

BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

2016 RESOLUTION

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 THE FOLLOWING IN 2016

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION:	MARCH 8, 2016
REGULAR MAY ELECTION:	MAY 3, 2016
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION	AUGUST 2, 2016
STATE GENERAL ELECTION	NOVEMBER 8, 2016

PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 8 2016, (BY SB 44-45) BEGAN DURING DECEMBER 2015 WITH BALLOT PRODUCTION INITIATED AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE STATE REFERENDUM DEADLINE OF JANUARY 4, 2016. THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW MANDATED THAT BALLOTS BE IN THE HANDS OF THE LOCAL CLERKS FOR DISTRIBUTION ON JANUARY 21, 2016. ISSUANCE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL CONTINUE NOW TO MARCH 8, 2016 WITH AN INCREASED NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTED AT THIS POINT. THE COUNTY CLERK MAY BE ORDERING ADDITIONAL BALLOT QUANTITIES AS THE ELECTION APPROACHES WITH THE REASON THAT VOTERS MUST SELECT EITHER A REPUBLICAN NOMINEE BALLOT OR A DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE BALLOT AND WITH VOTERS POTENTIALLY CHANGING THEIR POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE FROM WHAT WE ANTICIPATE, WE MAY FIND THAT A LAST MINUTE ORDER MAY BE NECESSARY. BOTH REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES HAVE CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN 2016 WHEN IN THE PAST, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAD OFTEN SELECTED THEIR MICHIGAN NOMINEE BY THE CAUCUS PROCESS.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER WILL BE PLACING TWO (2) BALLOT QUESTIONS ON THE MARCH 8, 2016 BALLOT WITH ONE ASKING VOTERS TO FUND ROAD ISSUES AND THE OTHER QUESTION A FIRE MILLAGE QUESTION. THE TOWNSHIP OF KAWKAWLIN HAD ALSO REQUESTED A BALLOT QUESTION ON THE MARCH 8, 2016 BALLOT FOR THE OPERATION/MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE DEPT. AS THE STATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION (THE NOMINATION OF A MICHIGAN CANDIDATE), THE ABOVE TOWNSHIPS WILL NOT REALIZE ANY COSTS FOR QUESTION PLACEMENTS.

ON DECEMBER 13, 2015, BEAVER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR RONALD ROBBINS EXPIRED, LEAVING A VACANCY IN THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. THE LAW DIRECTS THE TOWNSHIP TO SELECT AN APPOINTEE TO FILL THE BALANCE OF THE TERM WITHIN 45 DAYS AND SINCE THAT HAD NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE DEADLINE, A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAY ELECTION TO NAME A REPLACEMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. PETITIONS WILL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK, BALLOTS PREPARED, ABSENTEES ISSUED AND ELECTION CONDUCTED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

ANTICIPATED WILL BE A LARGE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AS ALL STATE, COUNTY, LOCAL OFFICIALS AS WELL AS PRECINCT DELEGATES WILL BE LISTED FOR NOMINATION/ELECTION ON THIS DATE. MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW FILING DEADLINES HAVE BEEN CONDENSED THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO AFFORD CLERKS ADDITIONAL PREPARATION TIME AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION THEREFORE ALL PARTISAN NOMINEES WILL BE FILING FOR OFFICE BY APRIL 19, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.

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 3, 2016. 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 5/3/16 DEADLINE.

THE COUNTY CLERK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVEN YEAR COUNTY WIDE TRAINING OF ELECTION INSPECTORS SET FOR JUNE/JULY 2016. TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TRAINING DATES WERE SCHEDULED ON 1/26/16 AND 2/5/16 FOR INSTRUCTION REGARDING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

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.

THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION WILL SEE THE ELIMINATION OF THE "STRAIGHT PARTY" VOTING OPTION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2016 WITH THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 13. AS LONGER VOTING TIME PER PERSON WILL BE REQUIRED, ADDITIONAL PREPARATIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY LOCALS.

LEGISLATION WILL PLACE THE ELECTION OF METRO WATER DISTRICT OFFICIALS ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT AFTER PASSAGE OF NEW METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ACT/ELECTION LAW CHANGES IN 2014.

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. THE COUNTY CLERK WILL PLAN TO CONDUCT THESE POST ELECTION AUDITS

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 2016 ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE CLERK AND/OR DESIGNEE PERFORM.

BY THIS RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZATION SHALL INCLUDE PAYMENT OF ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO ELECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

THE MICHIGAN BUREAU OF ELECTION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DILIGENT IN SECURING FUNDING, REVIEWING RFP'S AND PROVIDING DEMONSTRATIONS OF PROPOSED NEW VOTING SYSTEMS. AS ONLY ONE (1) VENDOR MET THE CRITERIA IN THE FIRST ROUND OF REVIEW, A NEW DEADLINE WAS SET FOR RELEASE OF RFP'S AND IMPLEMENTATION IN 2017/2018. THE PROJECTED COUNTY BY COUNTY ROLL OUT IMPLEMENTATION HAD BEEN 2016 FOR A FEW TARGETED COUNTIES BUT THAT HAD BEEN DELAYED DUE TO THE LENGTHY CERTIFICATION PROCESS.

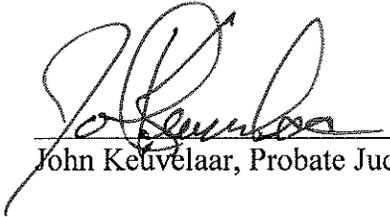
FURTHER, SAID COSTS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE COSTS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION PROCESS, PROGRAMMING/CODING OF THE BALLOTS; SUPPLIES; PUBLISHING OF NOTICES; PRINTING OF THE BALLOTS; PRECINCT WORKER(S) TRAINING AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATING TO ANY ELECTION STAFF; CANVASSER BOARD TRAINING/PER DIEMS; AUTOMARK PROGRAMMING/SET UP; EQUIPMENT REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE; RELATED EXPENSES TO BALLOT INSPECTION SERVICE; EXPENSES FOR EDUCATION AND/TRAINING OF THE CLERK UNDER NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION GUIDELINES AND ANY OTHER COSTS RELATED WITH PERFORMING THE STATUTORY ELECTION DUTIES UNDER MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

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

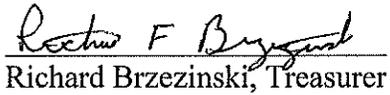
PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND REQUESTED OF THIS BODY, THE CLERK SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE A CERTIFIED LIST OF THE NAMES OF THOSE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON EACH ELECTION

BALLOT. THE CLERK WILL ALSO NOTIFY THE PROBATE JUDGE WHEN ELECTION FUNCTIONS ARE CONCLUDED AND THE ELECTION MATERIALS SECURED BEFORE BOARD OF CANVASSER INSPECTION. THE PROBATE JUDGE WILL SECURE THE SET OF ELECTION RESULTS DESIGNATED TO THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS ON ELECTION NIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW. IN ADDITION, THE COUNTY CLERK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING THE SET OF ELECTION RESULTS DESIGNATED TO THE CLERK ON ELECTION NIGHT.

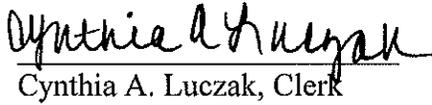
THEREFORE, THE 2016 ELECTION COMMISSION RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED AND EXECUTED FOLLOWING A SESSION HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT, DATED JANUARY 29, 2016.



John Kelivelaar, Probate Judge



Richard Brzezinski, Treasurer



Cynthia A. Luczak, Clerk