AMENDED FOUNTAIN COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN
September 6, 2019

In Compliance with IC 3-11-18-1-4, the Fountain County Election Board proposes to adopt a plan for the establishment of Voting Centers in Fountain County, to provide more convenient, efficient, cost effective voting access, and procedures for all Fountain County voters. We would like to have this plan go into effect for the 2018 Primary Election.

Fountain County plans to utilize 5 vote center locations. Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-6 only requires one vote center per 10,000 active voters, but the Fountain County Election Board plans to provide one vote center per roughly 2,094 active voters.

As of November, 2017:
(A) Total number of registered voters within Fountain County – 11,051
(B) Total number of active voters within Fountain County – 10,469
(C) Total number of inactive voters in Fountain County – 582

1. The following are suggested vote center locations to be open on Election Days for Presidential and Mid-Term Elections:
(The following locations will be reviewed and amended prior to each election cycle.)
A. Attica High School – 211 E Sycamore St., Attica, IN 47918
B. Covington High School – 1017 6th St., Covington, IN 47932
C. Veedersburg Fire Station – Community Room – 100 S Main St., Veedersburg, IN 47987
D. Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene – 453 S SR 341, Hillsboro, IN 47949
E. Kingman American Legion – 251 W State St., Kingman, IN 47952

2. The following are suggested vote center locations to be open for Municipal Elections held in the odd numbered years:
(The following locations will be used as a vote center location only if there will be an election held for that particular municipality or nearby municipality. If an election is NOT held, then that local vote center will not be utilized during that particular year of Municipal Elections. These locations will be reviewed and amended prior to each election cycle.)
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3. The following is the suggested satellite vote center location to be open for Early Voting the two Saturdays prior to the election:
(The following location will be reviewed and may be amended prior to each election cycle.)
A. Fountain County Clerk’s Office, 301 4th Street, Covington, IN 47932
B. Attica City Building Courtroom, 305 E Main Street, Attica, IN 47918
All vote center locations meet the accessibility requirements under IC 3-11-8.
4. Each Vote Center will have one Inspector, two Judges, and four Clerks. At least one Judge will be from the opposite party as the Inspector. Training procedures for poll workers will remain the same. The number of workers, electronic poll books, and voting machines sent to each location will be determined and may be changed by the County Clerk at his/her discretion.

5. Every Ballot type for each precinct, applicable school board elections and party in primary elections shall be available, electronically, at each Vote Center.

6. Fountain County will continue to use the AccuVote TSX touch screen machines. Because the AccuVote TSX is Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) touch screen machine, the requirement in Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-14 that requires ballots to be kept separately by precinct is easily met. Just as in traditional elections, at the end of Election Day, votes will still be tallied and reported by precinct. The voting machines are at no point ever hooked up to the internet. Attached is the TSX diagram.

7. An Electronic Poll Book will be used in order for voters to go to any location that they choose to vote. Fountain County has decided to utilize KNOWiNK innovative election solutions. This electronic poll book will be securely connected to every vote center and to the County Election Board at the Fountain County Clerk’s Office on Election Day. It will securely connect every satellite vote center and meets all standards set out by Indiana law under IC 3-11-8-10.3. In addition, KNOWiNK election managers have intimate knowledge and experience with electronic poll books. A minimum of two electronic poll books will be available at each Voting Center.

NOTE: Voters from every precinct may vote at any vote center location or satellite vote center location. Every ballot style for each precinct in Fountain County will be available at each vote center and each satellite vote center (Depending on the election, the number of ballot styles varies greatly; therefore, this plan does not attempt to provide a specific number of ballot styles). Each vote center and early vote center will be connected to all other vote centers or early vote centers (as well as the County Election Board) via electronic poll books connected via secured internet lines. At least two electronic poll book terminals will be available at each location.

8. Electronic Poll Book Description and Security Details: The hardware, software and firmware used for the poll pad, will be utilizing the KnowInk Poll Pad. The Poll Pad e-poll book application software runs on the Apple iPad tablet. This system is certified by the Indiana Secretary of State’s Office. The Poll Pad system interfaces with Quest Voter Registration System as part of the certified system. See attached for detailed information.

The number of voters on the machines and the number of voters in the poll pad will be checked and balanced each day.

In the event of a power failure at each or one vote center, the voting machines and poll pad will be switched to battery backup. For obvious reasons, if the safety of voters and or poll workers is ever at risk, the Fountain County Security Plan will go into effect with instructions from the Fountain County Clerk, Fountain County Election Board, Fountain County EMA, and the Fountain County Sheriff.
9. Fountain County has a full media and community outreach strategy that will involve press releases to newspapers and radio stations. In addition we will use our county web site www.fountaincounty.net to prepare Fountain County citizens for this change. Moreover each voter will receive a postcard in the mail prior to the initial elections, informing them of this change and where each vote center is located. The Clerk and/or her staff will also be available to attend community events and speak about the change.
FOUNTAIN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

AMENDMENT TO THE VOTE CENTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Fountain County Vote Center Plan was duly adopted on February 21, 2018; an Amendment was approved on April 15, 2018; a 2nd Amendment was adopted on April 3, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-15 authorizes Fountain County to amend its plan previously adopted under Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-3, by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board approving the plan amendment;

WHEREAS, the Fountain County Election Board so approves the amendment to designate vote center locations during Municipal Elections in Fountain County, Indiana;

The following locations will be used as a vote center location only if there will be an election held for that particular municipality or nearby municipality. If an election is NOT held, then that local vote center will not be utilized during that particular year of Municipal Elections. These locations will be reviewed and amended prior to each election cycle.

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This amendment shall take effect immediately and may only be rescinded by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the Fountain County Election Board.

SO APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF September, 2019.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

ROBERT SHELBY, Election Board Member

LISA CRUEA, Election Board Member

PAULA K COPENHAVER, Fountain County Clerk
No Municipal Election

Recitals

WHEREAS, absent any action by the County Election Board, a regularly scheduled municipal election will occur in Kingman, Mellott, Newtown, and Wallace on November 5, 2019.

WHEREAS, after examining all declarations, including write-in declarations, certifications, and petitions the board has determined that there are no more nominees for election to offices in Kingman, Mellott, Newtown, or Wallace than there are offices up for election and that, therefore, there is no contest for any office up for election in Kingman, Mellott, Newtown, or Wallace this year.

Resolution

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, based upon the foregoing recitals, and pursuant to state law IC 3-10-7-6(e), the Fountain County Election Board unanimously resolves, and hereby orders, that there will be no election held for any office up for election this year in Kingman, Mellott, Newtown, or Wallace and that after November 5, 2019 the circuit court clerk shall, upon demand of the candidate, certify all unopposed candidates for office in the same manner as if elected to the office as provided in IC 3-12-5-3.

ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF September, 2019.

Robert B. Shelby
County Election Board Member

Lisa Crue
County Election Board Member

Paula Copenhaver, Fountain County Clerk
FOUNTAIN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2
ESTABLISHING DATES AND HOURS FOR IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

Recitals
WHEREAS, a certain number of voters will vote in the November 5, 2019 Municipal General Election in Fountain County by absentee in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk before an absentee voter board pursuant IC 3-11-10-25;

WHEREAS, the Fountain County Election Board desires to enact a resolution to set the absentee voting hours for absentee voting in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk before an absentee voter board pursuant to IC 3-11-10-26.5.

Findings of Fact
Now, therefore, in support of this resolution, the Fountain County Election Board makes the following findings of fact:
1. The Fountain County Election Board anticipates 100-125 absentee ballot applications to vote in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk in the Municipal General Election on November 5, 2019.
2. The expense that would be incurred if absentee voting was offered in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk during the entire period required under IC 3-11-10-26 would be $4,008.00.
3. The voters would experience little or no inconvenience by restricting absentee ballot voting in the office to the days and hours specified in this resolution.

Resolution
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to IC 3-11-10-26.5, and the findings listed above, the Fountain County Election Board sets, by unanimous vote of the board’s entire membership, the days and hours for absentee voting, in the Primary Election before an absentee voting board, as follows:

Fountain County Courthouse
1. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning October 22, 2019 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
2. Monday, November 4, 2019 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
3. Two (2) Saturdays before election 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Attica City Building
1. Two (2) Saturdays before election 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF September, 2019.

Robert B. Shelby, County Election Board Member

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Paula Copenhaver, Fountain County Clerk