

Agenda

City Election Commission

City of Kalamazoo



Friday, October 14, 2022

9:00 AM

The Community Room at City Hall - 241 W. South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the appointment of election inspectors to perform absent voter ballot pre-processing activities at Kalamazoo City Hall on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. ADJOURNMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The City Election Commission exists to perform certain administrative duties as required by Michigan Election Law. The actions most frequently taken by the Election Commission include approving the temporary consolidation of voting precincts; appointing election inspectors (poll workers) for each election; and conducting the public accuracy test of the program and voting equipment to be used at each election.

Public Participation

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to address the Election Commission at each meeting. Each person wishing to speak shall have one opportunity to address the Election Commission and may speak for up to three (3) minutes. Members of the public who are viewing the Public Accuracy Test shall observe from the designated public area.



City Election Commission Staff Report

City of Kalamazoo

TO: The City of Kalamazoo Election Commission

FROM: Scott A. Borling, City Clerk

DATE: October 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Appointment of Election Inspectors to Perform Absentee Ballot Pre-Processing Activities

SUMMARY:

As the result of legislation signed into law one week ago, the Elections Division of the City Clerk's Office has the opportunity to pre-process absent voter ballots on the Sunday and Monday prior to the November 8th General Election. Under the new statute, jurisdictions that want to do pre-processing must have their local election commission appoint election inspectors to do this work no later than 21 days prior to when the pre-processing will take place.

BACKGROUND:

On the afternoon of Friday, October 7th Governor Whitmer signed into law HB 4491, now PA 195 of 2022. The new statute, among other things, allows local clerks to “perform certain absent voter ballot pre-processing activities” between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the Sunday and Monday prior to Election Day. Regarding the persons performing this work, the statute says, “The board of election commissioners shall appoint election inspectors to the location where absent voter ballot return envelopes will be opened in that city or township not less than 21 days or more than 40 days before the day at which they are to be used.”

I would like members of the City's Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) to convene on Sunday, November 6th, to perform pre-processing activities. (We will not have the staffing or physical space at City Hall to do pre-processing on Monday, November 7th.) Because the deadline for appointing election inspectors to this work is calculated based on when “they are to be used,” the deadline for making appointments for pre-processing on the Sunday before the election is this Sunday, October 16th. We already have a special meeting scheduled for Monday, October 17th to appoint election inspectors for various assignments on election day, but the appointment of election inspectors for pre-processing cannot wait until then.

I am proposing that 12 election inspectors (6 Republicans and 6 Democrats), most of whom have experience working on the AVCB, be appointed to do the pre-processing work. This is work that

normally would be done by the AVCB on election day, so the AVCB members will be familiar with it. We are planning to do this work between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 6th. We will not be trying to pre-process all of the ballots. Rather, we will work with our AVCB chairperson to create a work plan that prioritizes specific precincts.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Election Commission approve the appointment of 12 election inspectors to perform absent voter ballot pre-processing activities at Kalamazoo City Hall on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Absent Voter Counting Board - Preprocessing
Sunday, November 6, 2022

Last Name	First Name	Role	Precinct	Party
BAKER	DEEDEE	Chair	AVCB	R
BAKER	JOSEPHINE	Chair	AVCB	D
BELL	YOLANDA	Worker	AVCB	R
FREEMAN	MARLENE	Worker	AVCB	R
KOSTER	EUNICE	Worker	AVCB	R
LEWIS	ROBERT	Assistant Chair	AVCB	D
ODONOHUE	LINDSAY	Worker	AVCB	D
PRESLEY	ELIZABETH	Assistant Chair	AVCB	D
PRIDGEON	MARIAN	Worker	AVCB	R
PYNE	MARILYN	Worker	AVCB	D
WALLACE	THOMAS	Worker	AVCB	R
WILLIS	TAMMY	Worker	AVCB	D