

ELECTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JULY 11, 2017

4:30 PM

PRESENT: Sam Snell – Chairman, Tom Madonia – Vice Chairman, Clyde Bunch, Abe Forsyth, Brad Miller, Cathy Scaife, Catie Sheehan and Joel Tjelmeland.

NOT PRESENT: Annette Fulgenzi & John O'Neill

OTHERS: Don Gray, Stacey Kern, Todd Smith and Mary Carter (Secretary)

Chairman Snell called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Bunch made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 13th meeting and Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

County Clerk Gray reported that his office has received correspondence from Judicial Watch dated 6/28/17. Back in 2015, Judicial Watch put a number of counties on call that they were not following protocol of section 8 of the National Voting Rights Act. They had calculated the total number of those registered to vote & those of voting age, incorrectly. Their count had included both inactive & suspended voters which the NVR had required counties to keep in their voter file. We did not respond to their request in 2015 & it has re-surfaced. The State Board of Elections was handling but Gray decided to respond. He reported that the Sangamon County response was being used as a benchmark for the other counties that were on call to respond as well. We also had a request from the White House for voter rolls. It is foiable but not the personal identity info. State Board of Elections has denied their request for the personal information. Last month, Gray had asked for authorization to seek grant money. The State Board of Elections has informed us that in the most recent State Budget that was passed, that grant money is not available. It will be budgeted in 2018.

The requisitions were reviewed and signed. Sheehan motioned to approve the requisitions and Bunch seconded. Motion carried (8-0).

There was no old business or public comment. Bunch motioned to adjourn and Sheehan seconded. Motion carried (8-0) and the meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.