

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 8:55 a.m. for a special meeting. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member Mariann Penska, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg, Deputy Director Eric Corbin, Journal News Reporter Mike Pittman and Poll Worker Administrator/Executive Assistant Melissa Trotta.

Deputy Director Corbin presented Document 1, Candidates to be Certified to the May 7, 2019 Primary/Special Election. Member Penska moved to certify the candidate on Document 1 to the May 7, 2019, Primary/Election; seconded by Chairman Cloud. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member Penska yea
Member Hall yea
Member Wunnenberg yea

All in favor; motion carried

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Butler County Board of Elections
May 7th, 2019 Primary Election
Candidates

The candidate has met the statutory requirements to appear on the ballot.

January 28, 2019

Judge of the Hamilton Municipal Court – Full term commencing 1/1/2020

- Daniel J. Gattermeyer – Democrat

Deputy Director Corbin stated the Certified Results for the November 6, 2018, General Election need to be amended. He said Butler County is the most populous county in the 8th Congressional District that overlaps with Miami County, which had to amend their results due to an issue with their tabulation system. Member Wunnenberg moved to amend the certified results for the November 6, 2018, General Election; seconded by Member Penska. Roll Call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried

Under Old Business, Deputy Director Corbin presented the Voting System and Vendor Analysis for the Purchase of a New Voting System Rough Draft 3.

Deputy Director Corbin explained the hardware warranty for Dominion Voting System's DRE voting machines. He explained the warranty replaces broken parts as long as the parts were not broken due to negligence or misuse. He said the warranty will be reviewed by the County Prosecutor, Roger Gates as well. He said the salesperson from Dominion Voting Systems stated the company has not had to repair any broken screens for any customers who are currently using the system. Deputy Director Corbin stated he contacted the Clark County Board of Elections in Las Vegas which has had the new DRE system for two years. The Election Official confirmed out of the 4,000 machines purchased and in use, there have not been any problems with durability.

Deputy Director Corbin explained Dominion's managed services agreement. He stated the agreement shows both a leasing agreement and purchase agreement options. He explained if the voting system is leased, Dominion will use the \$3.25 provided by the State as a down payment. He stated the first year would not cost the Board of Elections any money and the remaining balance would be divided up over the next nine years. Member Hall asked if Dominion is offering a six, eight, and ten year leasing agreement. Member Penska asked if Dominion offers any other leasing options. Deputy Director Corbin stated they did not. Member Hall asked if Dominion was the only vendor offering lease options. Deputy Director Corbin stated if Butler County purchases a paper system there would be enough state funds and it would not make sense to lease, however Elections System & Software (ESS) said they would be willing to work with us but- the cost is already higher than the system offered by Dominion.

Member Hall asked why the Board is not recommending a paper ballot system. Deputy Director Corbin stated a DRE system gives more accurate results but costs more to purchase. He explained there are disadvantages with paper ballots due to voter intent and over votes. He said there are various logistical reasons why he would not want to be handing out paper ballots during early voting. Member Penska stated she agreed, however she felt like there is not a huge disadvantage.

Deputy Director Corbin stated the central count scanners are the same for Dominion's DRE System and Dominion's paper system, He said another interesting point is that multiple vendors use the same commercially available scanners.

Member Hall asked when was the evaluation scoring guide last updated. Deputy Director Corbin stated the packet includes the most recent score. Dominion and ES&S both provided in depth presentations to the board staff in October 2018, demonstrating their election management systems.

Member Wunnenberg stated the Board should make a recommendation for selecting the best DRE system and the best paper system. He said the recommendation should express why the DRE system is best for Butler County. He stated he feels a DRE system is the best because it would eliminate the need to re-educating voters and staff members. Member Wunnenberg stated voters are used to the DRE system, they expect a DRE system, and voter expectations are at a certain level. He said the other system was an inferior system and more expensive for what the Board is considering.

Member Wunnenberg said that 90% of any issues are with paper ballots be it provisional ballots, absentee ballots and the human involvement.

Deputy Director Corbin said, from an election official standpoint, a DRE system is best voting system because of the benefits provided to the public and the accuracy rates. He said many counties are going to paper ballots because the money allocated covers the cost or because they currently have a paper ballot system. Deputy Director Corbin said a lot of improvements are on the backend of the system that is not visible to the voters.

Chairman Cloud stated the Members of the Board are on the same page as Director Noonan, Deputy Director Corbin and staff.

Member Penska stated Deputy Director Corbin and the rest of the staff have done a phenomenal job updating the presentation.

Member Penska suggested having a summary page with the pros of cons of each voting system. Member Hall suggested having a separate scoring guide for DRE systems and paper systems because it would be easier to highlight the differences. Member Penska stated in fairness we need to inform the County Commissioners of our concerns for each voting system. Member Hall asked for staff members to review the documents in detail before presenting to the County Commissioners.

Member Hall proposed to set up a meeting with the County Commissioners the first week of March.

Member Hall would like Database Administrators Joe Andrews and Jay Klein and Warehouse Administrator Erin Clendenin to attend the meeting. He also suggested the staff should bring the equipment because it may be beneficial to the conversation.

Deputy Director Corbin stated he will update the presentation to include the additional information the Board requested. He will create a summary of the presentation, add state funding columns, and update the evaluation scoring guide.

With no further business, Member Penska moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member Wunnenberg. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Penska	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:24 a.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Diane Noonan, Director

Todd Hall, Member

Chris Wunnenberg III, Member

Mariann Penska, Member