



WARRICK COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

FEBRUARY 6, 2026 MINUTES

1. MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Leader: Paul Rudolph, President of the Election Board

Secretary: Michael Wilson, Clerk

Location: Warrick County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 107 West Locust Street, Suite 301, Boonville, IN 47601

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Paul Rudolph at 2:03 PM.

The meeting agenda and prior meeting minutes were distributed to Board Members

3. ROLL CALL

A quorum was confirmed with the following members in attendance:

- Paul Rudolph, President
- Nancy Woolsey, Vice-President
- Mike Wilson, Clerk/Secretary

No recorded absentees. All members were present.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Paul stated he was unable to read the minutes from the previous meeting and asked to table the approval until the next meeting. Paul put a motion to table the approval of minutes, motion carried 3-0.

5. DISCUSS 2026 POLLING LOCATIONS

- a. Day of Voting – Paul wanted the Board to walk through Vote Center Plan from 2024 and make changes for day of voting. Paul went through the plan and the following locations are good for day of voting: Elberfeld Fire Station, Lynnville Community Center, Pigeon Township Community Center, Folsomville United Methodist Church, Tennyson Community Center, Boonville Public Library, Quail Crossing Country Club, Warrick County 4-H Center, Warrick County FOP, Chandler Community Center, Newburgh Healthcare, Living Word Christian Church, Ohio Township Trustee Office, American Legion Kapperman Post Newburgh, United Steelworkers Local 104 and Zoar United Church of Christ. The only location not available is Abundant Life Community Church, but this location will be relocated to Friedman Park. Mike stated all locations have given a verbal consent to be polling locations and 8 have sent paperwork back in. Paul asked if there should be a vote for this to be the final list or put this information on the Vote Center Plan and then approve the plan. Mike stated to approve the plan. Paul stated the goal is to have a version of the plan by the next meeting so the Board could approve.
- b. Early Voting – Paul wanted to look at Early In-Person voting on the Vote Center Plan from 2024. Paul stated Lynnville Community Center and Ohio Township Trustee Office are both available. Paul stated we decided just to do it in the Clerk's Office in the Judicial

Center. Mike stated this is where he wants to make a change and move it out of the Judicial Center. Nancy stated there was some buzz about using the 'North Pole'. Mike stated he spoke with Charlie Wyatt and the City of Boonville is ok with using the building. Discussion was had regarding the 'North Pole' and where it is located. Nancy thinks it would be really handy and it has 2 entrances. Mike stated there is a parking lot in front of the building. Paul asked if there would be a fee for using the building. Mike stated he and Charlie are still working that out. Paul said before the Board votes on such a change, he would like to understand the financial impact of moving, for example, would additional security be needed, will we have to pay rent, where the location of the North Pole, etc. Mike gave Paul and Nancy an email from Valerie Warycha, Co-Counsel from the Indiana Election Board, stating that he can move the location from the Clerk's Office. Nancy asked if this was only for the early voting. Mike confirmed it is just for the 28 days prior to election day. Paul read the email from Valerie for the public – email is attached. Paul asked Mike if the 'North Pole' is ADA accessible. Mike confirmed there is a ramp to the door and it has handicapped parking spaces. Mike stated it is a City of Boonville property and they have to fall into that range. Paul asked Mike if he preferred the 'North Pole' option to the previous option of the Warrick County School Corporation building. Mike stated yes, due to if someone came to the Clerk's Office to vote they are literally ½ block away and they don't have to get back into their car and drive 1 ½ miles to the WCSC building. Paul wanted to know if Mike had given any thought on what type of advertising would be needed to inform people early voting is no longer in the Judicial Center.

- c. Advertising – Mike stated we had talked about advertising and wanted to know if anyone called WIKY for info on the morning show. Nancy stated she hadn't and Paul said it was on his agenda list and he didn't call either. Nancy mentioned she liked those wavy signs that say vote here. Mike said we have Vote Here signs made up from the previous elections. Paul said he would really like to have a social media site for the Clerk's Office that can be passed down from elected Clerk to elected Clerk. Paul was wondering if we just couldn't create a new page since the previous one is no longer valid. Mike stated the problem is having someone run the social page. Nancy suggested Angie and Mike stated she doesn't have the time for a social media page. Mike stated we do need to talk advertising, not sure if that is radio and/or press releases to the news media. Paul hates to give up the social media because that is the way most people learn, but he does understand there are challenges of having someone monitor a website like that. Mike Martin from the audience stated each community has their own community and suggested posting to each community page. Mike Wilson stated Mike Martin was right in that we might be able to release to those community pages and it get on social media that way because people have already liked those pages. Mike Martin stated he didn't think anything political could be posted on those sites, but if only dates, times and locations are submitted he believed that would be accepted. Paul asked Mike if someone from the office could draft some type of press release, then the Board can review and approve it. Paul stated once the press release is approved, he can share it to all of the community pages. Mike went back and asked Nancy about the wiggly thing if it was the 6–7-foot item and if she was really interested in it because it draws attention. Nancy said yes. Paul said if it is cheap enough. Mike said it is something that grabs your attention we can look into the cost. Mike said it is something we can use with signs that say early voting.
- d. Other items in the Voting Plan – Paul stated the Board would have to redraw the map. Discussion was had under the section of Voter Technology. It looks like everything under this section this was still good. Paul read under The Voter Education Plan section the

information will be available on the Election Office's website and Facebook page. Paul said since we will not have a Facebook page, we should take that out. More discussion was had about changes on the Vote Center Plan. Mike stated he gave them both hard copies of the Voter Center Plan and basically the whole plan needs to be updated and if everyone goes through and make notes then we would have new copy. Paul said he felt that was pretty much all the changes, just make sure Attachment D matches the list in the front of the Vote Center Plan.

6. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- a. MIKE – Mike handed out 2022 and 2024 Voting Locations and Equipment Status reports to the Board from the Primary and General Elections. Paul stated this will be useful to look at after all locations are confirmed. Paul would like to have the number of votes per location. Discussion was had on how to come up with the right number of machines at each polling location. Mike stated we have 200 machines and 10% have to be kept back in case of failure, so a maximum of 180 machines can be used. Paul asked Mike to get him the number of votes per location and he will come up with a proposal and give to Nancy and Mike a couple days before the next meeting to see if those number's make sense.
- b. NANCY –
 - i. Nancy stated she wanted to make sure there is a 50 ft rope for each polling location. Nancy said at the last election there was no rope at the Ohio Township location. Discussion was had on how to mark the 50ft so candidates could not be within that area. Paul asked the Board to think about a way that this could be marked. Mike Martin from the audience says he like the rope idea because it would be easy to set-up, but the concrete buckets would be much harder for the poll workers. Mike Wilson stated that this would be something that would already be set up by someone from the Clerk's Office before anyone gets there. Paul said this is something we need to discuss and we don't have to decide before the election starts but let's be thinking of how to do it
 - ii. Nancy said we need to think about half-day poll workers and make a decision on this. Discussion was had about half-day poll workers and if it is decided, will need to look at hours and compensation. Dianne Forville from the audience stated to the Board it is a terribly long day, people get there around 5 am and stay until everything is put away. Dianne said the idea of having a half-day in the pocket is a good idea. Paul stated that compensation would need to be discussed and that this could be discussed at the next meeting. Mike said he could talk with the Knox County to see what they have done.
 - iii. Nancy said she knows we decided on having David Shelton do the training, but asked if she could meet him before the training. Mike said if you want to meet him, we can have him come down. Discussion was had about David Shelton and MicroVote doing training in 4 sessions on 2 different days. Mike stated he had heard from Greg Tuck and Greg brought up the concern of training may be held too early. Nancy stated she didn't know we made a plan. Mike stated a plan had been made about training and thought we didn't want to train everyone 28 days before the election. Mike said he spoke with MicroVote and they stated they would stay over the day of public testing to do a small training for those people working early voting. Paul asked Mike to write up a schedule of the training sessions. Dianne Forville from the audience stated training is so important she explained a situation where the Inspector thought she was able to set up the night before, which didn't happen and she had to scramble on election day. Dianne stated thank goodness there was one man that worked the polls previously that was able to help her and started putting the machines together. Dianne stated she feels that training is too abbreviated and is more lecture and not hands on. Mike asked Cindy Warren once she gets an ok that someone wants to be a poll worker, if she and

Connie can email packets of necessary forms so they could be completed prior to election day. Cindy stated she was good with that and Paul felt Connie would also support this idea.

c. PAUL – Nothing at this time except for scheduling the next meeting.

7. OTHER ITEMS

Discussion was had for the next meeting. It was agreed by all to have the meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 11:00 am.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Julian – Don asked about the ‘North Pole’ after clarifying where it was, he asked if it had facilities and Mike verified it does have a restroom. Don stated he was still having trouble getting the minutes from the website. Mike stated some of the minutes might not be on the website if they haven’t been approved. Mike explained the website is ran by a third party and all minutes have been turn in to be submitted to the website. Don stated the news has made it known ICE could be at the polling locations. Don said he would like some guidance from the Board for poll workers as what happens if ICE shows up, what is the poll workers legal representation and security. Nancy thanked Don for making that point as she has thought about it. Paul asked Mike to check the Secretary of State’s Office regarding this subject since it can become complicated and we know what to do if ICE does show up in Warrick County.

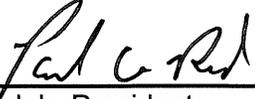
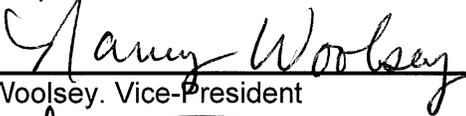
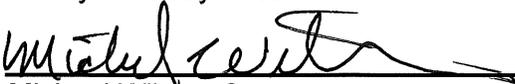
9. ADJOURNMENT

Paul adjourned the meeting.

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APPROVAL SIGNATURE PAGE

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 Paul Rudolph, President	Date 2/19/26
 Nancy Woolsey, Vice-President	Date
 Michael Wilson, Secretary	2-19-2026 Date