

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 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND BE KNOWN TOTALLY AS THE 5<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE STATE SENATE SEAT WILL REMAIN IN WHOLE THE 31<sup>ST</sup>. THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS WILL NOW BE COMPRISED OF THE 98<sup>TH</sup> AND THE 96<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. BAY COUNTY WILL BE SITUATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE STATE SENATE WILL REMAIN THE 31<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT.

STATE REDISTRICTING WILL ALSO MODIFY THE PREVIOUS 96<sup>TH</sup> AND 97<sup>TH</sup> STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS AND THE COUNTY OF BAY WILL BE KNOWN AS THE 96<sup>TH</sup> AND 98<sup>TH</sup> 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

MAY 8, 2012

AUGUST 7, 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.

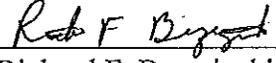
FURTHER, SAID COSTS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE COSTS TO INFORM VOTERS OF CHANGES RELATED TO THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICTS WITHIN THE BAY COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS; ORDERING OF BALLOTS; SUPPLIES; PUBLISHING OF NOTICES; PROGRAM AND CODING OF BALLOT FUNCTIONS; PRECINCT WORKERS AND ANY RELATED 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.

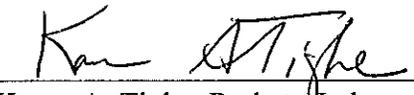
ALL EXPENDITURES SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE GENERAL FUND FROM THE COUNTY OF BAY AS TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET ACT RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

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 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Krygler	✓			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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