

**BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
2012 RESOLUTION**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW 168.305 (1), THE ELECTION CONSOLIDATION PLAN AS AMENDED AND EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED BETWEEN THE COUNTY CLERK, LOCAL CLERKS AND RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WILL NOW CONVENE ON A FOUR (4) YEAR CYCLE AS OPPOSED TO A TWO (2) YEAR CYCLE.

PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION IN NOVEMBER 2011, MANDATED THAT ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HOLD THE ELECTION OF THEIR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN EVEN ELECTION YEARS AND BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. WITH THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT THE LAST BAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER THE CHANGE IN BOARD MEMBERS, THE DISTRICT WILL NOW BE FORCED TO COMPLY UNDER MCLA 168.642 C.

FOLLOWING THE REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS OF 2011, BAY COUNTY WILL NO LONGER HAVE A PORTION OF MONITOR TWP. PRECINCT 1 IN THE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. BAY COUNTY WILL BE SITUATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE STATE SENATE WILL REMAIN THE 31ST DISTRICT.

STATE REDISTRICTING WILL ALSO MODIFY THE PREVIOUS 96TH AND 97TH STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS AND THE COUNTY OF BAY WILL BE KNOWN AS THE 96TH AND 98TH DISTRICT SEATS WITH MOST OF THE DIVISION ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE COUNTY.

ALL BAY COUNTY COMMISSION LINES WERE REDRAWN AND FOLLOW A SEVEN (7) MEMBER COUNTY COMMISSION PLAN. ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY OF BAY CITY HAD CONSOLIDATED VOTING PRECINCTS AND EFFECTIVE 2012, WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS 9 PRECINCTS INSTEAD OF 27 PRECINCTS IN THE CITY LIMITS. THE TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH HAS ALSO TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PRECINCTS FROM THREE (3) DOWN TO TWO (2) WITH PRECINCT 3 TO BE COMBINED WITH PRECINCT 2.

THE EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VOTING PRECINCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BAY CITY AND TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH WILL REALIZE A SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS IN ELECTION RELATED EXPENSES.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS ESTABLISHED FOUR (4) STANDARD ELECTION DATES PER YEAR AND THE ELECTION CONSOLIDATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 298-306 OF 2003 WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR 2012.

FEBRUARY 28, 2012
AUGUST 7, 2012

MAY 8, 2012
NOVEMBER 6, 2012

THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE MICHIGAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. VOTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO EVIDENCE THEIR POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE AND RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDING BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 163 OF 2011 SIGNED INTO LAW WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON OCTOBER 4, 2011. THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL REIMBURSE BAY COUNTY JURISDICTIONS FOR ALL COSTS RELATED TO THIS ELECTION. LEGISLATION ALSO ALLOWS THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE 71 DAYS AFTER THE CERTIFICATION OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 ELECTION RESULTS.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE E-POLL BOOK SYSTEM IN ALL BAY COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS WILL OCCUR IN 2012. THERE ARE SIX JURISDICTIONS WHO CURRENTLY USE LAPTOPS TO RECORD THE VOTERS WITH MANY TO BEGIN THE SYSTEM WITH THE FEBRUARY ELECTION. THE TOWNSHIPS OF MERRITT AND GIBSON WILL WAIT AND BEGIN IN AUGUST 2012. THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO PROVIDE A LAPTOP AND TRAINING FREE OF CHARGE.

THE COUNTY AND LOCAL CLERKS WILL ACCEPT FILINGS FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE AUGUST PRIMARY BALLOT UNTIL THE DEADLINE OF MAY 15, 2012 AT 4:00 P.M. THE POLITICAL PARTIES WILL ALSO BE LISTING PRECINCT DELEGATES FOR ELECTION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

THE COUNTY CLERK WILL CONDUCT THE TRAINING OF BAY COUNTY ELECTION WORKERS IN JULY 2012 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BAY COUNTY CLERK OR HER DESIGNEE, SHALL BE GRANTED THE AUTHORITY BY THIS COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND PROVIDE THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR ALL 2012 ELECTIONS.

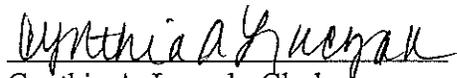
BY THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION SHALL INCLUDE PAYMENT OF ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO CONDUCTING ELECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012.

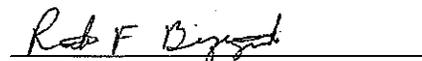
FURTHER, SAID COSTS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE COSTS TO INFORM VOTERS OF CHANGES RELATED TO THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICTS WITHIN THE BAY COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS; ORDERING OF BALLOTS; SUPPLIES; PUBLISHING OF NOTICES; PROGRAM AND CODING OF BALLOT FUNCTIONS; PRECINCT WORKERS AND ANY RELATED EXPENSES; BOARD OF CANVASSERS TRAINING/PER DIEMS; THE COSTS WITH ADDITIONAL ELECTION RELATED STAFF; AUTOMARK SET UP OR ANY OTHER COSTS AFFILIATED WITH PERFORMING THE STATUTORY ELECTION DUTIES UNDER MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

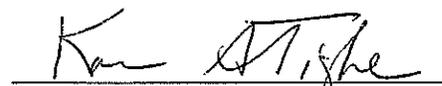
ALL EXPENDITURES SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE COUNTY OF BAY AS TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET ACT RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

AS REQUESTED BY THIS BODY, PRIOR TO EACH ELECTION, THE CLERK SHALL CERTIFY THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES TO FOLLOW ELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS. THE CLERK WILL ALSO NOTIFY PROBATE JUDGE, KAREN TIGHE, WHEN ELECTION FUNCTIONS ARE CONCLUDED AND THE ELECTION MATERIALS SECURED TO THE ELECTION DATES AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS TEXT.

THEREFORE, THE 2012 ELECTION COMMISSION RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED AND EXECUTED FOLLOWING A SESSION HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT, DATED JANUARY 26, 2012.


Cynthia A. Luczak, Clerk


Richard F. Brzezinski, Treasurer


Karen A. Tighe, Probate Judge

BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JANUARY 26, 2012

THE BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MET IN THE OFFICE OF THE BAY COUNTY CLERK, BAY COUNTY BUILDING, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PROBATE JUDGE, KAREN TIGHE AT 8:35 A.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

ROLL CALL: CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, COUNTY CLERK
 RICHARD BRZEZINSKI, TREASURER
 KAREN TIGHE, PROBATE JUDGE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED FOR THE REVIEW OF ELECTION RELATED FUNCTIONS FOR 2012 AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL RESOLUTION.

CLERK LUCZAK SUMMARIZED A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN LAW WHICH WILL EFFECT THE VOTING PROCESSES IN 2012 INCLUDING THE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT THAT SECRETARY RUTH JOHNSON WILL ENFORCE AND THE LEGISLATION APPROVED IN NOVEMBER OF 2011 WHICH MOVED SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS TO THE EVEN YEAR NOVEMBER BALLOTS. THE ABILITY OF 17 ½ YEAR OLD STUDENTS TO REGISTER AND ABILITY TO VOTE WHEN THEY TURN 18, WILL BE A CAPABILITY THAT WILL BE EMPHASIZED BY THE CLERK OFFICE.

FURTHER DISCUSSED WERE THE EFFECTS OF THE BAY COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS COMPLETED IN 2011. BAY COUNTY WILL LOOSE ITS PORTION OF THE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND BE KNOWN TOTALLY AS THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE STATE SENATE SEAT WILL REMAIN IN WHOLE THE 31ST. THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS WILL NOW BE COMPRISED OF THE 98TH AND THE 96TH DISTRICTS WITH A DIVISION DOWN THE WESTERN MOST AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY COMMISSION WAS REDUCED FROM 9 TO 7 COMMISSIONERS FOLLOWING THE REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS COMPLETED MAY OF 2011. THE CITY OF BAY CITY REDUCED PRECINCTS FROM 27 TO 9 WHILE THE TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH HAS ALSO REDUCED FROM 3 TO 2 PCTS.

JUDGE TIGHE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN WITH THE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN THE POLLS AND WHETHER OR NOT VOTERS MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO COMPLY AS IT WAS INCONVENIENT TO SHOW AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION. CLERK LUCZAK EXPLAINED THAT MANY OF THE DIRECTIVES OF THE STATE ORIGINATE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THAT DUE TO ISSUES WITH BORDER CROSSING STATES, PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WILL BE ENFORCED.

LEGISLATION PASSED THE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN NOVEMBER OF 2007 AND IT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT EVER SINCE. MANY PEOPLE ARE NOT DISTURBED WITH THE LAW AND APPRECIATE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CORRECT VOTER BY THE PRECINCT INSPECTOR.

DISCUSSED WERE THE POLLING LOCATIONS SITUATED IN THE SCHOOLS. CLERK LUCZAK EXPRESSED A CONCERN WITH THIS AND PLANS TO ENCOURAGE THE LOCAL CLERKS TO RELOCATE PRECINCTS. COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE VOTERS VISITING WASHINGTON SCHOOL DURING THE NOVEMBER 2011 ELECTION FOR CITY OFFICES.

CLERK LUCZAK INFORMED BOARD MEMBERS OF THE E-POLL BOOK THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION. THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL ISSUE LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND TRAINING FOR PRECINCT WORKERS TO RECORD THE VOTERS, USING Q.V.F. RECORDS AS OPPOSED TO THE MANUAL ENTRY OF NAMES IN THE POLL BOOK. THE FEAR OF A LAPTOP HAS RESULTED IN THE RESIGNATION OF A FEW LONG TIME ELECTION INSPECTORS.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL REIMBURSE ALL BAY COUNTY PRECINCTS FOR THEIR EXPENSES INCURRED THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TRANSFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER EVEN YEAR ELECTION, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A MAY 2012 ELECTION. AUGUST AND NOVEMBER COSTS ARE TO BE ABSORBED BY THE COUNTY AND MAY MAKE UP FOR THE REDUCTION IN FEBRUARY AND MAY GIVEN IT IS A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR AND THE TURNOUT IS EXPECTED TO BE HIGH.

MOTION 1: FOLLOWING THE REVIEW OF THE 2012 ANNUAL RESOLUTION BY THE MEMBERS, IT WAS MOVED FOR APPROVAL BY PROBATE JUDGE, KAREN TIGHE, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER BRZEZINSKI AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE OF 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS. THE RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK
BAY COUNTY CLERK

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

9/18/12

RESOLUTION

BY: PERSONNEL/JUDICIAL COMMITTEE (9/18/12)
 WHEREAS, With the 2012 elections in Bay County, concerns have been raised about the purchase of ballots and award of the job to Michigan Election Resources without going out for bid; and
 WHEREAS, Michigan Election Resources has previously printed election ballots for Bay County and is the County Clerk's choice vendor; and
 WHEREAS, Under normal circumstances the Purchasing Division would issue a request for competitive bids from every qualified vendor and, in this case, there are at least two qualified companies who print election ballots, Printing Systems, Inc. and Michigan Election Resources; and
 WHEREAS, The Bay County Board of Election Commissioners, comprised of the Probate Judge, County Clerk and County Treasurer, has legal duties under Michigan law with respect to the conduct of elections, including ballots and the County Clerk has traditionally assumed responsibility for the details of the printing of ballots; and
 WHEREAS, The Bay County Board of Commissioners is charged with adopting a balanced budget and monitoring the wise and efficient expenditure of taxpayer dollars; and
 WHEREAS, Recently the Purchasing Division requested bid quotes for the printing and delivery of approximately 48,200 election ballots based on the order delivered for the August 7th primary and the response produced a \$12,000 total ballot cost by Printing Systems, Inc. (a qualified company used by many units of government) and \$23,044 by Michigan Election Resources, a difference of \$11,044 or 92% higher; and
 WHEREAS, The Bay County Clerk's 2012 budget (operating supplies) required a budget adjustment of \$29,328 in addition to the approved 2012 amount of \$150,000; Therefore, Be It
 RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners urges the Bay County Board of Election Commissioners to adopt the Bay County Purchasing Policy as its purchasing policy.

TOM RYDER, CHAIR
 AND COMMITTEE

Election Commission - Ballot Printing

MOVED BY COMM. Ryder

SUPPORTED BY COMM. Krause

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
Michael J. Duranczyk	✓			Joe Davis		✓		Tom Ryder	✓		
Brandon Krause	✓			Ernie Krygier	✓			Christopher Rupp		✓	
Vaughn J. Begick		✓		Kim Coonan	✓			Donald J. Tilley			✓

VOTE TOTALS:
 ROLL CALL: ✓ YEAS 5 NAYS 3 EXCUSED 1
 VOICE: YEAS _____ NAYS _____ EXCUSED _____

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED DEFEATED _____ WITHDRAWN _____
 AMENDED _____ CORRECTED _____ REFERRED _____

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- 1) Call meeting to Order/Acknowledge attendees/State law mandates
- 2) Meeting noticed in accordance with Open Meeting Act, I thank you for posting the notice in your jurisdictions.
- 3) History - met since 2004 for adoption of "Plans" in 2005 (These were formerly two (2) year plans and by adoption of recent legislation known as MCL 168.305 (2) will now be reviewing plans for (4) year intervals, effective January 2013. Change in plan language to include this verbiage.
- 4) Public Act 233 of 2011, effective November 2012, now Requires School officials to appear on an Even Year November ballot.
- 5) Given the change in officials appearing on even year November ballots, we would think in terms of this plan As an outline for procedures to follow in the event of a "Special election" or possible "school millage proposal"
- 6) Drafts were mailed in advance for review.
- 7) Changes:
 - a. Will be putting the date on the cover page 1/1/13-12/31/16
 - b. The ISD final plan will include a map-was not available 1/7/13
 - c. Arenac Co.-AuGres Township Clerk is Michael Oxley
 - d. Arenac Co.-Turner Township Clerk is Denise Gates
 - e. In regard to "set up for election day" add verbiage to include a provision to allow time to set up for the election the night before, to be coordinated with school district staff.
 - f. Make reference to the Automark/M-100 voting equipment in a more generic way in the event equipment changes.
 - g. Will include a Pinconning Area school-Gladwin Pct list

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.305 School district election coordinating committee; meeting; report; election arrangements; review; precincts.

Sec. 305. (1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this chapter, the school district election coordinating committee for each school district shall hold an initial meeting. Within 14 days after convening the initial meeting, the school district election coordinating committee shall file a report with the secretary of state that sets forth the arrangements that are agreed upon for the conduct of the school district's elections. Each school district election coordinating committee member shall sign the report and retain a copy.

(2) After filing its initial report under subsection (1) and until December 31, 2012, a school district election coordinating committee shall meet at 2-year intervals to review and, if necessary, alter the election arrangements set forth in its previous report. Beginning January 1, 2013, a school district election coordinating committee shall meet at 4-year intervals or earlier if determined necessary by the chairperson of the school district election coordinating committee to review and, if necessary, alter the election arrangements set forth in its previous report. After each review, a school district election coordinating committee shall either notify the secretary of state in writing that its previous report is not being altered or file with the secretary of state a report with the alterations. Until December 31, 2012, election arrangements made by the clerks of the jurisdictions participating in the school district election coordinating committee meeting are binding on the participating jurisdictions for at least 2 years after the report is filed, and each jurisdiction continues to be bound until an altered report is filed. Beginning January 1, 2013, election arrangements made by the clerks of the jurisdictions participating in the school district election coordinating committee meeting are binding on the participating jurisdictions until an altered report is filed.

(3) The arrangements agreed upon by a school district election coordinating committee for the conduct of the school district's elections shall accomplish at least both of the following:

(a) If a school district election is held on the same day as an election of a jurisdiction that overlaps with the school district, an elector wishing to vote in both elections shall not be required to vote at 2 different locations.

(b) If, before the filing of an initial report or of the notice or altered report after its review, a city or township clerk notifies the school district election coordinating committee that the city or township clerk, in consultation with the city council or township board, as applicable, has decided to participate in the conduct of the school district's elections, the school district election coordinating committee shall include that city or township clerk in its initial or an altered report as the person conducting the school district's elections in the clerk's city or township.

(4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, if a city or township is holding an election for elective office or on a ballot question at the same time that a school district located in whole or part in the city or township is holding an election, the city or township clerk shall also conduct the school district election within his or her jurisdiction. If a city or township clerk is conducting a school election under this subsection, the clerk shall use the same precincts that are used for state and federal elections as the precincts for the school district election. If these precincts change the polling place location for school district electors, the clerk shall notify those school district electors of the location of the different polling place. A city or township clerk with the consent of the school district election coordinator may use the school election precincts and polling places. A city or township clerk conducting an election under this subsection may consolidate election precincts in the manner provided in section 659.

History: Add. 2003, Act 302, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005;—Am. 2004, Act 287, Imd. Eff. July 23, 2004;—Am. 2010, Act 334, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 2010.

Compiler's note: Former MCL 168.305, which pertained to filling vacated nominated candidacies for offices of state highway commissioner and superintendent of public instruction, was repealed by Act 6 of 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963.

Popular name: Election Code

Hi Karen:

We usually meet early in the year to pass the annual resolution but the months seemed to fly by and we had not met as usual.

All of January was spent meeting with the various school districts to execute the Election Consolidation agreements that you would have received a copy of. The legislation was changed in that these will now be compiled every four years (in the odd year) as opposed to every other odd year. Yea!

February the office spent regrouping. We had sent emails end of Feb/first of March but never confirmed a date for the election commission to meet.

In March, we began a court file reorganization and cleaned out 5 vaults and brought 5 years worth of files from the court facility to this building.

In April, I met with the Frankenlust Township election commission and discussed ways to improve their election process following the numerous problems evidenced at the polling location in November 2012. Agreed to change were the level of staffing of precinct workers; configuration of traffic flow; preparedness, training on the e-poll book system; maintenance of the voter registration rolls. Improvements in these areas will help handle the traffic flow of such a large township without splitting it into two (2) precincts (The clerks fear that I would insist upon). I am confident that new voting equipment will help as it will be able to process at a higher rate of speed.

In April, my dad had a stroke and spending time with him was vital, he returned to his home in August. Sheila in my office is taking care of her mom in a nursing home. Patti's dad to be scheduled for open heart any day so we have all worked through elder parent issues this year.

This was the odd year city election year so quiet in terms of no February election, no May election and only one ward of the City of Bay City with a Primary contest. All items have been set for the cities who have November elections and there is no cost for the county to authorize under the annual resolution. The cities reimburse us for all expenses or pay out from their entities in the odd year. Have been little or no county election expenses this year for the resolution to support and the weight it holds continues to be in question by Finance with every year.

An election issue came up in July when the Board of Canvassers authorized me to bring in a political science student from SVSU to scan and post over 25 years of election materials on the website. Commission had an objection to a person working in this office and met with the canvass board members who explained they had the authority to hire temporary assistants under the law. The canvass board had a letter prepared to send to the A.G. and Sec of State to call out the county board but it was then resolved at the recommendation of M. Fitzhugh. The scanning project completed at the end of August and it was all well worth the effort to now have all of this historical info for public view. Tell Tom to check it out. The inquiry of the person working in my office to the board, was initiated by the Treasurer with over \$700 of taxpayer dollars spent in per diems for meetings .

There have been changes in the recall legislation, HB 6060 and 6063 that I have sent your way.

There is pending change in legislation SB 40, that would allow for the execution of interlocal agreements with county/cities/townships for the consolidation of election services. We have been doing this already in Bay and combine functions whenever possible.

H.B. 4121 and 4122 have been passed in regard to the election of board members to Metro Water District boards that effect Bay County. This was passed following the board members of Beecher/Genesee County who spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in travel to see metro water districts in CA, NV, NY, etc. Board members will now be elected to office under the laws of every other candidate and be on the ballot in November 2014. I have sent out sample resolutions for approval that will extend the terms of the current members until that time and they will be adopted by year end to cover the gap.

At the County Clerk August conference, we had a sneak preview of the new voting equipment systems slated for

implementation in 2016. I suspect these were not the final models and regardless of what our preference is, the State of Michigan will be selecting the vendor and product for us.

I've set up a training with the State of Michigan for Thursday, October 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the ISD for exposure to a State of Michigan "eLearning system" that allows certification of clerks/deputies/election workers on line and is expected to be a wonderful training resource. Once I get the word out, I am hopeful that Bay City precinct workers will visit it and fill in training gaps that I cannot address by law, tell Tom.

Per precinct Recount fees have been increased by law, tell Tom!

I was also elected 3rd V-Pres of the Michigan Association of County Clerks for next year and will be working my way up to President of the Association before long.

If you would like to meet to discuss these or other items, let me know, otherwise we can start off early in 2014.

Cynthia A. Luczak
Bay County Clerk
(989) 895-4280

From: Karen Tighe
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 2:05 PM
To: Cindy Luczak
Subject: election commission

Hi, Cindy:

Did I miss a meeting, or did we just forget to have one? I am sorry I have been out of touch about our annual duties! Let me know if we need to approve anything before the end of the year, or if the plan is to meet early in 2014. Thanks, karen

BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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2014 RESOLUTION

MANY CHANGES TO MICHIGAN ELECTION LAWS WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2014 BECAME EFFECTIVE WITH THE FINAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE IN DECEMBER 2013 AND ARE AS NOTED BELOW.

P.A. 252 of 2103 - DOUBLES THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ALLOWS INDEPENDENT PACS TO ALSO INCREASE.

P.A. 253-257 of 2013 - CHANGES FILING DEADLINES WITH COUNTY CLERK.

P.A. 258 OF 2013 - PROVIDES COUNTY CLERK WITH MERTS SOFTWARE FOR THE FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE DOCUMENTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

HOUSE BILL 4833 - INCREASES THE COST OF RECOUNTS PER PRECINCT FROM \$10 TO \$25 EACH WITH A VOTE DIFFERENTIAL OF LESS THAN 50 VOTES OR 5% OF VOTES CAST AND INCREASES FEES TO \$125 PER PRECINCT WHEN VOTE DIFFERENTIAL IS BEYOND THE 50 VOTES OR 5% INDICATED. PASSED THE HOUSE 95-9 AND HEADED FOR SENATE APPROVAL.

HOUSE BILL 4570 - DELAY/DEFERRAL OF JURY SERVICE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS WHEN IT WILL INTERFERE WITH FULL TIME STUDY. PASSED THE HOUSE 108-0 AND HEADED FOR SENATE APPROVAL.

HOUSE BILL 4878 - ALLOWS FOR LOCAL CLERKS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ELECTION DUTIES WITH OTHER LOCAL CLERKS AS APPROVED BY THEIR GOVERNING BODIES AND FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND BUREAU OF ELECTIONS. PROVIDES FOR A 60 DAY TERMINATION POLICY OF SAID ARRANGEMENTS. TO SENATE NOW.

SENATE BILL 546 - UPDATED OLD LEGISLATION REGARDING "DISTRICT" LIBRARY BOARDS AND REPHRASED LAWS TO "LOCAL LIBRARY BOARDS"

HOUSE BILL 4887 - PROPOSAL TO MOVE ALL "NEW" MILLAGE REQUESTS TO THE NOVEMBER EVEN YEAR BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION. IS NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE ELECTIONS ETHICS COMMITTEE.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS ESTABLISHED FOUR (4) STANDARD ELECTION DATES PER YEAR UNDER THE ELECTION CONSOLIDATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 298-306 OF 2003 INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING:

FEBRUARY 25, 2014
AUGUST 5, 2014

MAY 6, 2014
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, MCL 168.624, NOW REQUIRES PRECINCT DELEGATES TO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF HIS OR HER RESIDENCE. FILING DEADLINE MAY 6, 2014. A WITHDRAWAL MUST BE FILED WITH A COUNTY CLERK MCL 168.624a. IN THE PAST, DELEGATES WERE AUTHORIZED TO FILE WITH A LOCAL CLERK PRIOR TO FILING DEADLINE. WRITE-IN DELEGATES WILL STILL BE ABLE TO FILE WITH THE LOCAL FOLLOWING THE 5/6/14 DEADLINE.

THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE PRESENTING A MILLAGE QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 AND THIS IS THE ONLY ISSUE TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REGULAR FEBRUARY ELECTION DATE.

THE COUNTY CANVASS BOARD WILL CONDUCT THE EVEN FOUR (4) YEAR INSPECTION OF BALLOT CONTAINERS FOR EVERY VOTING PRECINCT IN BAY COUNTY APPROXIMATELY MARCH 2014. FURTHER, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL PROVIDE TRAINING AND ISSUE THE NECESSARY CERTIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS IN JUNE 2014.

AT THIS TIME, NO ISSUES HAVE BEEN PRESENTED FOR THE MAY 2014 BALLOT FOR VOTER CONSIDERATION.

THE COUNTY CLERK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVEN YEAR COUNTY WIDE TRAINING OF ELECTION INSPECTORS SET FOR JULY 2014.

COUNTY AND LOCAL CLERKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MANY MORE TRAINING SESSIONS AS PART OF A STATE MANDATED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN 2014.

UPGRADED VERSIONS OF VOTING TABULATORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN MARCH 2014 WITH A COUNTYWIDE ROLL OUT OF THE STATE SELECTED MODEL PROJECTED FOR THE END OF 2016, EARLY 2017.

NEW LEGISLATION WILL PLACE THE ELECTION OF METRO WATER DISTRICT OFFICIALS ON THE NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. CLERK LUCZAK AND ATTORNEYS M. FITZHUGH AND J. MCQUILLAN HAVE MET WITH METRO DISTRICT OFFICIALS IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR THIS CHANGE.

IN ORDER TO CREATE ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE ELECTION PROCESS, THE BUREAU OF ELECTIONS HAS SPELLED OUT A POST AUDIT EVALUATION WHICH COUNTY CLERKS MUST PERFORM FOR SPECIFIED VOTING PRECINCTS, FOLLOWING EACH ELECTION, EFFECTIVE NOV. 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BAY COUNTY CLERK OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL BE GRANTED THE AUTHORITY BY THIS COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND PROVIDE THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE 2014 ELECTIONS FOR WHICH THE CLERK AND/OR DESIGNEE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

BY THIS RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZATION SHALL INCLUDE PAYMENT OF ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO ELECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014. THE CLERK SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE COST OF PRINTING/ PREPARING BALLOTS. ONLY ONE VENDOR NEED BE SELECTED FOR ALL ELECTIONS TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR. THE FUNCTION OF PROGRAMMING/CODING OF EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PERFORMED BY SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO THE BAY COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM, ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE. AUTOMARK SERVICE SHALL CONTINUE TO BE PERFORMED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AT NO COST AND EXCLUDED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF A PURCHASE POLICY.

FURTHER, SAID COSTS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE COSTS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS, PROGRAMMING/CODING OF THE BALLOTS; PRECINCT WORKERS' TRAINING AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO ELECTION STAFF; BOARD OF CANVASSER TRAINING/PER DIEM; AUTOMARK PROGRAMMING/ SETUP; EQUIPMENT REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE; RELATED EXPENSES TO BALLOT INSPECTION SERVICE; EXPENSES FOR EDUCATION GUIDELINES AND ANY OTHER COSTS RELATED TO PERFORMING THE STATUTORY ELECTION DUTIES UNDER MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

ALL EXPENDITURES SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY OF BAY AS ALLOCATED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET ACT RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND REQUESTED OF THIS BODY, THE CLERK SHALL PROVIDE A CERTIFIED LIST OF THE NAMES OF THOSE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON EACH ELECTION BALLOT. PROOFING OF THE BALLOTS HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO THE CLERK/DESIGNEE WITH FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION PRIOR TO PRINTING OF THE BALLOTS. THE CLERK WILL ALSO NOTIFY PROBATE JUDGE KAREN TIGHE WHEN ELECTION FUNCTIONS ARE CONCLUDED AND THE ELECTION MATERIALS ARE SECURED, BEFORE THE BOARD OF CANVASSER INSPECTIONS.

THE 2014 ELECTION COMMISSION RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED AND EXECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, ON JANUARY 29, 2014.

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