



WARRICK COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

JANUARY 15, 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 5:02 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

No recorded absentees. All members were present.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the November 13, 2025 and December 2, 2025 meetings were presented for approval. Paul stated there was a typo on both meetings minutes under #6. He requested this be changed and with no other changes, Paul asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the change. Nancy made a motion to approve, Paul seconded, motion carried 3-0. An approval signature page was passed around for signatures for both November 13 & December 2.

5. DISCUSS 2026 POLLING LOCATIONS

- Early Voting – Paul stated that he felt the Election Board is in agreement to having 4 locations for early voting and that Friedman Park is out due to having a prior commitment. Paul said at the last meeting each board member had locations to contact to get the 2nd location in Newburgh. Paul stated his location, the Union Hall, is unable to have early voting due to having contract negotiations. Mike stated the Paradise Fire Department is out. Nancy stated the Legion was a yes, the Library was a no due to remodeling. After some discussion, the Legion may not have been for the full 2 weeks of early voting. No one contacted Living Word. Mike stated since the Election Office is in contact with both the Legion and Living Word for day of voting, he would ask both places about early voting. Greg Tuck from the audience asked the board what location will be used in Boonville for early voting. Paul says we have a Voting Center Plan that says that the Clerk's Office is the location. Paul says there was a request at the last meeting that said it was possible that the Clerk could change the location. Paul said that is not what he has heard and that Nancy received paperwork from the State and that is not what she heard. Paul also said this isn't how he interprets the Statute. Paul stated his answer is that it would be in the Clerk's

Office until he is told otherwise, unless we vote otherwise. Mike wanted to clarify with Nancy about the conversation that the Clerk can move it out of the Clerk's Office. Nancy stated it was explained to her at the conference Tuesday morning, that it really involved the half day of voting, the four hours on the Saturday before the voting day and Nancy said she was going to send her follow-up email, but she has yet to receive it. Paul said he received communication from Nancy and emails from co-general counsel at the election division. Paul read the following email he received – "As for vote center locations and use of the Courthouse it not a requirement that the County courthouse be used as a vote center. The office of the Circuit Court Clerk must be open for early voting during the early voting period under Statue blah blah blah. Under Indiana code 3-11-18-1-4, the County's Voter Center Plan, which we already have in writing, must list all locations that will be used as Vote Centers on election day, as well as the voter center that will be used as a satellite early voting location during the last two Saturdays for the election. Since the Vote Center Plan requires a unanimous vote of the County Election Board to be amended, including changing voting center locations, it is the county election board with all three members in agreement that have the power to establish where vote center locations will be for an election. And this is signed by Matthew Kochevar, co-general counsel of the Indiana election division". Paul said unless we all agree, he is thinking it is staying at the Courthouse.

- b. Day of Voting Locations – Mike said the following locations have verbally stated day of voting was good: Elberfeld Fire Station, Zoar United Church of Christ, 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, Ohio Township Trustee Office, Newburgh American Legion and the United Steelworkers Local 104. Waiting for call backs from Lynnville Community Center, Pigeon Township Community Center and Living Word Christian Church. Mike stated Newburgh Healthcare is currently a question due to it being in the processing of being sold and having new ownership in February. Newburgh Healthcare requested we send out the paperwork so they can read over it and they will let us know. Mike said that Abundant Life Church is a no. Paul said let's take Abundant Life under advisement and look at the map to see what the options are and so forth. Paul said he would like to do some analysis before he is ready to discuss potential replacement for this area. Paul stated Sharon School would be the easiest replacement if possible. There was discussion about having a location at Sharon school and if moving voting back to the schools was a good idea. Paul told Mike that he would really appreciate it when we get a no from a voting location that if the Board could be informed before the meeting so they could be better prepared at the meeting. Mike state the no came in today because they were working on the voting locations yesterday and this morning. Paul said the Board is going to have to sign a new Vote Center Plan and get it approved and filed with the State quickly because we already have changes from the previous plan. Paul stated he felt they didn't have enough information to vote on anything today and Nancy agreed. Paul asked Mike if he had any other locations he wanted to talk about. Mike stated they needed to think about Newburgh Healthcare Center if they came back as a no. Mike said there is not much down there as commercial building. Paul sated he thought it was probably the least voted at voting center in all of the Newburgh area and it is possible it is not needed. Mike stated the paperwork was sent off and the new owners will need to look over it and decide.

6: ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- a. MIKE – Nothing at this time.
- b. NANCY – Nancy stated she was very glad to go to the conference and if anything like it comes again, she would like to know. She stated she learned so much. Mike let Nancy & Paul know they received copies of the power points from the conference and the election manuals in the material he handed out. Paul asked if we were going to any training/seminars the rest of the year. Mike stated we have a Spring Conference but hasn't seen an agenda to see if there is anything regarding elections. Paul asked if there is anything to let them know.
- c. PAUL –
 - i. Paul states he feels under the gun with only 4 months until the election with needing to get new vote center for both the day of voting and early voting. Paul stated he hasn't done this before and maybe everything is fine but he is a little nervous and wanted to express this
 - ii. Paul wanted to discuss the training of poll workers. Paul asked if we have come up with a time for training and felt it needed to be scheduled soon. Nancy asked Cindy Warren if she has any input with this. Cindy stated she would like to see two days of training and felt that it should be in March because of first voting starts April 7th. Paul stated he has a volunteer that he believes that Mike has been in contact with, the Knox County Clerk who has agreed to do training pro-bono. Paul asked if we could utilize him rather than MicroVote. Mike stated we need to do both because MicroVote will train on the equipment. Nancy asked if we are having 4 days of training instead of 2. Paul stated we are going to have 2 training days instead of the one they had in the past. Paul wanted to lock in days and asked Mike to see if he could find a date that works for both David Shelton and MicroVote. Paul feels the training could be recorded so if someone is unable attend any session they can watch it at a later date. Mike stated he feels the training should be closer to election because if it is too early, people will forget what they learned. Paul says we still have to train poll workers for early voting. Mike stated he and Greg Tuck talked yesterday and Greg stated they talked about dates for training for the satellite offices starting on the 23rd. Greg said that if we had to have training in time for the early voting at the Election Office which is on the 7th, we would have to look at something like Tuesday the 31st and Thursday the 2nd. Nancy felt that was pushing the schedule. Nancy also wanted to see about having an evening training for people who work. Mike said he and Greg discussed having one day as morning and afternoon and the next day as being afternoon and evening. Mike suggested having training Thursday the 26th and on Tuesday the 31st. Paul stated he was good with those dates if David Shelton and MicroVote are good with these dates. Greg stated we need to make sure that we have machines available from MicroVote for the training. Paul restated that training dates are March 26 & March 31 with one morning & afternoon and one in the afternoon & evening. Paul stated he doesn't feel it is necessary for the Auditor Mike Dietsch to come speak for as long as he did the last time since most workers are county employees or worked in the 2024 election. Paul stated Mike Dietsch should be available for the poll training due to having some new workers. Nancy stated she thought she read poll workers will be hourly workers so there is no withholding. Mike stated she heard it at the conference and that there are 4 different ways to pay poll workers. Paul stated he assumed we were doing it the same way as 2024. Mike stated he was going to go back and pull the power point and have Mike Dietsch look at it. Paul stated he hopes that we cannot change it because that is just one more thing that that has to be coordinated, but if we have to change due to State Law, we have to change. Paul discussed an email/conversation he had about being able to use students for poll workers and stated he felt the County Chairs are aware and it is up to them if they really wanted to do this and it is not an Election Board subject.

Nancy stated she spoke with Amanda Antly from Castle High School and Amanda requested the information be sent to her.

- iii. Paul said if polling locations are changed that some type of advertising need to be done to inform voters. Paul asked Mike if he had talked with IT about creating a website and Mike informed Paul that we do have a website. Nancy stated last year they had signs/flag flyers that said vote here. Nancy asked Angie if she had any input about what was used last year. Angie said we had some signs and banners. Paul asked who wanted to come up strategy for publicity and if Mike could coordinate with IT to work on the website and Paul asked Nancy to come up with other things that can be done. Angie stated it has to be published in the Standard. Greg said Angie told him legally we have to publish information in the paper. Greg stated it sounds like early voting locations dates and time and election day voting date and time are what needs to be published. Mike suggested to put up a banner at each park in Warrick County giving voting locations, dates and times. Mike also suggested going on the WIKY morning breakfast show. Paul stated he loved this idea, but his concern is listing 16 locations rapidly that the listeners wouldn't be able to remember them all. Greg stated they only need to remember one since we are vote centers. Nancy stated she would call WIKY. Paul feels it would be a board responsibility to do the show. Paul felt the best place to list information is the Clerk's website. Mark Hay stated he felt the election board site would be the place to post this info. Paul stated that is what he is referring to when he says the Clerk's website. Mark stated the times he was on the website it was a struggle to find good information. Mark asked if anything is done with Facebook (FB) or any of the other media sites. Paul asked Angie about the FB page. Angie stated the person before her made the FB page and when she left, she took the log-on info and therefore, no one can log-on. Paul asked Angie if she would contact FB about getting the log-on info and Angie declined because she isn't good at doing that kind of stuff. Mike wanted to wait on FB because the county is putting out a new social media policy.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Tuck – Greg stated he thinks that we have a problem in getting poll workers. Cindy stated no, not really. Paul said he hasn't been told this by the Republican Party. Greg says there is some concern that our experienced poll workers are aging and thinking we should explore other possibilities. Greg suggested we can use high school students but the Election Board has to approve before we can start doing this. Paul stated if it was previously approved does it need to be reapproved. Greg did say that Connie when she got poll workers, she had only allowed one high school student work per location in order to focus on task rather than socializing. Greg said another way to get workers is to split shifts of working from 5 am to noon and noon to when polls close. Greg said this is allowed by the State and would have to be voted on by the Board. Greg said the 3rd possibility to increase poll worker pay. Paul stated he hasn't heard from either party if they have started getting workers, but if we do fall into having a shortage, we will have to consider all options. Paul did say that the increase in poll worker pay couldn't be done this year because the budget is already in place.

8. OTHER ITEMS

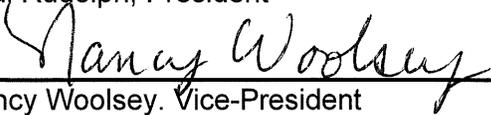
Discussion was had on when to have the next meeting. Meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 6 at 2 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Paul asked for a motion to adjourn. Nancy made a motion to adjourn and Paul approved.

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