



The January 5, 2022 reorganizational meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Registrar's Office annex (former CSA Office) by Chair Robert (Mike) Auchard. Electoral Board members attending the meeting were: Mike Auchard, Sandra Parks, and Susan Threewitts. Also attending: Rockingham County Director of Elections, Lisa Gooden; Deputy Director of Elections, Zack Weaver; and Oriana Morton, Assistant Registrar. Also attending was GOP chair Daryl Borgquist. County Administrator Stephen King briefly attended the meeting during the discussion on redistricting.

Election of Officers for 2022: A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously, to continue with the officers as follows:

Chair – Robert (Mike) Auchard
Vice Chair – Sandra Parks
Secretary – Susan C. Threewitts

Minutes: A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of November 1 and November 3, 2021, as submitted.

Director of Elections Report

Registrant Count: It was noted that the current count stands at 55,674, an increase of nearly 600 from 2021.

Discussion of FY 2022-23 Budget: Lisa Gooden requested that the board consider the establishment of Deputy GR II position due to the increase in absentee ballots, voter participation, and the many changes in recent years in election laws. This position would further enhance continuity in the office and is requested to meet statutory requirements. If approved by the county, this position would be paid for from local funds.

A motion to approve this was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to request a full-time Deputy GR II position in the FY 2022-23 budget.

Election Officer Pay: Members reviewed changes in pay for election officers related to Election Day work. Changes in the pay structure were achieved through three different motions:

A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to include in the Officer of Election job description that they will assist in setup of equipment the day prior to election.

A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to increase the base pay for election officers from \$175 to \$200 per day for Election Day service.

A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to increase the pay for picking up and returning the equipment from \$15 per trip to \$25 per trip.

Effective January 2022, the pay will be set accordingly for election officers and related services:

Base Pay	\$200.00
Training	\$ 30.00 (in person or online)
Chief	\$ 50.00
Assistant Chief	\$ 25.00
Equipment pick-up	\$ 25.00 + mileage (rate set by state)
Equipment return	\$ 25.00 + mileage (rate set by state)

The meeting resumed in the Community Room of the Community Development Department.

Discussion of Redistricting with Mark Rathke, GIS Coordinator for Rockingham County: Mark Rathke, GIS Coordinator, discussed some of the options available for redrawing the county election district lines and precinct boundary lines. He noted that the standard deviation between election districts could be no more

than 5%. After some discussion, it was agreed to meet again on January 11 to further review options.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threwitts, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan C. Threwitts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Susan C. Threwitts, Secretary