

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2017

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS MET FOR A ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF THE BOARD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 IN THE FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BAY COUNTY BUILDING. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN MATT LANCE AT 11:30 AM WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

MATT LANCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
WALTER WOZNIAK JR., VICE CHAIRMAN
JANICE PIERSON, BOARD MEMBER
KEVIN LORENTZ, BOARD MEMBER
CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, SECRETARY OF BOARD
ROBERT PIERSON, BAY COUNTY RESIDENT

CHAIRMAN LANCE NOTED THAT ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT FOR THIS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NOMINATION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD.

IN ADDITION, THAT THIS MEETING HAD BEEN POSTED BY SECRETARY LUCZAK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN: PIERSON MOVED TO ELECT MATT LANCE TO THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS FOR THE YEAR 2017. WALTER WOZNIAK JR. SUPPORTED THE MOTION AS CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: LORENTZ MOVED TO ELECT PIERSON AS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS FOR THE YEAR OF 2017. WALTER WOZNIAK JR. SUPPORTED THE MOTION AS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

MINUTES: AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, CHAIRMAN LANCE ASKED BOARD MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION AND THE DECEMBER 16, 2016 BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOUNT OF BALLOTS CAST FOR THE BOARD MEMBER RACE. AS THESE MINUTES HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED BY THE CLERK OFFICE OR REVIEWED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THEY WILL BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT CANVASS OF THE BOARD.

THE CLERK AND CANVASS MEMBERS HELD A RECAP OF THE ELECTION CYCLE FOR 2016 INCLUDING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY HELD IN ALL MICHIGAN PRECINCTS ON MARCH 8, 2016; THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD AUGUST 2, 2017 AND THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016. IN ADDITION TO THESE DATES, RECOUNTS WERE HELD IN CERTAIN PRECINCTS IN THE 96TH DISTRICT STATE REP. RACE REQUESTED BY DONALD TILLEY AND FOR THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER SEAT BETWEEN SUE ROSEBROCK AND PATRICK SHAFFER IN DECEMBER 2016.

GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE JILL STEIN, HAD ALSO REQUESTED A STATEWIDE RECOUNT OF VOTES CAST IN HER RACE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE COUNTY OF BAY HAD PREPARED FOR THE STATEWIDE RECOUNT IN BAY COUNTY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016 BUT THE RECOUNT WAS CALLED OFF BY CANDIDATE STEIN AT 10:30 P.M. ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016. WHEN RECOUNTING BALLOTS IN WAYNE COUNTY THE CANDIDATE AND STATE OFFICIALS REALIZED A NUMBER OF DISCREPANCIES INCLUDING MATH ERRORS, POOR RECORD KEEPING, MISSING POLL BOOKS, CALCULATIONS OUT OF BALANCE WITH FIGURES PROVIDED, BALLOTS THAT HAD NOT BEEN COUNTED AND DIFFICULTY WITH WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT. THESE MATTERS CAUSED CANDIDATE STEIN TO PROCEED WITH RECOUNTING BALLOTS IN THE COUNTIES OF MACOMB, OAKLAND, WASHTENAW, KALAMAZOO, AND JACKSON. BAY COUNTY HAD BEEN NAMED IN THE SECOND GROUP OF COUNTIES TO BE REVIEWED BUT WERE CANCELLED.

ALL AGREED THAT THIS WAS A VERY CHALLENGING ELECTION YEAR AND 2017 SHOULD PROVE TO BE A "QUIET" YEAR IN THE ELECTION WORLD.

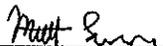
CHAIRMAN LANCE NOTED THAT THE CITY OF BAY CITY WILL ELECT COMMISSIONERS TO THE BOARD IN CITY WARDS NUMBERED 1-3-5-7-9.

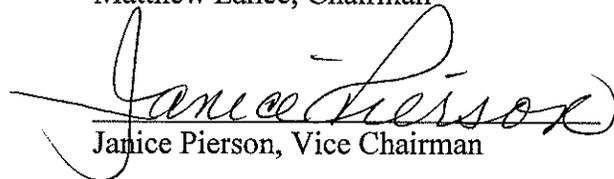
CLERK LUCZAK REPORTED THE PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF BAY HAD BEGUN. OVER THE COURSE OF JULY AND AUGUST 2016, THE EACH OF THE THREE (3) STATE SELECTED VENDORS HAD PERFORMED DEMONSTRATIONS IN BAY COUNTY FOR ALL OF THE LOCAL CLERKS TO CONSIDER. IN SEPTEMBER 2016, THE LOCAL CLERKS VOTED AT THEIR QUARTERLY BAY COUNTY CLERK ASSOCIATION MEETING TO SELECT ES&S AS THEIR VENDOR OF CHOICE. MANY OF THE OUTGOING CLERKS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION PUSHED TO MAKE THIS DECISION AND BE PART OF THE VOTE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT OR POSSIBLE DEFEAT IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. CLERK LUCZAK INVOICED THE LOCALS FOR \$2,500 EACH PRECINCT OCTOBER 1,

2016 AS PART OF THE STATE "LOCAL MATCH" FUNDING. AT THIS TIME, MOST OF THE LOCALS HAD PAID THEIR FUNDS TO THE CLERK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KAWKAWLIN, MONITOR, WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF BAY CITY. THE LOCAL MATCH WAS HELD IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT NUMBERED 101038300 BY THE BAY COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT. AT THIS TIME, THE STATE WAS COMPLETING THE FORMAT FOR THE FINAL RESOLUTION AND GRANT AGREEMENT(S) FOR EACH LOCAL TO EXECUTE WHICH WOULD CONFIRM OWNERSHIP OF THE EQUIPMENT AND VERIFY THE LOCALS WILL MAINTAIN IT AND PAY FOR A SERVICE CONTRACT AFTER YEARS 6-10 OF OWNERSHIP. THE DEADLINE FOR THE PAPERWORK WAS MARCH 1, 2017 AND BAY COUNTY WAS TO BE SELECTED FOR ISSUE OF NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT IN THE FIRST ROUND OF "PURCHASE" AND IMPLEMENTATION BY JUNE 1, 2017 AS THE CITY OF BAY CITY HAD A PRIMARY ELECTION ANTICIPATED FOR AUGUST 2017. THE CANVASS BOARD WILL BE ADVISED OF THE PROGRESS WITH THIS ENDEAVOR.

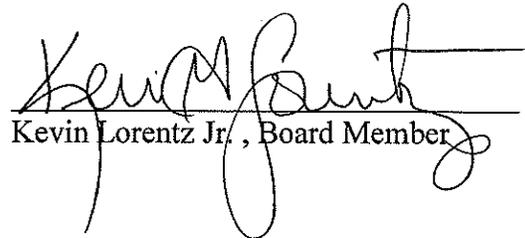
AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL THE SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE YEAR 2017. ALL BOARD MEMBERS CONCURRED AND THE CLERK WAS ADVISED TO POST ALL CANVASS MEETINGS TO START AT 1:00 P.M.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:30 P.M.


Matthew Lance, Chairman


Janice Pierson, Vice Chairman


Walter Wozniak Jr. Board Member


Kevin Lorentz Jr., Board Member