

BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

2019 RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS ESTABLISHED THREE (3) STANDARD ELECTION DATES PER YEAR UNDER THE ELECTION CONSOLIDATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 298-306 OF 2003, AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2019.

REGULAR MAY ELECTION	MAY 7, 2019
ODD YEAR PRIMARY ELECTION	AUGUST 6, 2019
ODD YEAR GENERAL ELECTION	NOVEMBER 5, 2019

FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION, THE STATE HAS EXPERIENCED A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP IN LANSING, GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER, SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL WHO EACH RAN AS A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE. THESE POSITIONS HAD BEEN HELD BY REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS IN THE PAST AND MAY RESULT IN A NUMBER OF CHANGES.

STRAIGHT TICKET PARTY VOTING WAS ELIMINATED AS AN OPTION ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 BALLOT AFTER A FEDERAL APPELLATE COURT ALLOWED THE LEGISLATIVE APPROVED BAN TO TAKE EFFECT AT THE STATE'S REQUEST, THIS OCCURRED FOLLOWING THE APPEALS COURT RULING ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2018. DISCUSSIONS OF THIS CONTINUE WITH TAKEOVER OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND PASSAGE OF PROPOSAL III BY THE ELECTORATE TO CAST A STRAIGHT TICKET VOTE FOR ALL CANDIDATES OF A PARTICULAR POLITICAL PARTY WHEN VOTING IN A PARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION APPROVE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

IN ADDITION, PASSAGE OF PROPOSAL III ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 BALLOT ALLOWED A UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN MICHIGAN TO:

- 1) BECOME AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED TO VOTE WHEN APPLYING FOR ,UPDATING OR RENEWING A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ISSUED PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, UNLESS THE PERSON DECLINES.
- 2) SIMULTANEOUSLY REGISTER TO VOTE WITH PROOF OF RESIDENCY AND OBTAIN A BALLOT DURING THE 2 WEEK PERIOD PRIOR TO AN ELECTION, UP TO AND INCLUDING ELECTION DAY.
- 3) OBTAIN AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT WITHOUT PROVIDING REASON

- 4) CAST A STRAIGHT-TICKET VOTE FOR ALL CANDIDATES OF A PARTICULAR POLITICAL PARTY WHEN VOTING IN A PARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION.

THE 2019 REGULAR MAY ELECTION BALLOT WILL PRESENT THE VOTERS WITH TWO (2) CHOICES OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR FOLLOWING THE RECALL PROCEDURE COMPLETED BY RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT. ADDITIONALLY, THE BALLOT WILL LIST A MILLAGE QUESTION FOR THE REESE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERRITT TOWNSHIP WHO RESIDE IN THE REESE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE 2019 ODD YEAR PRIMARY BALLOT WOULD BE COMPILED IF THE ISSUES IN BAY COUNTY WARRANT AN ELECTION AND MAY POSSIBLY BE CALLED TO NARROW DOWN THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR THE EVEN NUMBERED WARDS OF THE CITY OF BAY CITY OR IN THE RACE FOR MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BAY CITY.

THE 2019 ODD YEAR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WILL BE PREPARED TO VOTE IN MEMBERS OF THE BAY CITY COMMISSION IN EVEN NUMBERED WARDS AND FOR THE MAYOR SEAT.

THE 2019 ODD YEAR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WAS EXPECTED TO PRESENT THE QUESTION TO VOTERS IF THE CITY OF BAY CITY CHARTER SHALL BE AMENDED. AN ELECTED PANEL HAD PREPARED MINIMAL CHANGES IN VERBIAGE WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 2019 BALLOT. STATE LAW AFFORDS THE PANEL THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT CHANGES TO THE GOVERNOR FOR REVIEW ON THREE (3) OPPORTUNITIES PRIOR TO DETERMINATION OF THE ELECTION DATE SELECTED, THE PROPOSED CHANGES HAD BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR IN JANUARY 2019.

HOUSE BILL 4700, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2019 MOVES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTIFYING ELECTED PRECINCT DELEGATE FROM THE DUTY OF A PRECINCT INSPECTOR TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION. PRECINCT DELEGATES WHO FILE BY WRITE-IN MEANS MUST NOW ALSO FILE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK (RATHER THAN THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK) AND CAN STILL FILE AS A WRITE-IN AT THE PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY.

HOUSE BILL 4734, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2019, CLARIFIES THAT IT IS THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNTY SHERIFF OR REGISTER OF DEEDS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO FILL A TEMPORARY VACANCY ON THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION. THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDES THAT THE COUNTY CLERK MAY EMPLOY ASSISTANTS TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE BAY COUNTY CANVASS BOARD AND COMPENSATE THEM ACCORDINGLY.

HOUSE BILL 4747 AND 4748, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2019, ALLOWS CANDIDATES FOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND TRUSTEE TO FILE A REFUNDABLE \$100 FILING FEE IN LIEU OF NOMINATING PETITIONS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN AN AVAILABLE OPTION IN THE PAST.

FORMER ELECTION COMMISSION MEMBER/TREASURER, RICHARD BRZEZINSKI, RETIRED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2019 AND SHAWNA WALRAVEN HAS NOW BEEN APPOINTED THE BAY COUNTY TREASURER AND WILL SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF ELECTION COMMISSION MEMBER FOR THE BALANCE OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED, THE BAY COUNTY CLERK OR HER DESIGNEE, SHALL BE GRANTED THE AUTHORITY BY THIS COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND PROVIDE THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE 2019 ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE COUNTY CLERK AND/OR DESIGNEE PERFORM.

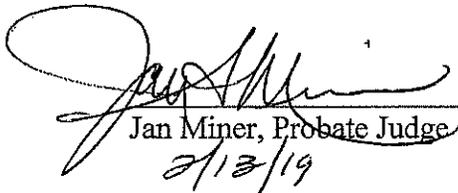
BY THIS RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZATION SHALL INCLUDE PAYMENT OF ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO ELECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019.

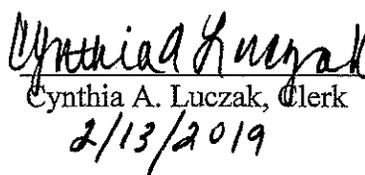
FURTHER, SAID COSTS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE COSTS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION PROCESS, PROGRAMMING/CODING OF THE BALLOTS; SUPPLIES; PUBLISHING OF NOTICE; PRINTING OF THE BALLOTS; PRECINCT WORKER(S) TRAINING AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATING TO ANY ELECTION STAFF; CANVASSER BOARD TRAINING/PER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

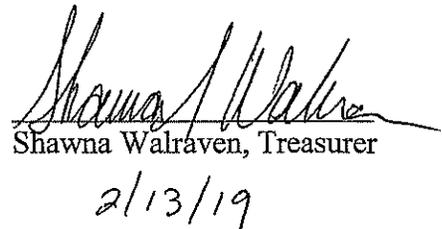
ALL EXPENDITURES SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY OF BAY AS TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET ACT RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

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 WOULD BE CONCLUDED AND THE ELECTION MATERIALS SECURED BEFORE THE BOARD OF CANVASSER INSPECTION. THE PROBATE JUDGE WILL SECURE THE SET OF ELECTION RESULTS DESIGNATED FOR THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS WHILE THE COUNTY CLERK WILL SECURE THE SET OF ELECTION RESULTS ASSIGNED TO THE CLERK ON ELECTION NIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

THEREFORE, THE 2019 ELECTION COMMISSION RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED AND EXECUTED FOLLOWING A SESSION HELD PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETING ACT, DATED THIS 13th DAY OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019.


Jan Miner, Probate Judge
2/13/19


Cynthia A. Luczak, Clerk
2/13/2019


Shawna Walraven, Treasurer
2/13/19