

Warren County Board of Elections
Virtual
February 10, 2021 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin called the Board of Elections meeting to order with Commissioner Tricia Durbin and Commissioner Jeff Eggleston present.

Staff Present: Lisa Rivett, Director of Elections, Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Reilly Enlow, Finance, Krystal Ransom, Kim Exley, Employee Relations Administrator, Kaylan Miller, Employee Benefits & Risk Administrator, Brian Bull, Chief Assessor, Kenneth McCarrison, Public Safety Director, and Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO), Wendy McCain (Titusville Herald), and Joe Scully

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin called the meeting to order stating that the meeting is being recorded.

Old Business:

Polling location for Warren South: Commissioner Jeff Eggleston explained that he had a conversation with bob Raible of the EOC regarding the school that we can no longer use. Mr. Raible explained that with COVID, that space is utilized for extra equipment so that they can accommodate social distancing.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston then stated that from his perspective that location is out for all future elections. The Days Inn has offered their location and we should have Lisa and Pam reach out to them to secure this location for the primary and future elections.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that he appreciates Commissioner Jeff Eggleston reaching out to Mr. Raible. Unfortunately, he has to recommend not to use the Days Inn. Election law states that if a building holds a liquor license you cannot use it as a polling location.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt then asked about contacting the city to use their sewer authority location. Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that they did contact them in the fall last year and they are adamant that it is not a sufficient area.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that the room at the Days Inn is not where the bar is located. So, we are back too square one, and if this is our only hurdle, we may not have a choice.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that is the issue, and the board should find a location even in an adjacent precinct such as a college or university.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that the Days Inn has an entrance /exit right off the conference room. Commissioner Jeff Eggleston then stated that there is plenty of parking and it is a separate space. He then stated that he has done all he can do; he does not feel that the bar or the liquor license is an issue. We need to find an alternative spot for a permanent location.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that will work with Lisa to stay in compliance with election law and find a location.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin asked about the Church of Nazarene, can that be used.

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt and Lisa should work together and bring a location to the next board meeting on February 24, 2021.

Vacancies within elected positions: Lisa Rivett, Director of Elections stated that she has passed on the vacancies to the various parties. Next step is to put names to the Judge for appointment.

Attorney Nathaniel Schmidt stated that it is the initiative of the individual, but the board can help.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston suggested that the Solicitor and the Director of Elections speak with the Judge on how to handle this.

Lisa Rivett, Director of Elections stated that we have lost a few Judge of Elections that will need to be replaced.

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin asked that a procedure be written up so that in the future things are handled the same way.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston asked if these discussions are for the positions that are not elected. Lisa Rivett, Director of Elections stated the clerks can be appointed by the board any time there needs to be one. We are speaking of the vacant elected positions.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Adjournment: With nothing further Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin closed the election board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk



Approved:



Jeff Eggleston
Warren County Commissioner