13 to my wife? 14 MS. TALLOS: And so then a good 15 parent says, okay, I'm driving you to the 16 laundromat from now on, get your clothes 17 together, be sure you have plenty of quarters, 18 I'll pick you up in two hours. So if you see 19 things progressing like that, we have to nip 20 it in the bud. It's so easy. 21 You know who did it, you talk to 22 them, you talk to the supervisor, and then you 23 make sure that they're going to be addressed 24 again, like every three months, or something, 25 and move on. It doesn't matter whether they	Page 104 1 it's on the Board's motion to do things. I 2 think that would be appropriate and I think 3 that would be fair for everyone. Now 4 Mr. McDermott, who is also Mr. Gore's campaign 5 manager, now has the video of him bad-mouthing 6 us in front of this Board, and so forth, and 7 nobody on the Board standing up, and I think 8 that's wrong. 9 I think the Board should come out 10 with a statement stating that it is a fair 11 Board, that it allows everyone to talk, and 12 that it makes no distinction between 13 Republican and Democrat, and that what 14 Mr. McDermott did was wrong. He should not 15 have continued to speak when the Board made 16 their motion. If you do that, then I think 17 you are a fair board. I think you're an 18 honest board. If you stay silent on that 19 matter, then I don't believe you are. I don't 20 think the citizens are going to be believe 21 that you are also. 22 Also, policies, if you have a 23 policy that you have to have an attorney here, 24 I would suggest strongly that you put it on 25 your website. You cannot expect people to
Page 103 1 do it on purpose or not. It's done. We have 2 rules, and if we let people slide on the 3 rules, then we can't say we're having safe 4 elections. Thank you. 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. Any 6 other Public Comment. Oh, yes, Mr. Ostrowski, 7 I didn't want to forget you. 8 MR. OSTROWSKI: I'm not going to 9 try and re-litigate. 10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That's okay. You 11 have three minutes. 12 MR. OSTROWSKI: Thank you. I just 13 want to say, Mr. Smith, thank you for allowing 14 us to voice our opinions here today. The only 15 one thing I would like to address here, sir, 16 is when the Board begins to -- when a motion 17 is made, at that time I would hope -- like 18 with Mr. Crane, he was told he had to be 19 quiet. Mr. McDermott kept talking, kept 20 insinuating, kept accusing me and accusing Mr. 21 Crane of things. 22 I would hope that the Board would 23 understand that to be a fair board that at 24 that time when Mr. McDermott started to talk, 25 he should have been told to be silent because	Page 105 1 come here and file a complaint when nobody is 2 explaining to them what they have to do, and 3 when they come here to a hearing -- not a 4 trial, but a hearing, then you make the rules 5 at that time, which, like I said before, is a 6 disadvantage to all the citizens here in Lake 7 County. So I hope that you would do that. 8 Also, there is a letter on your 9 website from the director stating how to fill 10 out a complaint. Nowhere in that letter 11 states that you have to sign the complaint. 12 It says you have to fill it out, not sign it. 13 As your attorneys know, sometimes you fill out 14 paperwork, but you tell your client do not 15 sign it because it may have to be notarized, 16 so I don't want you to sign a piece of 17 paperwork. 18 So when you look at your website 19 and it says fill it out, but it doesn't say 20 sign it, and then get a letter from the 21 Election Board saying this complaint was not 22 signed, I believe there's an issue, because 23 your directive on that website states fill it 24 out, not sign it. Thank you, sir. 25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

Page 106 1 MR. BROWN: Thank you. 2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other Public 3 Comment? 4 (No immediate response.) 5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Public 6 Comment is now closed. 7 The next meeting of this Board 8 will be on February 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in 9 the Commissioners Courtroom. I believe that's 10 Lottery day. Is that accurate? 11 MS. FAJMAN: Yes. 12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We'll have a lot 13 of pieces of paper to unfold that day. So 14 we'll see everybody at 10:00 a.m. right here. 15 Is there a motion to adjourn? 16 MR. MELLON: So moved. 17 MR. BROWN: Second. 18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All those in 19 favor? 20 (Board members saying "aye" in 21 unison.) 22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We are adjourned. 23 It is 11:42. Thank you, everybody. 24 (Proceedings concluded.) 25 * * *	
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TO: Lake County Board of Elections

FROM: Robert Garcia

Chairman, East Chicago Democratic Org

Subject: Request to Change Early Voting Location

Due to numerous complaints, I am requesting a change of location of the early voting location in East Chicago. Currently the location is the County Court building on Main street in East Chicago. Some of the complaints are that there is no access to adequate handicap/regular parking and harassment of electioneering when entering the location.

I am requesting to change to Westside Early Learning school at 4001 Indianapolis Blvd & Columbus Dr. Voting will be conducted in the gym with adequate parking & easier access to voting location. We will be able to have election workers section off preventing harassment.

Your attention to this matter is much appreciated.

Thank You



Robert Garcia

Chairman, East Chicago Democratic Org

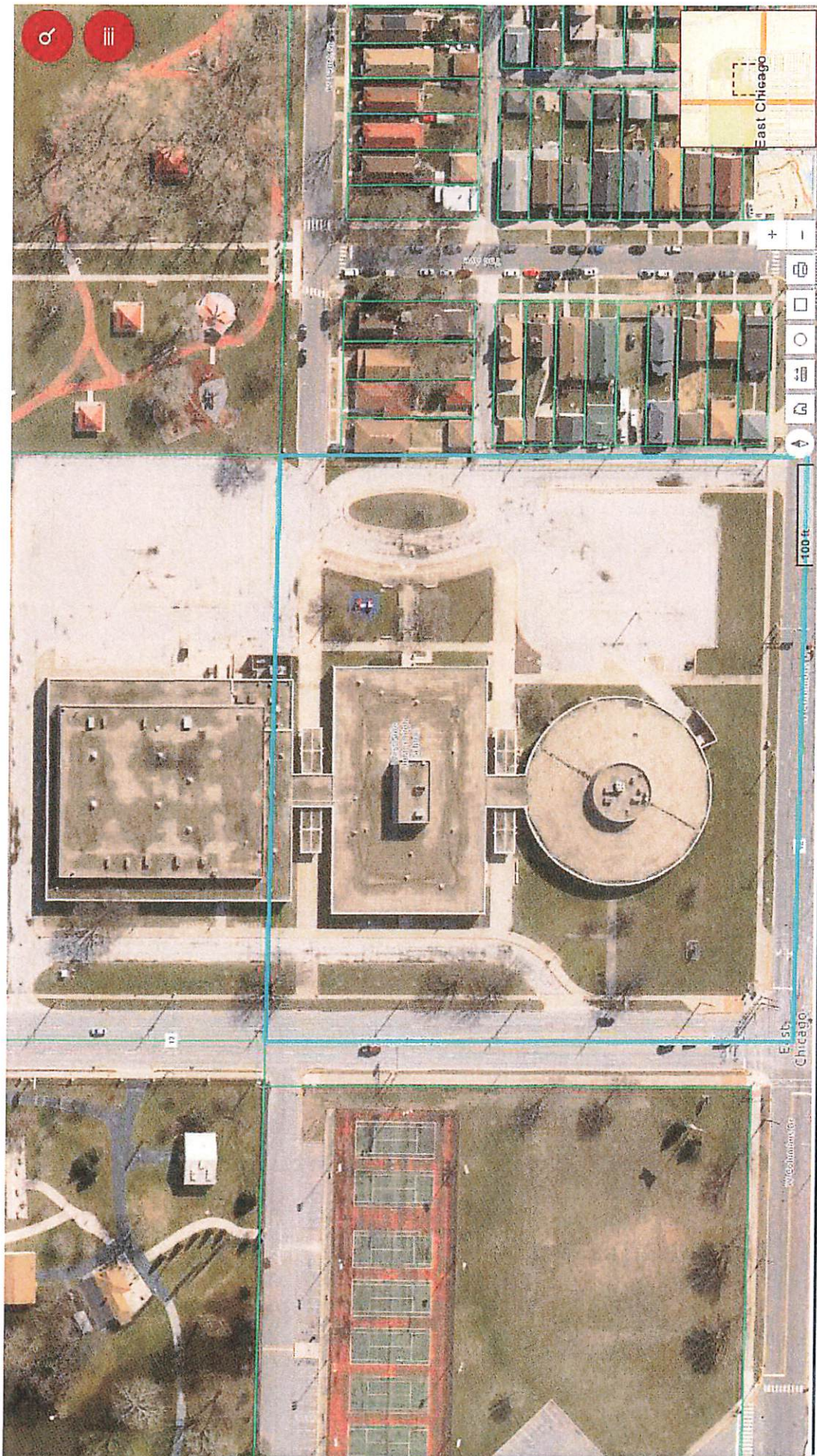
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Picture B is Westside Early Learning Ctr

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TO: Lake County Board of Elections

FROM: Ray Lopez

Chairman, East Chicago Republican Party

Robert Garcia

Chairman, East Chicago Democratic Org

Subject: Agreements

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We both agree on changing the location of early voting to Westside Early Learning Center.

We both agree on combining EC2 to be absorbed by EC3.

We both agree on combining EC24 to be absorbed by EC23.

The combining of the above precincts will assure they stay within Council & School district and won't disfranchise voters.

Ray Lopez

Chairman, East Chicago Republican Party

Robert Garcia

Chairman, East Chicago Democratic Org

Messler, Jessica F

From: Randell Niemeyer <rcniemeyer@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:54 PM
To: Michelle Fajman; Messler, Jessica F; Mike Brown
Cc: Kevin Smith; Mike Mellon; John Reed; Carly A. Brandenburg; Michael Tolbert; Mara Candelaria Reardon
Subject: December 9 Board of Elections Meeting
Attachments: Resolution 2024-01 Signed Copy.pdf

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This message came from outside your organization.

Hello Michelle and Jessica,

I send my regrets that I will not be able to attend the December 9, 2025, meeting due to it conflicting with my County Council meeting being held at exactly the same time. I would like to offer written correspondence relating to some agenda items.

East Chicago Matters - The East Chicago Republican Party has not organized according to the Lake County Republican Party (LCRP) resolution 2024-1. Therefore, the LCRP does not recognize the East Chicago Republican Party as an official affiliate or sub-organization of the LCRP. Furthermore, no affiliate or sub-organizations are authorized to speak on behalf of the LCRP. As Chairman, I object to the precinct consolidations in East Chicago as agreed upon by Mr. Lopez and Mr. Garcia. The LCRP stands by the order of the Secretary of State as presented as the final order for all precinct consolidation matters. I have no objection to the proposed early voting location change to Westside Early Learning Center.

Gary Polling Place Relocation - It was my understanding that this item would be moved to January for me to be able to attend the meeting. I have also been notified that Mr. Ursery was contacted on this matter. Mr. Ursery is no longer the Chairman of the Gary Republican Party. Will Miller is the new Chairman. As stated above, all official matters of the Lake County Republican Party or its affiliates are to be forwarded to the Chairman of the LCRP for consideration. No affiliate or sub-organizations are authorized to speak on behalf of the LCRP.

It was brought to my attention that the board had some interest in learning about how the information relating to potential policy and statutory violations was discovered. I attempted to watch the meeting, but no record could be found. I formally request that the live stream of the November be posted to the portal for review. I would be happy to share with you information you may request that can assist in resolving these matters.

Sincerely,

Randy Niemeyer
Chairman
LCRP

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RESOLUTION 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CONCERNING THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Whereas the Lake County Republican Party (LCRP) recognizes its position as a County Committee of the Indiana State Republican Committee (State Committee);

Whereas the LCRP acknowledges the Rules of the State Committee as the applicable rules of the State Committee, Congressional District Committee, County Committee and Precinct Committee;

Whereas if there is any conflict between this Resolution and the Rules of the State Committee, the State Committee Rules prevail;

Whereas and pursuant to Rules 4-2 and 4-4 of the State Committee Rules, the LCRP recognizes the establishment of these guiding principles as important for the good governance of the LCRP;

Rules and By-Laws:

The Rules of the Indiana Republican State Committee are recognized by the LCRP as the rules for its entire organization, including each of the local organizations.

Membership:

1. Voting Membership: Consists of elected and appointed precinct committeemen and vice precinct committeemen, as listed on the official list held by the Secretary of the Indiana Republican State Committee who were elected, appointed by the elected precinct committeeman in a timely manner, and those precinct committeemen and vice precinct committeemen appointed by the County Chairman within the last thirty (30) days prior to the meeting or caucus. Only the voting membership may vote for the nomination for a

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REGISTRATION BOARD

local chairman. Only voting members are eligible to hold local leadership positions (chair, vice, secretary, treasurer).

2. **General Membership:** Consists of non-elected/officially appointed Republican supporters who have regular attendance at meetings. They must be Republicans in Good Standing, as defined in the Rules of the Indiana Republican State Committee. The General Membership plays a significant role in the party organization and may vote on items such as expenditures and minutes. Individuals may only be members of one local organization. Republican guests should be welcome to attend meetings.

Local Chairman and Officers:

In the month of July immediately following the election of precinct committeemen, each local organization shall meet for the purpose of selecting an individual to be nominated for local chairperson to the county chairman. This shall be done by way of an election by the Voting Membership, then present the nomination to the county chairman for consideration. Approval is at the discretion of the county chairman pursuant to the State Committee Rules. The person nominated for local chairman must be a Voting Member of the local organization and, if approved, serves at the pleasure of the county chairman, and may be removed without cause.

Expectations:

1. Each local organization, with the exception of auxiliary organizations, shall hold regularly scheduled meetings on a quarterly basis, at a minimum.
2. Establish a Regular Party Committee for purposes of campaign finance reporting and submit timely campaign finance reports, as required by law.
3. Each local organization shall arrange a minimum of one fundraiser per year for the expenditures of the local organization.
4. Each local organization shall provide outreach opportunities to invite potential new members to the organization.
5. In the event of new local or county leadership there must be a cooperative transfer of all property including bank, social media, website, and email accounts as well as all records of the organization.

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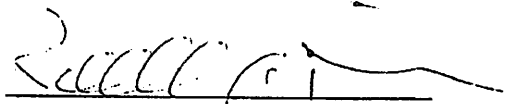
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Conflict Management:

1. When disputes arise within the local organization, it is always encouraged for the involved parties to come to a mutually agreed upon resolution amongst themselves. Unity in the organization is vital to the overall health of the organization.
2. If the parties involved in the dispute are unable to resolve the conflict themselves, the chairman of the local organization may assist by providing non-binding guidance to the parties.
3. If a mutually agreed upon solution is not found amongst the parties, the matter shall be referred to the county party. We are fortunate in this organization to have several people with the ability to help navigate through the dispute resolution process and have agreed to volunteer to help individuals with the process when a request is made to the County Chairman or Vice Chairman. A member of the Dispute Resolution Team will meet with the parties individually and as a group and offer a non-binding resolution. The steps in this process are designed to provide assistance in intra-party disputes and avoid escalation. It is not designed to run concurrently or in conflict with the formal complaint process outlined in the Indiana Republican State Committee Rules.

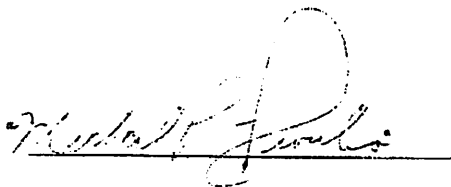
Therefore, be it resolved this 6th day of April, 2024 that these guiding principles were passed by a majority vote of the precinct committee and apply to all organizations organized under the LCRP and shall expire at the end of the current County Chairman term or if a vacancy of the office occurs for any reason, whichever comes first.



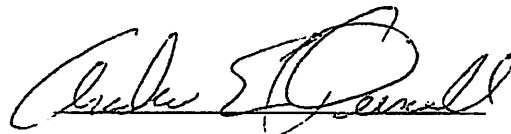
Randy Niemeyer, Chairman



LeAnn Angerman, Vice Chairwoman



Mike Aurelio, Secretary



Andy Qunell, Treasurer

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SCHOOL CITY OF EAST CHICAGO

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1401 E. 144th Street, East Chicago, IN 46312 (219) 391-4100 (219) 391-4126



Dr. Stephen D. Bournés, Superintendent

February 12, 2026

Dear Lake County Board of Elections,

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Lake County Board of Elections that Carrie Gosch Early Learning Center located at 4100 Indianapolis Blvd, East Chicago, Indiana is available to be used as a polling place for early voting contingent upon the minimization of the disruption to the school day.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 219-391-4100.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen D. Bournés,
Superintendent

Board of School Trustees

- Maria Mercedes Taylor, Board President
- Joel Rodriguez, Board Vice-President
- Diane Smith, Board Secretary
- Pattie Jo Gibson-King Board Trustee
- Jesse Gomez, Board Trustee

Good morning,

The **Steel City Gary Precinct Organization** respectfully requests reconsideration of the decision made by the Election Board regarding the polling location for **Precinct G-4-1**.

We understand that **Precinct G-4-14 has been combined with Precinct G-4-01**, resulting in the elimination of Precinct G-4-14. Under the current plan, voters from this combined precinct are assigned to vote at **St. Monica & Luke Church**.

However, we are requesting that the Election Board consider using **Trinity Baptist Church** as the polling location instead. The location currently selected by the Board is expected to close soon, and **Trinity Baptist Church is more accessible and familiar to the community**, particularly for elderly voters and those with limited transportation.

For reference:

- **Former Precinct G-4-14** voted at **Trinity Baptist Church**
- **Former Precinct G-4-01** voted at **St. Monica & Luke Church**
- **New combined precinct: G-4-1**

Given Trinity Baptist Church's history as a polling location and its accessibility, we believe it would best serve the voters in this area and help ensure strong voter participation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Please let us know if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

Linda Barnes-Caldwell
Steel City Gary Precinct Organization
Marian Ivey
Steel City Gary Precinct Organization - Secretary

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LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION



2026



CANDIDATE LOTTERY

IC 3-10-1-18



February 17, 2026 | 10:00 AM



Commissioners Courtroom
2293 N. Main Street
Crown Point, IN 46307

What is the Candidate Lottery?

The order of many candidate names on all Lake County election ballots are chosen by random lottery.*

Is the event open to the public?

Yes!

Do candidates have to attend?

Candidate attendance is encouraged, but not required.

*Precinct committeeman and state delegates are listed in alphabetical order.

Will the lottery be recorded?

Yes and the recording will be available on the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration website. Scan the QR code below or visit lakecountyin.gov/departments/voters



The LCBER is providing this document as a courtesy. Where your legal rights are involved, do not rely on this information. Please review the law yourself or consult your attorney.

Candidate List - Abbreviated
LAKE COUNTY
2026 PRIMARY ELECTION - 5/5/2026 11:59:00 PM

OFFICE CATEGORY:	US REPRESENTATIVE		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Frank J. Mrvan	Democratic	United States Representative, First District	1/8/2026
LaVetta Sparks-Wade	Democratic	United States Representative, First District	2/6/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:	STATE SENATOR		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Scott Houldieson	Democratic	State Senator, District 01	1/7/2026
Kate-Lynn Holley	Democratic	State Senator, District 06	1/26/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:	STATE REPRESENTATIVE		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Carolyn B. Jackson	Democratic	State Representative, District 001	1/7/2026
Earl Harris, Jr.	Democratic	State Representative, District 002	1/12/2026
Ragen Hatcher	Democratic	State Representative, District 003	1/12/2026
Tyler Thomas Bridges	Democratic	State Representative, District 011	1/9/2026
Mike Andrade	Democratic	State Representative, District 012	1/20/2026
Vernon G. Smith	Democratic	State Representative, District 014	1/7/2026
Anthony Oberman	Democratic	State Representative, District 015	1/29/2026
Nick Neal	Democratic	State Representative, District 019	1/7/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Bernard A. Carter	Democratic	Prosecuting Attorney of Lake County, 31st Judicial Circuit	1/9/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
MIKE BROWN	Democratic	Lake County Circuit Court Clerk	1/7/2026
ANDREW SYLWESTROWICZ	Democratic	Lake County Circuit Court Clerk	2/5/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:	COUNTY AUDITOR		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
SONDRA FORD	Democratic	Lake County Auditor	2/6/2026
PEGGY HOLINGA KATONA	Democratic	Lake County Auditor	1/8/2026
REGINA (GINA) PIMENTEL	Democratic	Lake County Auditor	1/7/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:	COUNTY TREASURER		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
ANTHONY J MANUEL	Democratic	Lake County Treasurer	2/6/2026
JOHN E PETALAS	Democratic	Lake County Treasurer	1/7/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:	COUNTY SHERIFF		
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
STEVEN FLORES	Democratic	Lake County Sheriff	1/7/2026
JASON GORE	Democratic	Lake County Sheriff	1/7/2026
EDWARD JENKINS	Democratic	Lake County Sheriff	1/7/2026

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(JACK) JOHN GREGORY SANCHEZ	Democratic	Lake County Sheriff	2/6/2026
MARIA GARCIA TRAJKOVICH	Democratic	Lake County Sheriff	1/7/2026
JERRY WILLIAMS	Democratic	Lake County Sheriff	1/20/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY: BALLOT NAME	COUNTY ASSESSOR PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
LATONYA SPEARMAN	Democratic	Lake County Assessor	1/7/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY: BALLOT NAME	COUNTY COMMISSIONER PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
KYLE ALLEN, SR	Democratic	Lake County Commissioner, District 1	1/7/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY: BALLOT NAME	COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
SCOTT E MILLER	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 1	1/7/2026
CHRISTINA SIGNORELLI	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 1	2/5/2026
RONALD (RON) G BREWER, SR	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 2	1/7/2026
NORMAN ERIC HAIRSTON	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 2	2/4/2026
ALFREDO (AL) MENCHACA	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 2	2/6/2026
TOYA SMITH	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 2	1/9/2026
DARREN L WASHINGTON	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 2	1/7/2026
ERICKA LYNN CASTILLO	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 3	2/6/2026
DAVID GEARMAN	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 3	2/6/2026
MARLINDA TYSON HAYMON	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 3	1/7/2026
GLENN JOHNSON	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 3	2/2/2026
WILLIAM L PERRYMAN	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 3	2/5/2026
DWIGHT (TWIN) WILLIAMS	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 3	2/6/2026
HANADI VANESSA JAWDAT	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 4	2/5/2026
JEN WILSON	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 4	2/4/2026
CHRISTINE CID	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 5	1/7/2026
RICHARD HARDAWAY	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 6	1/23/2026
STEVEN (COACH) MINCHUK	Democratic	Lake County Council, District 6	1/27/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY: BALLOT NAME	TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
JACKIE COLLINS	Democratic	Calumet Township Assessor, Lake County	1/7/2026
RANDALL J GUERNSEY	Democratic	Hobart Township Assessor, Lake County	1/7/2026
LINO MAGGIO	Democratic	Hobart Township Assessor, Lake County	1/7/2026
ANGELA GUERNSEY	Democratic	Ross Township Assessor, Lake County	1/7/2026
LEONARD (LENNY) WHITE	Democratic	Ross Township Assessor, Lake County	1/27/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY: BALLOT NAME	TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
TAI ADKINS	Democratic	Calumet Township Trustee, Lake County	1/7/2026
TANEKA (TEKE) HALL	Democratic	Calumet Township Trustee, Lake County	2/6/2026
ERICKA McCAULEY	Democratic	Hobart Township Trustee, Lake County	2/6/2026
FRED WILLIAMS	Democratic	Hobart Township Trustee, Lake County	1/7/2026
MARGARITA (MAGGIE) MUNIZ-OLSON	Democratic	North Township Trustee, Lake County	2/6/2026
JESUS LUIS ORTIZ, III	Democratic	North Township Trustee, Lake County	2/6/2026

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ADRIAN SANTOS	Democratic	North Township Trustee, Lake County	1/7/2026
LISA SALINAS SKIBA	Democratic	North Township Trustee, Lake County	2/6/2026
SAMUEL SMITH, JR	Democratic	North Township Trustee, Lake County	2/6/2026
ERIC A (EAZY) BLACKMON, SR	Democratic	Ross Township Trustee, Lake County	1/7/2026
MYESHA JONES	Democratic	Ross Township Trustee, Lake County	2/6/2026
ROGER DEPIRRO	Democratic	St. John Township Trustee, Lake County	2/2/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
NATALIE AMMONS	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
LINDA COLLINS BROWN	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	2/5/2026
ROBERT L BUGGS, SR	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
BERNICE CLARK	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	2/3/2026
GABRIELLE L KING	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/28/2026
ALICE LYLES	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/21/2026
RAFAEL (RAFI) MANZO, JR	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
BRUCE (CHAP) MCKENZIE	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
MICHAEL L PROTHO	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
MARY ANN CANTY REEDUS	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/22/2026
LABERTO (LB) ROBY	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	1/20/2026
CAROL-ANN SEATON	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	2/5/2026
LARRY E TILLMAN, II	Democratic	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	2/5/2026
KATHARINE HADOW	Democratic	Center Township Board Member, Lake County	1/28/2026
JAMES HUNLEY	Democratic	Hanover Township Board Member, Lake County	2/4/2026
DARLENE SUND	Democratic	Hanover Township Board Member, Lake County	2/4/2026
DIANNA BROOKS	Democratic	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	2/6/2026
MICHAEL E (MIKE) ELLIS	Democratic	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	1/12/2026
JAKE B GILES	Democratic	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	2/6/2026
TERRY L MCNARY	Democratic	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
CRYSTAL PEDROZA	Democratic	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	2/6/2026
SUSAN (SUE) PELFREY	Democratic	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	1/9/2026
KELLY BRIDGES	Democratic	North Township Board Member, Lake County	1/9/2026
PETER KATIC	Democratic	North Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
LISA SALINAS- MATONOVICH	Democratic	North Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
RICHARD J NOVAK	Democratic	North Township Board Member, Lake County	1/28/2026
CATHERINE THOMAS	Democratic	North Township Board Member, Lake County	1/9/2026
JEFF TUINSTR	Democratic	North Township Board Member, Lake County	1/9/2026
WILLIAM (WILL) AKINS	Democratic	Ross Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
REMELL (MEL) BRYANT	Democratic	Ross Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
RON DUDLEY	Democratic	Ross Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
CURTIS L (CP) PEARSON	Democratic	Ross Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
TERRA R SAMUEL	Democratic	Ross Township Board Member, Lake County	2/4/2026
DANIEL L BIELSKI	Democratic	St. John Township Board Member, Lake County	1/23/2026
STEVEN H (STEVE) KRAMER	Democratic	St. John Township Board Member, Lake County	1/28/2026
BOB TRIBBLE	Democratic	St. John Township Board Member, Lake County	1/28/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
CAROL KERR	Democratic	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 2	2/2/2026
JEFF BIEL	Democratic	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 3	1/7/2026

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ALICIA CATHERINE MYERS	Democratic	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 2	1/16/2026
JOE DOUGLAS	Democratic	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 4	1/16/2026
TAYLOR GIBSON	Democratic	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 5	1/9/2026
JEFF KUHN	Democratic	Schererville Town Council Member, Ward 2	2/6/2026
TOM SCHMITT	Democratic	Schererville Town Council Member, Ward 4	1/7/2026

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OFFICE CATEGORY:		US REPRESENTATIVE	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Richard Benedict (Sieg Heil) Mayers	Republican	United States Representative, First District	1/13/2026
Barb Regnitz	Republican	United States Representative, First District	1/14/2026
Ben Ruiz	Republican	United States Representative, First District	1/9/2026
James Kent (Jim) Schenke	Republican	United States Representative, First District	1/30/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		STATE SENATOR	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Trevor G. De Vries	Republican	State Senator, District 01	1/12/2026
Daniel (Dan) Dernulc	Republican	State Senator, District 01	2/4/2026
Nader Liddawi	Republican	State Senator, District 01	1/29/2026
Rick Niemeyer	Republican	State Senator, District 06	2/4/2026
James (Jay) Starkey	Republican	State Senator, District 06	1/20/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Michael J. Aylesworth	Republican	State Representative, District 011	1/7/2026
Chris Nelson	Republican	State Representative, District 012	2/6/2026
Hal Slager	Republican	State Representative, District 015	1/7/2026
Julie Olthoff	Republican	State Representative, District 019	1/8/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Leslie Dallner	Republican	Lake County Circuit Court Clerk	2/2/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		COUNTY AUDITOR	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Charles (Chuck) Messler	Republican	Lake County Auditor	1/27/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		COUNTY TREASURER	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Kevin B Deane	Republican	Lake County Treasurer	2/6/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		COUNTY SHERIFF	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
David K Crane, Jr	Republican	Lake County Sheriff	1/9/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Will Miller	Republican	Lake County Commissioner, District 1	2/4/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Bradley Hutchison	Republican	Lake County Council, District 2	2/2/2026
Stephen Aichner	Republican	Lake County Council, District 3	1/28/2026
Pete Lindemulder	Republican	Lake County Council, District 4	1/8/2026
Randy Niemeyer	Republican	Lake County Council, District 7	1/7/2026
Richard C Thiel, Jr	Republican	Lake County Council, District 7	2/5/2026

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OFFICE CATEGORY:		TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Joe Krnich	Republican	Center Township Assessor, Lake County	1/28/2026
Allen Price	Republican	Hobart Township Assessor, Lake County	2/6/2026
Deborah A (Debbie) Walters	Republican	St. John Township Assessor, Lake County	1/7/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Alice F Dahl	Republican	Cedar Creek Township Trustee, Lake County	1/7/2026
Paul L Bremer	Republican	Center Township Trustee, Lake County	1/20/2026
Patricia A Tsouklis	Republican	Center Township Trustee, Lake County	1/12/2026
Rosemarie Morrow	Republican	Eagle Creek Township Trustee, Lake County	1/13/2026
Kevin Toth	Republican	Hanover Township Trustee, Lake County	1/15/2026
Cathy J. Lareau	Republican	St. John Township Trustee, Lake County	1/9/2026
Heidi Laub	Republican	West Creek Township Trustee, Lake County	1/7/2026
Cody J Reynolds	Republican	Winfield Township Trustee, Lake County	1/27/2026

OFFICE CATEGORY:		TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER	
BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Jeff Sadlowski	Republican	Calumet Township Board Member, Lake County	2/6/2026
Michael E Baran	Republican	Cedar Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/29/2026
Dan L Blankenship	Republican	Cedar Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/15/2026
Brian K Chandler, Jr	Republican	Cedar Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/29/2026
Dorothy E Eich	Republican	Cedar Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
Bill Babjak	Republican	Center Township Board Member, Lake County	2/4/2026
Anthony D Pampalone	Republican	Center Township Board Member, Lake County	2/6/2026
Kate Webster	Republican	Center Township Board Member, Lake County	2/5/2026
Lorraine M Bank	Republican	Eagle Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
John R Jurs	Republican	Eagle Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/15/2026
Cheryl A Reynolds	Republican	Eagle Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/30/2026
Marilyn Kaper	Republican	Hanover Township Board Member, Lake County	1/26/2026
Charles (Charlie) Kortokrax	Republican	Hanover Township Board Member, Lake County	1/16/2026
Richard H Niemeyer	Republican	Hanover Township Board Member, Lake County	1/12/2026
Joe Clemmons	Republican	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	1/15/2026
David (Dave) Scheeringa	Republican	Hobart Township Board Member, Lake County	1/21/2026
Roger Ault	Republican	Ross Township Board Member, Lake County	1/22/2026
Lisa (Williams) Elder	Republican	St. John Township Board Member, Lake County	1/9/2026
Michael P Quigley	Republican	St. John Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
Eric J Stanich	Republican	St. John Township Board Member, Lake County	1/30/2026
Sandra L Cortelloni	Republican	West Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
Jody L Herr	Republican	West Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/7/2026
William F Peterson	Republican	West Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/9/2026
Mark Wolgemuth	Republican	West Creek Township Board Member, Lake County	1/30/2026
Renee Clayton	Republican	Winfield Township Board Member, Lake County	1/30/2026
Chris Corcoran	Republican	Winfield Township Board Member, Lake County	1/23/2026

Candidate List - Abbreviated

Sherry Gasparovic	Republican	Winfield Township Board Member, Lake County	1/16/2026
Kim Lenti	Republican	Winfield Township Board Member, Lake County	1/28/2026
Tom Snowden	Republican	Winfield Township Board Member, Lake County	1/13/2026

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BALLOT NAME	PARTY	OFFICE TITLE	FILED DATE
Robert H (Bob) Carnahan	Republican	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 1	1/12/2026
Matt Jones	Republican	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 1	2/6/2026
Charles E McMillion	Republican	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 2	1/9/2026
Peggy (Endris) Thiel	Republican	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 2	1/8/2026
Wayne Witvoet	Republican	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 2	2/5/2026
Barbara Littles	Republican	Cedar Lake Town Council Member, Ward 3	1/12/2026
Mary K Timm	Republican	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 2	1/8/2026
Kyle Rizzo	Republican	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 4	1/9/2026
Mary Tanis	Republican	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 4	1/8/2026
Michael G (Mike) Wargo	Republican	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 5	1/12/2026
Annette Ludwig	Republican	Dyer Town Council Member, Ward 5	1/9/2026
Todd R Angerman	Republican	Lowell Town Council Member, Ward 2	1/20/2026
Nickolas Witvoet	Republican	Lowell Town Council Member, Ward 4	1/20/2026
Kevin Connelly	Republican	Schererville Town Council Member, Ward 2	1/7/2026
Jeff Myszak	Republican	Schererville Town Council Member, Ward 2	2/6/2026
Dan Elzinga	Republican	Schererville Town Council Member, Ward 4	2/6/2026
Justin T Nestor	Republican	St. John Town Council Member, Ward 3	1/30/2026
Zack Beaver	Republican	Winfield Town Council Member, At Large	1/27/2026
Jon Derwinski	Republican	Winfield Town Council Member, At Large	1/14/2026
Jayson Villars	Republican	Winfield Town Council Member, At Large	1/20/2026

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LINE #	ITEM	COMMODITY	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	ACCOUNT CODE	CATEGORY	TOTAL COST
1	Goods	2025 INFINITY VOTING MACHINE MAINTENANCE INVOICE: 21087	1	EACH	3,750.00	10015001636300 000000000000	Mainten & Service Cont	3,750.00
Line Comments								
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS -								
TOTAL >								3,750.00

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1	Goods	Encumbrance - 2025	6.000	EACH	1.00	10015001624100 000000000000	Other Supplies	-6,000.00 1,139.12
Line Comments								
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS								
TOTAL >								-6,000.00-

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\$1,139.92

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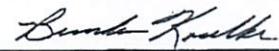
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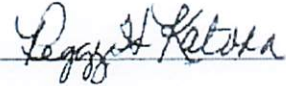
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1	Goods	101651 - ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT	60	EACH	10.50	10015001631500 000000000000	Consultant Fees	630.00
Line Comments								
2	Goods	APPEARANCE FEE	2.5	HOUR	160.00	10015001631500 000000000000	Consultant Fees	400.00
Line Comments								
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS -								TOTAL > 1,030.00

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1	Goods	Encumbrances	12,000	EACH	1.00	10015001631500 00000000000	Consultant Fees	-12,000.00
Line Comments								
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS								
TOTAL >								12,000.00

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\$3,827.40

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101469 -	\$ 736.00
101637 -	\$1534.00
101863 -	\$1557.40
Total	\$3827.64

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LINE #	ITEM	COMMODITY	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	ACCOUNT CODE	CATEGORY	TOTAL COST
1	Goods	Encumbrance - 2025	11,000	EACH	1.00	10015001631450 00000000000	Legal Services	-11,000.00
Line Comments								
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS -								TOTAL >
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\$2,259.00

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INVOICES: 33271, AMOUNT: 495.00
INVOICES: 32529, AMOUNT: 1764.00