



MINUTES

Floyd County Electoral Board Meeting

9 March 2023

Call to Order: 2:11 pm

Attending: Brecc Avellar, Chairman
Becky Howell, Vice Chair
Bob Smith, Secretary
Donna Sweeney, G. R. Staff
Paul Kitchen, Floyd Democratic Party
Amy Ingram, General Registrar Floyd County

Review and Adoption of Minutes for Meeting 16 February, 2023, Adopted as Amended by Acclamation

2024 Budget Request: Reviewed and discussed upcoming elections, in particular, the classification of 'Security' as related to Elections. The Board discussed the distinction between Physical Security, Locks, Keys, Machine Storage and Custody, as opposed to IT, or Cyber Security, having to do with Safeguarding of Data and Personally-identifiable and Proprietary Information. It was suggested that the G.R. Amend the Budget to define line item 3340 as Physical Security, and create a line item 3350 to be defined as Cyber Security, and to include under that line item a request funding for 15k to be utilized toward Compliance with new standards by setting up a standalone Network for the G.R./EB. On Motion by R. Smith and 2nd by B. Howell, Motion was passed by acclamation to Authorize G.R. Ingram to make adjustments to the Budget Request and forward to the BOS.

LESS Checklist: After discussion of our current compliance level, the assurances we have from the County, and their preference not to move ahead on countywide compliance this time, on motion by B. Howell and 2nd by R. Smith, by acclamation, the Board authorized G.R. Ingram to submit our existing LESS Checklist to the County Administrator as currently compiled.

Compliant Network: As mentioned above, in our discussion of the matter, the Board has decided to contact Citizens Telephone and meet to discuss the costs and advantages of establishing a Secure Cloud-Based Network which would be resistant to cyber attack, substantially compliant with the State Board of Elections standards, and constrain cost to the allotment mentioned above. The Board authorized Chairman Avellar to move forward on setting up a time for meeting.

New Office Annex: Work has begun on the space, but the G.R. has not been provided with a key, nor has any access protocol been discussed. The Board discussed the issue of unimpeded access to the space, in particular as this relates to Early Voting, and has decided to assume that this space is under the purview of the Board since there has been no action from the County contrary to this assumption. Also discussed were the advantages of creating a fully secure building by setting up one manned secure entry point at the back door of the Courthouse.

Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, 6 April, 2:00 pm

No further business, Meeting Adjourned 3:48 pm by acclamation on motion by R. Smith and 2nd by B. Howell