**Monroe County Election Board Meeting - *Special***

***Monday April 15th, 2024, 1:00 PM***

**Nat U Hill Room & Via Zoom**

1. Call To Order

The Monroe County Election Board meeting was called to order by Chair John Fernadez, Republican Board Member Judith Benckart, Chief Deputy Laura Wert, County Attorney Molly King-Turner, and Election Supervisor Kylie Moreland were present.

1. Approval of Minutes

There were no changes to minutes as this meeting was a Special Election Board Meeting.

1. New Business

Commissioners request Election Board have input on Election workers compensation. For two positions Couriers and Counters not included in county ordinance, that will be added.

**Propose Amendments Code 287:**

Chief Deputy Wert speaks for Clerk Browne on surrounding counties pay compensations for Election workers. Chairman Fernandez has no issues with recommended rates.

**Election Operations Update:**

204 Election workers, 29 inspectors, and 2 judges are at every poll site.

Public Comment- None

Inspectors’ Compensation being no more than $200. Asking more time to do research on determining pay raise throughout 2025 for Election Worker’s.

Chairman Fernandez not comfortable doing variants based on number of precincts on inspectors. Prefers to stick with what was proposed in previous meeting. Board Member Benckart agrees.

Multiple Judges and Inspectors have stated, if things don’t change or if the Election Board and Commissioners don’t make agreement, they will not be working. Not worth working for small pay.

Early Voters- Total 557 out of 91,257 registered voters in Monroe County

Moreland appoints change of name for Counters to be called Sorters. Attorney King-Turner says not to change the name.

Fernandez requests motion for compensation pay for April 2024. Chief Deputy Wert made motion and Board Member Benckart seconded the motion. **Motion Passes Unanimously**

Attorney King-Turner said she will take Resolution to Commissioners to consider the Amendments to Code 287 to set exact amounts.

Received certified lists of poll workers from Democratic Party Chair and Republican Party Chair. IC code 366-11 County Chairman makes nominations and County Election Board appoints. May 2024 Election Officers are duly appointed, contingent on acceptance on administrative oath. Chief Deputy Wert makes motion, Benckart seconds motion for certifying poll workers for 2024 Primary Election. **Motion Passes Unanimously**

1. Motion To Adjourn

Chairman Fernandez makes motion to adjourn until the next Election Board meeting on *May 2nd, 2024, in the NAT U Hill Room.*

**Next County Election Board Meeting**

***May 2nd, 2024, at 1:00 PM***

**Nat U Hill Room, 3rd Floor, Monroe County Courthouse**

A recording of this meeting is available at Community Access Television Service (CATS). <http://carstv.net>