

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGENDA**  
**2293 N. MAIN STREET,**  
**CROWN POINT, IN 46307**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**10:00 AM**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

**Call To Order**

1. Welcome
2. Pledge
3. Agenda & Livestream: <https://lakecountyin.gov/departments/commissioners/agendas-c/>
4. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@LCBER45>
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**Roll Call**

1. Clerk Brown
2. Ms. Candelaria Reardon
3. Mr. Mellon
4. Mr. Reed
5. Chairman Smith

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting.

**Old Business**

2025-01 Aichner v Garza et al.- Continued to November 18, 2025

2025-07 Segert v. Flores

2025-10, 11,12,14 Purcell response

Request for Polling Change

**New Business**

Republican Delegate Districts 2026

Certificate of Election - CEB 25, CEB 9

Reconciliation Report Special General Election

## **Correspondence**

## **Counsel Reports**

## **Purchase Orders**

Purchase Orders

**Next Meeting Tuesday December 9, 2025, (Notice is given to the news media pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-5(a))**

Location: Lake County Council Large Conference Room (LCR)

Time 10:00 am

## **Public Comment**

## **Adjournment**

**In the Matter of:**

***LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION***

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***BOARD MEETING***

***October 21, 2025***

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1	APPEARANCES:			1	CHAIRMAN FECH: Good morning.		
2	Matthew Fech, proxy for Kevin Smith, Board Chairman			2	Today is Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Lake		
3	Mike Brown, Board Member			3	County Board of Elections meeting. Welcome,		
4	Michael Mellon, Board Member			4	everyone, and we are ready for the Pledge.		
5	John Reed, Board Member			5	(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)		
6	Mara Candelaria Reardon, Board Member			6	CHAIRMAN FECH: Let the record		
7	Michelle Fajman, Director			7	show that all five members of the Board of		
8	Jessica Messler, Assistant Director			8	Elections are present. I am Matt Fech. I am		
9	Jerry Schmitt, Election Administrator			9	serving as proxy for the Board Chair, Kevin		
10	Genny Gasparovic, Assistant Election Administrator			10	Smith. Do we need to take Roll Call?		
11	Lori O'Dea, Campaign Finance Clerk			11	MS. FAJMAN: Yes.		
12	Michael Tolbert, Board Attorney			12	CHAIRMAN FECH: Roll Call, please.		
13	Carly Brandenburg, Board Attorney			13	MS. FAJMAN: John Reed?		
14	and			14	MR. REED: Here.		
15	Members of the Public			15	MS. FAJMAN: Mike Mellon?		
16	* * *			16	MR. MELLON: I am present.		
17				17	MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown?		
18				18	MR. BROWN: Present.		
19				19	MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria		
20				20	Reardon?		
21				21	MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Present.		
22				22	MS. FAJMAN: Any then Matt Fech		
23				23	for Kevin Smith.		
24				24	CHAIRMAN FECH: Present.		
25				25	Looks like the first item is the		

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1	I N D E X			1	Approval of the Minutes.		
2	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PAGE/LINE	2	MR. BROWN: Motion to approve,		
3	Call to Order		4 2	3	Mr. Chair.		
4	Roll Call		4 12	4	CHAIRMAN FECH: Do I have a		
5	Approval of Minutes	09-16-2025	5 1	5	second?		
6	Old Business	SOS Precinct Order	5 11	6	MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Second.		
		Lake County Order	5 11	7	CHAIRMAN FECH: All in favor?		
7				8	(Board members saying "aye" in		
	New Business	Tri-Creek Reorg. Plan	9 22	9	unison.)		
8		C/A Tri-Creek	12 21	10	CHAIRMAN FECH: Passes 5-0.		
		2026 Polling Change	14 7	11	Old Business. Secretary of State		
9		Movers Contract	27 24	12	Order Consolidating and Establishing Precincts		
10	Correspondence	Legal Notice Ad	30 5	13	for Lake County, Indiana.		
11	Counsel Report	None	31 14	14	MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, on this		
12	Purchase Orders	As Presented	31 19	15	item, there's some concerns here because the		
13	Next Meeting	November 1, 2025	33 1	16	Secretary of State made it clear to our Board		
14	Public Comment	None	33 24	17	and to Lake County that whatever decisions we		
15	Adjournment	10:41 a.m.	34 5	18	made that he would honor that. Also, the		
16				19	State made it clear to us to make some cuts		
17				20	that we needed to make as a county, including		
18		* * *		21	making sure that no precinct over 600 was		
19				22	consolidated.		
20				23	The Secretary of State further		
21				24	came to our hearing and spoke and made it		
22				25	perfectly clear, once again, that as a Board		

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 here in Lake County we should make our own 2 decisions, and we voted on these decisions. 3 And even the (Inaudible.) made it clear 4 financially it absolutely makes no sense to 5 make this a vote (Inaudible.) because we are 6 very efficient as a precinct county. 7 I'm very proud of the Board, the 8 staff, and the way things have worked out. 9 So, there seems to be a problem because the 10 Secretary of State made some changes that, 11 obviously, should not have been made and also 12 made some changes that were recommended by 13 someone who was not authorized to make that 14 recommendation, because the only 15 recommendation should have been made by this 16 Board, which was voted on. 17 So, therefore, we have a problem, 18 and so what I would like to do, Mr. Chair, is 19 make a motion to correct all of the changes 20 that the Secretary of State made that were not 21 in our agreements between this Board and the 22 State of Indiana, as well as the corrections 23 that need to be made by someone who is not 24 authorized to make. This Board is authorized 25 to vote. We voted on it and no one else</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 6-15, because this all goes to the Secretary 2 of State -- I mean, to the State Election 3 Division, as well as the large precincts that 4 was done on 7-30, and that was for the large 5 precincts that were very (Inaudible.) maximum 6 legal limit and where we re-apportioned some 7 of those so that we didn't go over. So it 8 includes all that. 9 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that is 10 part of that motion, because based on the 11 information that this Board sent to the 12 Secretary of State versus the changes that 13 were made, that's in this motion. 14 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman, just to 15 comment on this. The minority party, 16 obviously, has the right and obligation to 17 submit information when there's a three to two 18 vote. So the original information was three 19 to two, and the minority party, obviously, has 20 in the past communicated with the Secretary of 21 State and said what they believe their 22 findings were. And the dog apparently agrees 23 with me, so. 24 CHAIRMAN FECH: Any further 25 discussion on Mr. Brown's motion? Hearing</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 should have had any input when it comes to 2 those changes. So, I make that motion. 3 MS. FAJMAN: Would that be a 4 motion to accept the order establishing 5 precincts? 6 MR. TOLBERT: That's correct. 7 MR. BROWN: Yes. 8 MR. TOLBERT: That's the order. 9 That's on page 350, it looks like. 10 MR. BROWN: With that correction, 11 again, that is an agreement between the 12 Secretary of State and this Board. We have 13 not violated our agreement with the Secretary 14 of State and no one else should violate the 15 decisions of this Board. 16 CHAIRMAN FECH: All right. So 17 there's been a motion to correct the order 18 consolidating and establishing precincts for 19 Lake County, Indiana. Is there a second? 20 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Second. 21 CHAIRMAN FECH: Is there any 22 discussion? 23 MS. FAJMAN: This is more than 24 just the order establishing. This also 25 includes the annexations that we had done on</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 none. I will take a roll call vote as relates 2 to Mr. Brown's motion. 3 MR. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. 4 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown? 5 MR. BROWN: Yes. 6 MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria 7 Reardon? 8 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Aye. 9 MS. FAJMAN: John Reed? 10 MR. REED: No. 11 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Mellon? 12 MR. MELLON: No. 13 MS. FAJMAN: Matt Fech? 14 CHAIRMAN FECH: Yes. That motion 15 passes 3-2. 16 MR. BROWN: Thank you. 17 CHAIRMAN FECH: Are we on to New 18 Business? 19 MS. FAJMAN: Yes. 20 CHAIRMAN FECH: Okay. 21 MS. FAJMAN: New Business. 22 Tri-Creek School Corporation submitted their 23 reorganization plan changing their districts 24 from Cedar Creek to West Creek to Districts 1, 25 2, and 3. It has been approved by the Indiana</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 Board of Education and is being submitted to  2 us for our -- it's just an acknowledgment,  3 because we don't really have to pass anything.  4 MR. MELLON: This is a dumb  5 question. You know, when you look at these,  6 this one -- and it's clearly done by  7 population, clearly done by precincts, but the  8 map is so weird where they've carved out.  9 I've never seen it like that before. Our  10 rules at the meetings is attempt to be  11 contiguous. Apparently, school corporations  12 don't have to do that? Is that correct? I  13 mean, it's been approved by the State. So I'm  14 just kind of asking out of idle curiosity, I  15 guess.  16 MS. FAJMAN: Usually, yes, we have  17 seen them contiguous. I will say like over  18 in, I think, maybe Lake Ridge, there's a  19 couple of those, like HOT, Hobart Township,  20 that are kind of like little islands --  21 MR. MELLON: Yeah, it's --  22 MS. FAJMAN: -- a little bit.  23 But, for the most part, they usually are  24 contiguous.  25 MR. MELLON: This one is weirder,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN FECH: So there's no  2 official action for this Board?  3 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman, I'll  4 make a motion to accept this form.  5 MR. BROWN: Second.  6 CHAIRMAN FECH: Any discussion?  7 (No immediate response.)  8 CHAIRMAN FECH: Roll call.  9 MS. FAJMAN: Michael Mellon?  10 MR. MELLON: Yes.  11 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown?  12 MR. BROWN: Yes.  13 MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria  14 Reardon?  15 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Aye.  16 MS. FAJMAN: John Reed?  17 MR. REED: Yes.  18 MS. FAJMAN: Matt Fech?  19 CHAIRMAN FECH: Yes. Passes 5-0.  20 MS. FAJMAN: Along with that is  21 the County Authorization Precinct Key, and  22 that is what we need to submit to the  23 Statewide Voter Registration System so that  24 our districts will be correct in there.  25 MR. REED: So this is this one.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 isn't it?  2 MS. FAJMAN: A little bit, yeah,  3 but they had to redo it based on their  4 population. They were not equal. They  5 thought they were grandfathered in before when  6 we did all these two years ago. They found  7 out they were not. They had to adjust. It's  8 been approved by them. So I think --  9 MR. MELLON: So there's no  10 specific rule against doing kind of that  11 weird -- I don't even know how to describe it.  12 I don't want to say the word gerrymandering  13 because it's not gerrymandering, obviously.  14 There's no partisan issue in a school board  15 election, but if it were a partisan board, you  16 would say, wow, this looks like  17 gerrymandering.  18 MS. FAJMAN: If it was, it would  19 not be coming before us. It would have come  20 before their school corporation and/or the  21 State Board of Education. At this point in  22 time it's already been approved. It's just on  23 us to have it filed and recorded.  24 MR. MELLON: Yeah, I was just  25 curious what your thoughts were.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 MS. FAJMAN: That will be that.  2 Now, I also removed Gary. You'll see a line  3 through Gary School Board. They're no longer  4 elected. For the first year we kind of left  5 it alone -- it wasn't hurting anything, in  6 case they reversed and came back to the  7 district so we don't have to change as much,  8 but they have not at this point in time. So  9 just looking to clean up that record also.  10 MR. REED: I'll make a motion to  11 approve the County Authorization for Quest or  12 State SVRS system.  13 CHAIRMAN FECH: Is there a second?  14 MR. BROWN: Second.  15 MR. REED: Any discussion?  16 (No immediate response.)  17 CHAIRMAN FECH: Roll call.  18 MS. FAJMAN: John Reed?  19 MR. REED: Yes.  20 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown?  21 MR. BROWN: Yes.  22 MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria  23 Reardon?  24 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Aye.  25 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Mellon?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 MR. MELLON: Yes.</p> <p>2 MS. FAJMAN: And Matt Fech?</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN FECH: Yes. Passes 5-0.</p> <p>4 MS. FAJMAN: Next item.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN FECH: Movers Contract?</p> <p>6 MS. FAJMAN: No, before that we</p> <p>7 have the polling place, a request for a</p> <p>8 polling place. This polling location has two</p> <p>9 precincts there. One is G3-26 and G4-3, I</p> <p>10 believe.</p> <p>11 MR. MELLON: What item is it on on</p> <p>12 the --</p> <p>13 MS. FAJMAN: It is -- I show it</p> <p>14 under New Business on my copy.</p> <p>15 MR. REED: I think it's under</p> <p>16 Item 8?</p> <p>17 MS. FAJMAN: 8, yes. One is by</p> <p>18 Bruce McKenzie. He is, I believe, 3-26, and</p> <p>19 the other one was submitted by Chairman Brown</p> <p>20 of the Gary Precinct Organization, at which</p> <p>21 time he says that precinct, that polling</p> <p>22 location, which has two of them in there, so</p> <p>23 he's incorporating the other precinct as that.</p> <p>24 They are requesting for it to be moved to Love</p> <p>25 Feast Church, located at 2456 Chase Street in</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 MS. FAJMAN: I did not personally</p> <p>2 receive one. I know when I spoke to her, she</p> <p>3 had mentioned -- I don't know if she spoke to</p> <p>4 them or if she had something in writing, but I</p> <p>5 do not have anything.</p> <p>6 MS. MESSLER: I provided you guys</p> <p>7 the email response.</p> <p>8 MR. MELLON: And that is under</p> <p>9 what?</p> <p>10 MS. FAJMAN: You provided it to</p> <p>11 who?</p> <p>12 MS. MESSLER: The Board members.</p> <p>13 MR. MELLON: Oh, this is our copy.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN FECH: So, I guess for</p> <p>15 the record, I want to indicate that we have a</p> <p>16 paper copy of an email dated October 7, 2025,</p> <p>17 and this is the Republican proposal for the</p> <p>18 new location; is that right?</p> <p>19 MS. MESSLER: Correct.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN FECH: Okay. And that</p> <p>21 proposed location is Frankie Woods McCullough</p> <p>22 Academy, located at 3757 West 21st Avenue,</p> <p>23 Gary, Indiana, 46404. It's ADA compliant, it</p> <p>24 being a school. There's no rental fee due to</p> <p>25 it being a school. There's a transit stop at</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 Gary. It is currently at -- is it Pachter</p> <p>2 Pavilion, which had some difficulty there in</p> <p>3 the past. The city has indicated that they</p> <p>4 are not rehabbing the facility. According to</p> <p>5 one of the letters, there was no water and no</p> <p>6 working bathrooms at the facility during the</p> <p>7 last election.</p> <p>8 MR. MELLON: The Republican?</p> <p>9 MS. FAJMAN: I sent it over to</p> <p>10 Jessica. I believe she did have another</p> <p>11 location that she is going to mention.</p> <p>12 MR. MELLON: And is that</p> <p>13 included in the -- usually, we have both</p> <p>14 chairmen, a Republican and --</p> <p>15 MS. FAJMAN: I did not --</p> <p>16 MR. MELLON: -- a Democrat</p> <p>17 included in --</p> <p>18 MS. FAJMAN: I sent it over to --</p> <p>19 COURT REPORTER: Wait, wait, wait,</p> <p>20 you guys.</p> <p>21 MR. MELLON: I'm just saying,</p> <p>22 typically -- I'm just confused. Usually, we</p> <p>23 ask the Republican and Democratic Chairmen and</p> <p>24 both of their responses are included in the</p> <p>25 package. Did we get a Republican response?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 the corner of the school building, and it's a</p> <p>2 12-minute walk from the nearest transit stop</p> <p>3 to the proposed church. So I just want to put</p> <p>4 all that in the record since it's not part of</p> <p>5 the digital packet for the minutes.</p> <p>6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair?</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN FECH: Yes.</p> <p>8 MR. BROWN: As Chair of the Gary</p> <p>9 Democratic Party, I had our secretary send an</p> <p>10 email because we met on this, the</p> <p>11 organization, precinct committeeman, as well</p> <p>12 as the committeeman who submitted this, and we</p> <p>13 agreed that the church location is the best</p> <p>14 location for this.</p> <p>15 MR. MELLON: Why is it better?</p> <p>16 MR. BROWN: It's more convenient.</p> <p>17 It's ADA compliant. It's more convenient.</p> <p>18 MR. MELLON: Well, this is ADA</p> <p>19 compliant too. It's on a transit stop.</p> <p>20 MR. BROWN: That's not a school,</p> <p>21 was it. It's a church.</p> <p>22 MR. MELLON: Yeah, so church</p> <p>23 versus school. So the free rent is nice, no</p> <p>24 rent.</p> <p>25 MR. BROWN: Well, I live in Gary</p>


<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 and from my standpoint, as precinct 2 committeeman and a chairman and a citizen, 3 this is the best location, so. 4 MR. MELLON: But I think the 5 Republican thinks the opposite and he lives in 6 Gary. 7 MR. BROWN: I don't have an issue 8 with their opinion, but I'm voicing mine. 9 MR. MELLON: Gotcha. 10 MR. BROWN: I really don't have a 11 problem with their decision. 12 MR. MELLON: You don't have a 13 problem with the location? 14 MR. BROWN: With their decision, 15 their decision to mention the location, but 16 I'm saying the location that we requested is 17 the one we want. 18 MR. MELLON: Right. Gotcha. So 19 the Democrats -- the location that you 20 mentioned is the one the Democrats want. 21 MR. BROWN: Absolutely, that's 22 what we want, which is the church. The 23 church. 24 MR. MELLON: The church is the one 25 that the Democrats want.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 historically, both parties agree on sites. I 2 don't know why everything is turning partisan 3 on this Board now. I'm not blaming you, but 4 it seems like -- no, I'm just joking. 5 CHAIRMAN FECH: Every time I've 6 been here it seems like it. 7 (Inaudible; talking in unison.) 8 MR. MELLON: We used to work 9 together. Now it's like everything is a 3-2 10 vote. I don't know what's going on anymore. 11 I mean, normally, the Republicans and the 12 Democrats would be here. We don't have that. 13 And I've got to make a decision based on one 14 person's recommendation versus another 15 person's recommendation, which there's no way 16 of distinguishing which recommendation, from 17 my perspective, is a better recommendation. 18 I mean, I appreciate what you're 19 saying. They're both ADA compliant. There's 20 a transit stop, there's a 12-minute walk from 21 the transit location, and there's no rental 22 fee, so. 23 MR. BROWN: So we had an issue 24 with the Black Oak location as far as the fire 25 department versus the church and the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 MR. BROWN: Absolutely. 2 MR. MELLON: Yes, I understand. 3 I'm sorry. 4 MR. TOLBERT: Because I grew up in 5 this area, so I might have a little bit of 6 insight. Under the code it talks about 7 polling changes, you can change it if it's 8 dangerous, is a factor. And I'm not trying to 9 disparage any of the polling places, but that 10 church is very easy to get to and it's 11 probably in a little bit better location. I 12 think the school is -- I think that's the old 13 Locke school? 14 MR. BROWN: Yes. 15 MR. TOLBERT: That is just -- I 16 think for safety reasons it's probably a 17 little bit better of a location to have it 18 right off the highway. You probably can get 19 to it a lot faster, the Chase location, the 20 church. The school that's been recommended by 21 the Republican is a little bit -- I think the 22 other location is safer, I'll put it that way, 23 just for insight, because I grew up about five 24 minutes away from there. 25 MR. MELLON: The problem is,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 Republicans got the fire department, which you 2 requested. We thought the church on Burr 3 Street was a better location, but what you 4 requested is what you got, okay, even though 5 we didn't agree with that. Okay? So I'm 6 saying to you we can agree to disagree, but 7 this is the best location. So, I rest my case 8 with that. 9 CHAIRMAN FECH: I think that 10 Ms. Candelaria Reardon has a comment as well. 11 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Yeah, I 12 mean, I understand the cost savings involved 13 with putting it at a municipal school 14 building, but I also have concerns in today's 15 political climate about putting polling places 16 in schools. I just do. I don't think it's 17 all that great. 18 MR. MELLON: I'm going to 19 100 percent disagree with you on that. I 20 mean, if we take a stand on this Board that 21 polling places in schools are a bad location, 22 you'll never be able to have another election 23 again. You've got to have them at schools. 24 The onus is on the school corporation to 25 protect their students, shut down schools. I</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 mean, we can't not use the government 2 buildings.</p> <p>3 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: I'm not 4 talking about -- I mean, that's my opinion. 5 That's not the policy of this Board. That's 6 my opinion.</p> <p>7 MR. MELLON: Okay. That's a 8 horrifying thought to start eliminating 9 schools.</p> <p>10 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have to 11 agree with my colleague. It doesn't make 12 sense that -- I mean, she's just voicing her 13 opinion. So start let's focus on --</p> <p>14 MR. MELLON: But she's not --</p> <p>15 MR. BROWN: She's voicing her 16 opinion.</p> <p>17 MR. MELLON: I understand. When 18 you voice your opinion on this Board that can 19 translate into a Board opinion. That can -- 20 people watching on TV could start thinking, 21 well, gosh, does the Board not want schools, 22 maybe I don't want schools, maybe this is an 23 issue I should push. There's certain 24 responsibilities on what we say, Mike. That's 25 what I'm saying.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Request for Polling Location Changes?</p> <p>2 MR. TOLBERT: Mr. Chairman, before 3 you make that vote, whatever you vote has to 4 be unanimous, so.</p> <p>5 MS. FAJMAN: For polling location 6 changes? It's not an emergency.</p> <p>7 MR. TOLBERT: Well, I mean, 8 that's --</p> <p>9 MR. MELLON: Polling locations 10 have to -- they're unanimous.</p> <p>11 MS. FAJMAN: I don't think so.</p> <p>12 MR. TOLBERT: Well, if you look at 13 3-11-8-3-2, what is the nature of the change.</p> <p>14 MS. FAJMAN: But that's for 15 emergencies.</p> <p>16 MR. MELLON: That was -- 17 (Inaudible.) we voted together, we all talked 18 about it, we all had a discussion, and we were 19 able to put our partisan differences aside. 20 We can't do that anymore, apparently. I don't 21 know why, but, I mean --</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN FECH: Well, to me, it 23 sounds like -- and I wasn't here, obviously, 24 but it sounds to me like there was a deferral 25 by the Democrats so that the Republicans got</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: And I 2 clarified.</p> <p>3 MR. MELLON: She's voicing her 4 opinion. I'm voicing my opinion. I think 5 it's a terrible idea.</p> <p>6 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: And I 7 clarified.</p> <p>8 MR. MELLON: So, I think I'm 9 entitled to my opinion as she is, aren't I?</p> <p>10 MR. BROWN: I agree you're 11 entitled to your opinion. That's the reason I 12 voiced mine, after you voiced yours. I agree 13 with that.</p> <p>14 MR. MELLON: Boy.</p> <p>15 MR. BROWN: Thank you.</p> <p>16 MR. MELLON: I was going to vote 17 with you, Mike. I don't think I'm going to 18 now.</p> <p>19 MR. BROWN: I'll get you next 20 time.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN FECH: Any further 22 discussion on the new polling location?</p> <p>23 (No immediate response.)</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN FECH: Is there a motion 25 being made as it relates to the Primary 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 the polling place that they wanted in Black 2 Oak.</p> <p>3 MR. MELLON: Yeah, I was here.</p> <p>4 MR. REED: Actually, that stays 5 where it was.</p> <p>6 (Inaudible; talking in unison.)</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN FECH: But still, I mean, 8 it wasn't a 3-2 vote.</p> <p>9 MR. MELLON: I will tell you it 10 was a horrible, horrible polling location 11 recommendation.</p> <p>12 MR. TOLBERT: I stand corrected. 13 I didn't know notice wasn't given of the 14 polling place.</p> <p>15 MS. FAJMAN: This change is 16 reflected for next year. It is not an 17 election for this year. That code cite that 18 was mentioned is once you've given notice, 19 meaning you're at your 30 days before the 20 election and now you change, now it has to be 21 unanimous. So this is being changed for next 22 year.</p> <p>23 MR. MELLON: Mr. Chairman, in the 24 spirit of trying to come to a consensus on 25 this Board and not a partisan consensus, I</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 would ask that we defer this so that we can  2 ask the Republican chairman to come in and  3 make a presentation and then we can make an  4 intelligent decision.  5 MR. BROWN: That's fine. I'm  6 good, if that's what you want, but keep in  7 mind that in a few months from now we're going  8 to be into the 2026 cycle. So let's try to  9 put this on next month's agenda.  10 MS. FAJMAN: Maybe a field trip  11 for you.  12 MR. MELLON: I don't want a field  13 trip.  14 MR. BROWN: No, no, no. You're  15 going to get it. Come on, friend. We're  16 going to let you have your way so I can have  17 my way. Okay?  18 MS. FAJMAN: So my understanding  19 is, there is a motion to defer and this is  20 going to the next meeting, would be the  21 recommendation?  22 MR. BROWN: I'll second that  23 motion.  24 MS. FAJMAN: And you're not  25 talking the Inspector Saturday meeting, but</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN FECH: Looks like there's  2 two mover contracts that were received. Is  3 that right?  4 MS. FAJMAN: That is correct.  5 They both came at the same exact price.  6 MR. MELLON: Isn't that weird?  7 MS. FAJMAN: Pardon?  8 MR. MELLON: I said, isn't that  9 weird. Every year.  10 CHAIRMAN FECH: That's not true.  11 That's not true.  12 MS. FAJMAN: Prices went up a  13 little bit this year.  14 MR. MELLON: But it's always the  15 same.  16 CHAIRMAN FECH: It's in the  17 ballpark. It's always in the ballpark, but  18 it's not always been the same exact price.  19 MS. FAJMAN: Well, one of them had  20 a separate thing on there, but it wasn't  21 applicable because it's all one machine, so.  22 But prices came in the same. It did slightly  23 go up. We approved both of them, or the  24 Commissioners approved both of them. This is  25 just simply for our record and signature for</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 the next regular meeting.  2 MR. MELLON: Next regular meeting.  3 MS. FAJMAN: Okay.  4 CHAIRMAN FECH: All right. So the  5 record is clear for our Madam Court Reporter,  6 Mr. Mellon has made a motion to defer this  7 issue to next month's meeting. There was a  8 second by Mr. Brown. If there's no further  9 discussion as it relates to the deferment,  10 then roll call vote, please.  11 MS. FAJMAN: Michael Mellon?  12 MR. MELLON: Yes.  13 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown?  14 MR. BROWN: Yes.  15 MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria  16 Reardon?  17 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Aye.  18 MS. FAJMAN: John Reed?  19 MR. REED: Yes.  20 MS. FAJMAN: Matt Fech?  21 CHAIRMAN FECH: Yes. Passes 5-0.  22 It is deferred to next month's meeting.  23 Next item for New Business is  24 Movers Contract?  25 MS. FAJMAN: Correct.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 you guys, and they will begin picking up  2 voting machines, I believe, next week or the  3 Monday after.  4 CHAIRMAN FECH: So is there a  5 motion to accept the two contracts for Ferree  6 Movers and Bill's Movers, which has been  7 approved by the Lake County Board of  8 Commissioners?  9 MR. BROWN: Motion, Mr. Chair.  10 CHAIRMAN FECH: Motion made by  11 Mr. Brown. Is there a second?  12 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Second.  13 CHAIRMAN FECH: Roll call.  14 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown?  15 MR. BROWN: Yes.  16 MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria  17 Reardon?  18 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Aye.  19 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Mellon?  20 MR. MELLON: Yes.  21 MS. FAJMAN: John Reed?  22 MR. REED: Yes.  23 MS. FAJMAN: Matt Fech?  24 CHAIRMAN FECH: I'm going to  25 abstain since I serve as the attorney for the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 Lake County Board of Commissioners. So that</p> <p>2 passes four in favor and one abstention.</p> <p>3 I believe that's all the New</p> <p>4 Business.</p> <p>5 Any Correspondence?</p> <p>6 MS. FAJMAN: There is just notice</p> <p>7 of the legal notice that has been placed in</p> <p>8 the paper. So that's just part of our record.</p> <p>9 So you're just accepting it as part of the</p> <p>10 record that the legal ad has been placed. Do</p> <p>11 you want to make a motion to accept it as a</p> <p>12 record? Yes, no?</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN FECH: I'm sorry?</p> <p>14 MS. FAJMAN: I said, do we need a</p> <p>15 motion to accept it as a record or do we just</p> <p>16 accept it?</p> <p>17 MR. TOLBERT: Yeah, it won't hurt</p> <p>18 to take official action on it.</p> <p>19 MR. REED: Motion to accept the</p> <p>20 correspondence as part of the record.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN FECH: There's been a</p> <p>22 motion to accept correspondence as part of the</p> <p>23 record. Is there a second?</p> <p>24 MR. BROWN: Second, Mr. Chair.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN FECH: Any discussion?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 sorry.</p> <p>2 MR. REED: Motion to approve the</p> <p>3 purchase orders as presented.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN FECH: There's been a</p> <p>5 motion made to accept the purchase orders as</p> <p>6 presented. Is there a second?</p> <p>7 MR. BROWN: Second, Mr. Chair.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN FECH: Second made by</p> <p>9 Mr. Brown. Any discussion?</p> <p>10 (No immediate response.)</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN FECH: Roll call vote.</p> <p>12 MS. FAJMAN: John Reed?</p> <p>13 MR. REED: Yes.</p> <p>14 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Mellon?</p> <p>15 MR. MELLON: Yes.</p> <p>16 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown?</p> <p>17 MR. BROWN: Yes.</p> <p>18 MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria</p> <p>19 Reardon?</p> <p>20 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Aye.</p> <p>21 MS. FAJMAN: Matt Fech?</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN FECH: Yes. 5-0 to</p> <p>23 accept the purchase orders as recommended.</p> <p>24 The next meeting, is that where</p> <p>25 we're at?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 (No immediate response.)</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN FECH: Roll call.</p> <p>3 MS. FAJMAN: John Reed?</p> <p>4 MR. REED: Yes.</p> <p>5 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Brown?</p> <p>6 MR. BROWN: Yes.</p> <p>7 MS. FAJMAN: Mara Candelaria</p> <p>8 Reardon?</p> <p>9 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: Aye.</p> <p>10 MS. FAJMAN: Mike Mellon?</p> <p>11 MR. MELLON: Yes.</p> <p>12 MS. FAJMAN: Matt Fech?</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN FECH: Yes. 5-0.</p> <p>14 Counsel Reports.</p> <p>15 MS. BRANDENBURG: I don't have</p> <p>16 any. Thank you.</p> <p>17 MR. TOLBERT: I don't have</p> <p>18 anything.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN FECH: Purchase Orders.</p> <p>20 MS. FAJMAN: I believe there were</p> <p>21 some there.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN FECH: I don't see them</p> <p>23 in the agenda packet.</p> <p>24 MS. FAJMAN: It's Number 10.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN FECH: Number 10, I'm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 MS. FAJMAN: Next meeting is</p> <p>2 November 1st. As of this time I don't believe</p> <p>3 we have anything on the agenda. We are</p> <p>4 keeping it open in case anything comes in, an</p> <p>5 emergency comes in with a disclaimer, or</p> <p>6 something.</p> <p>7 MR. BROWN: Excuse me. Do we need</p> <p>8 to remind people that there's early voting for</p> <p>9 school elections?</p> <p>10 MS. FAJMAN: It never hurts, since</p> <p>11 you're online.</p> <p>12 MR. BROWN: Thank you.</p> <p>13 MS. FAJMAN: Early voting, of</p> <p>14 course, is going on for the Lake Central</p> <p>15 School referendum, as well as the Hanover</p> <p>16 Community School Corporation. There are three</p> <p>17 early voting locations open, and they'll be</p> <p>18 open on Election Day. Inspector training is</p> <p>19 Saturday, the 1st, and we are also having it</p> <p>20 on Wednesday, the 29th. If you'd like to</p> <p>21 come, you're more than welcome. We'd love to</p> <p>22 have you there.</p> <p>23 MR. BROWN: Thank you.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN FECH: Next up is Public</p> <p>25 Comment. Any members of the public wishing to</p>



<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 speak, please come to the microphone, identify  2 yourself, and you're free to make a public  3 comment. Any public comment? Hearing none.  4 Seeing none.</p> <p>5 Next is Adjournment, which I think  6 is part of the meeting, generally. So is  7 there a motion to adjourn?</p> <p>8 MS. CANDELARIA REARDON: So moved.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN FECH: There's been a  10 motion made. Is there a second?</p> <p>11 MR. MELLON: Second.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN FECH: All in favor?  13 (Board members saying "aye" in  14 unison.)</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN FECH: 5-0. Meeting is  16 adjourned.</p> <p>17 (Proceedings concluded at  18 10:41 a.m.)</p> <p>19 * * *</p> <p>20  21  22  23  24  25</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 STATE OF INDIANA)  2 )SS:  3 COUNTY OF LAKE )  4</p> <p>5 BEFORE THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF  6 ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  7 CROWN POINT, INDIANA  8 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE</p> <p>9 I, Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary  10 Public, do hereby certify that I reported in machine  11 shorthand the foregoing proceedings had in the  12 above-entitled matter, at the time and place herein  13 before set forth; and I do further certify that the  14 foregoing transcript, consisting of thirty-four  15 (34) typewritten pages, is a true and correct  16 transcript of my said stenographic notes, to the  17 best of my ability.</p> <p>18 Signed this 30th day of October,  19 2025.</p> <p>20  21  22  23   24 BETH A. BARNETTE, CSR  25 Notary Public  My Commission Expires: 06/13/30</p>	

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## NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE

RE: AICHNER V. GARZA ETAL

2025-01

The above reference matter was last heard on August 19, 2025. The Lake County Board of Elections and Registration voted to continue this matter until a time could be coordinated when all parties could be present. Thank you for your cooperation in setting the date. The meeting is now continued until:

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Lake County Government Center

Commissioners Courtroom,

2293 N. Main Street Crown Point, IN 46307

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 219-755-3819.

Sincerely,

Michelle R. Fajman

Director





## LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

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Date: June 3, 2025

**Stephen Aichner  
3732 Sandusky St.  
Hobart, IN 46342**

To: \_\_\_\_\_

To Whom It May Concern,

The Lake County Board of Elections and Registrations has placed your election complaint on the agenda for the board meeting on June 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom in the A Building of the Lake County Government Complex. **Your failure to appear at the hearing described above may result in a penalty being imposed against you..**

You may be allowed to provide additional information or documents at the hearing. If you will be providing any additional documentation, please provide the information in person, by fax, or by email at least 3 days prior to the board meeting, if possible. If you are permitted to provide additional documentation at the hearing, please provide ten copies for members, attorneys, directors, and for the file.

Respectfully,

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Date: June 3, 2025

**John Brezik  
250 Dearborn St.  
Hobart, IN 46342**

To:

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The Lake County Board of Elections and Registrations has placed an election complaint in which you are named as a respondent or witness in on the agenda for the board meeting on June 17, 2025 at 10:00am in the Commissioner's Courtroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the A Building of the Lake County Government Complex. **Your failure to appear at the hearing described above may result in a penalty being imposed against you by default.**

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Date: June 3, 2025

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**3610 W 49th Ave.**  
**Hobart, IN 46342**

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Date: June 3, 2025

**Sandra Garza  
1001 w 39th Pl.  
Hobart, IN 46342**

To:

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Date: June 3, 2025

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1015 W 38th Ave.  
Hobart, IN 46342**

To:

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To:

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The Lake County Board of Elections and Registrations has placed an election complaint in which you are named as a respondent or witness in on the agenda for the board meeting on July 15, 2025 at 10:00am in the Commissioner's Courtroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the A Building of the Lake County Government Complex. **Your failure to appear at the hearing described above may result in a penalty being imposed against you by default.**

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Respectfully,  
Lake County Board of Elections and Registration  
2293 N. Main St., Ste. A-205  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 755-3795 (phone)  
(219) 755-3801 (fax)  
Encl. Original Complaint

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## LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

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Date: June 11, 2025

**John Brezik  
250 Dearborn St.  
Hobart, IN 46342**

To:

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## LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

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Date: June 11, 2025

**Stephen Aichner  
3732 Sandusky St.  
Hobart, IN 46342**

To: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPLAINT FORM**

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Date of complaint: 05/08/2025

Date of incident: 05/06/2025

Complainant (person submitting the complaint):

Complainant name (may not be anonymous) Stephen Aichner

Phone 219-512-6840 Email stephen.aichner@yahoo.com

Complainant address 3732 Sandusky St City Hobart Zip 46342

Respondent (person complaint is against): Sandra Garza, Lauren Ross, Theresa Kolczak,

Respondent name John Brezik, Christopher Kosovich

Phone On file for pollworkers Email On file for pollworkers

Respondent address see attached City see attached Zip see attached

Please list any known Indiana Code (Title III) violations: IC 3-11-8-15

  
Signature of Complainant

Summary of incident (attach additional pages, documents, or evidence for consideration by the LCBER):

See attached statement.

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May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

LAKE COUNTY ELECTION  
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RE: Election complaint by Stephen Aichner against Sandra Garza, et al, for violation of  
IC 3-11-8-15

Complainant: Stephen Aichner, 3732 Sandusky Street, Hobart, IN 46342

Respondents (information from sources online – please confirm against records held by  
the LCBER, as applicable):

- Sandra Garza (Democrat Precinct Committeeman) 1001 W 39<sup>th</sup> Pl., Hobart, IN 46342 ✓
- Lauren Ross (Inspector – HO 12) 12255 Parke Ct N, Crown Point, IN 46307 ✓
- Theresa Kolczak (Inspector – HO 19) 1015 W 38<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hobart, IN 46342 ✓
- John Brezik (Deputy Election Commissioner) 250 Dearborn St., Hobart, IN 46342 ✓
- Christopher Kosovich (Democrat Precinct Committeeman) 3610 W 49<sup>th</sup> Ave., ✓  
Hobart, IN 46342

Incident Date: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Referendum Election)

Incident Location: Precincts HO-12 & HO-19 (Early Learning Center, Hobart)

**Description:**

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at about 7:00-7:15a.m. I was acting in my capacity as a Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) when I entered the Early Learning Center where voting precincts HO-12 and HO-19 were located. I showed my DEC credentials to the two inspectors, Lauren Ross – HO-12 and Theresa Koczak HO-19, that were sitting together at the table nearest the entrance to the voting area. Sitting with them was another lady whom I would later find out is Sandra Garza, a Democrat Precinct Committeeman. After providing my credentials to the inspectors and Sandra Garza, I proceeded to talk to the Republican Judge for HO-12, Barbara Koteles. Upon asking how everything was going, she said that it was fine, but that there had been a gentleman in the voting location before voting started by the name of Chris who was there to make sure that everything was in order and then had left. I did not see Chris there at that time, so asked the inspectors who Chris is. They informed me that Chris is Christopher Kosovich, a Democrat Precinct Committeeman. I asked them if Chris had any credentials to allow him to be in the polling location, and they indicated that he did not and they further stated that they had been informed that credentials were not needed for this election. I informed them that credentials are indeed required for this election just as any other election for anyone in the polling location. Additionally, I noticed that the lady sitting with the inspectors, Sandra Garza, was not wearing a name tag. I asked her to put on her name tag so that voters are aware of who the poll workers are. She did not put on a

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name tag. As we were having this discussion at the table the inspectors were sitting at, John Brezik walked into the facility and joined us. After some introductory conversation and further discussion and direction that no one is allowed in the polling location without credentials, John and I stepped outside the facility to discuss the situation further in private. As we stepped outside, Christopher Kosovich was arriving at the location and was walking up to meet us. There were some pleasantries and introductions exchanged and then we began to discuss the issue of non-credentialed people in the polling location. I explained to John and Chris that no one is allowed in the polling location unless they have the appropriate credentials to be there. Chris apologized for the issue and explained that he was just there to make sure that everyone had shown up to work the election, were able to get into the facility and get everything set up and had what they needed. I further explained that he could not be in the voting location for any reason without credentials. At this time, John Brezik also voiced that the Precinct Committeemen were just helping to make sure that everyone showed up and that everything was working and the poll workers had what they needed. Which I then again indicated that that is not allowed under the rules and that further is the law that forbids anyone in the polling location without the proper credentials. John Brezik said that it is just a 'courtesy' that the Precinct Committeemen are helping. My response was that the law does not have an exception for courtesies and that it is the Inspectors' job to ensure the operation of the voting location and personnel. Now, Sandra Garza leaves the voting location and goes out to her car; and I comment to John, "Oh, look, there goes one of your poll workers leaving the voting area" and John went over to talk with her and then she went back into the voting area. Chris left the location at that time, and so did I. Sometime later, after visiting other polling locations, I returned to the Early Learning Center and was talking with the Republican Judges, Barbara Koteles (HO-12) and Sheila Madjecki (HO-19). While I was talking with them, I noticed that Sandra Garza was no longer in the polling location. Thinking that we had a poll worker missing, I asked the inspectors where she was. They indicated that she had left and that she was not a poll worker, but another Democrat Precinct Committeeman and Alaina Garza (D-Clerk) indicated that she is her mother. So, I took note of this in my incident log and then asked the Republican Judges how long ago Sandra had left; which turns out a little bit after I had left earlier. Apparently, Alaina Garza (or the inspectors) had overheard me discussing Sandra Garza and had alerted Sandra that I was there and asking questions. **So, to clarify the concern: Sandra Garza, was in the polling location for a significant amount of time initially before I arrived and was sitting at the table with the inspectors when I identified myself as a DEC and while I informed the inspectors (and Sandra) that no one was allowed in the polling location without credentials - with John Brezik standing right there amid the conversation. I did not know at that time of that conversation that she was not a poll worker, which is why I asked her to put on a name**

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tag; but the inspectors and John Brezik certainly did know that she was not a poll worker and that she did not have credentials to be in the room. Further, while John, Chris Kosovich, and I were discussing this very issue outside and Sandra Garza left the voting area, went to her car, John went and talked to her, and then she went back inside the polling location, both she (Sandra) and John were aware that she was not a poll worker and that she should not be in the polling location but yet continued to be in the polling area.

When I was leaving the polling location at this time, Sandra Garza, is walking up to the polling location to discuss the issue with me as she had been alerted to my presence there and inquiries into her. Theresa Kolczak, the Inspector for HO-19, also then stepped outside the voting location to join the discussion between Sandra and myself. Sandra apologized for illegally being in the polling location and said that she had been told by John Brezik and at the Inspector Training that credentials were not needed for this election. A point that was further reinforced by Theresa. Sandra indicated that she always gets credentials to participate in the elections and would not have violated the law if she had had the correct understanding that just because credentials were not being issued for this special election does not mean that credentials are not required to be in the voting location which is the law as I explained it to her. Sandra seemed genuinely concerned about how this had come about and also genuinely sincere in her apology and regret of these circumstances. After discussing this with Sandra for about 15 minutes, she indicated that she was going to be getting some food for the poll workers in a bit and we discussed where she is allowed to be to deliver that food. After that, Theresa went back inside the polling location, I departed the location while it appeared that Sandra was also advancing to her vehicle to also depart the location.

-End of incident-

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Aichner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen Aichner, Deputy Election Commissioner – Hobart, 2025 Election



## Messler, Jessica F

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**From:** Stephen Aichner <stephenaichner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 1:56 PM  
**To:** Messler, Jessica F  
**Subject:** Election Complaint  
**Attachments:** 05-06-2025 Election Complaint.pdf

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Stephen Aichner  
Cell: 219-512-6840  
Email: [stephenaichner@gmail.com](mailto:stephenaichner@gmail.com)

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Respectfully submitted,

WIESER & WYLLIE, LLP

By:

  
JAMES L. WIESER, Attorney No. 1232-45  
429 West Lincoln Highway  
Schererville, Indiana 46375  
Tele: (219) 865-7404

I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE.

  
JOHN BREZIK

STATE OF INDIANA       )  
                                      )  
COUNTY OF LAKE       )       SS:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared JOHN BREZIK and acknowledged the execution of the above and foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 1-8-2033  
County of Residence: LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

STATE OF INDIANA	)	LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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STEPHEN AICHNER, 3732 Sandusky St., Hobart, IN 46342,	)
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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT**

Respondent, JOHN BREZIK, files the following Memorandum In Support of Motion to Dismiss Complaint herein:

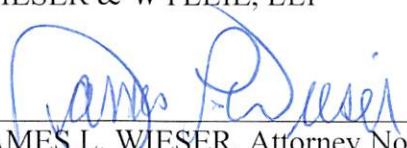
BREZIK was a duly appointed Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) for the special election that took place on May 8, 2025 for the non-partisan school board referendum in the City of Hobart, as well as in the City of Crown Point. As a duly authorized DEC, BREZIK was authorized to enter, if needed, polling places during the election, as set forth in IC 3-11-8-15. Despite such authorization, and despite having the exact same credentials as BREZIK, AICHNER has filed the within Complaint against BREZIK, alleging that he violated IC 3-11-8-15 by being present in a polling place on election day. BREZIK would like to point out the hypocrisy of such a position, inasmuch as AICHNER was in the exact same polling location, at the exact same time as BREZIK. In fact, AICHNER had called BREZIK to come to the polling place to discuss the alleged election law violations. The absurdity of this claim is obvious.

AICHNER, A DEC himself, claims BREZIK, also a DEC, is committing an election violation for entering a polling place on election day. Such being the case, then AICHNER himself has committed the very same election law violation! The fact is that neither AICHNER nor BREZIK violated the law, both were specifically authorized under IC 3-11-8-15 to enter polling sites on election day. Thus, the Complaint is frivolous and without merit and should be dismissed as a matter of law.

Respectfully submitted,

WIESER & WYLLIE, LLP

By:

  
JAMES L. WIESER, Attorney No. 1232-45  
429 West Lincoln Highway  
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**3-11-8-11.3 Repealed by P.L.64-2014, SEC.46,  
eff. March 24, 2014**

**3-11-8-12 No adjournment or recess after  
opening of polls until closed**

Sec. 12. After the opening of the polls, there may be no adjournment or recess until after the polls have been closed and the inspector is ready to leave with the ballot box and other documents and papers to be delivered to the circuit court clerk.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.3-1987, SEC.254.*

**3-11-8-13 Restrictions on inspector, judge, or  
poll clerk of precinct after closing of polls**

Sec. 13. An inspector, judge, or poll clerk of a precinct may not vote after the polls have closed nor make a statement concerning the result of the election before the closing of the polls.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.7.*

**3-11-8-14 Reading of IC 3-14-4-7 to precinct  
election board; oath**

Sec. 14. At the opening of the polls, the inspector of each precinct shall read IC 3-14-4-7 to the precinct election board. Each member of the board shall take an oath that the member has not violated and will not violate IC 3-14-4-7.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.7.*

**3-11-8-15 Persons permitted at polls during  
elections; simulated elections**

Sec. 15. (a) Only the following persons are permitted in the polls during an election:

- (1) Members of a precinct election board.
- (2) Poll clerks and assistant poll clerks.
- (3) Election sheriffs.
- (4) Deputy election commissioners.
- (5) Pollbook holders and challengers.
- (6) Watchers.
- (7) Voters for the purposes of voting.

(8) Minor children accompanying voters as provided under IC 3-11-11-8.

(9) An assistant to a precinct election officer appointed under IC 3-6-6-39.

(10) An individual authorized to assist a voter in accordance with IC 3-11-9.

(11) A member of a county election board, acting on behalf of the board.

(12) A technician authorized to act on behalf of a county election board to repair a voting system (if the technician bears credentials signed by each member of the board).

(13) Either of the following who have been issued credentials signed by the members of the county election board:

(A) The county chairman of a political party.

(B) The county vice chairman of a political party.

However, a county chairman or a county vice chairman who is a candidate for nomination or election to office at the election may not enter the polls under this subdivision.

(14) The secretary of state, as chief election officer of the state, unless the individual serving as secretary of state is a candidate for nomination or election to an office at the election.

(b) Except for an individual described in subsection (a)(8) or (a)(10), an individual must be a citizen of the United States to be permitted in the polls during an election.

(c) The secretary of state may exempt an individual from the requirement to be a United States citizen.

(d) This subsection applies to a simulated election for minors conducted with the authorization of the county election board. An individual participating in the simulated election may be in the polls for the purpose of voting. A person supervising the simulated election may be in the polls to perform the supervision.

(e) The inspector of a precinct has authority over all simulated election activities conducted under subsection (d) and shall ensure that the simulated election activities do not interfere with the election conducted in that polling place.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.4-1991, SEC.89; P.L.3-1993, SEC.146; P.L.38-1999, SEC.43; P.L.66-2003, SEC.40; P.L.209-2003, SEC.130; P.L.14-2004, SEC.116, eff. March 16, 2004; P.L.97-2004, SEC.8, eff. March 16, 2004; P.L.230-2005, SEC.54; P.L.194-2013, SEC.57, eff. July 1, 2013; P.L.193-2021, SEC.41, eff. July 1, 2021; P.L.227-2023, SEC.80, eff. July 1, 2023.*

**3-11-8-16 Required distance person must  
stand from chute**

Sec. 16. A person may not remain within a distance equal to the length of the chute (as defined in IC 3-5-2-10) of the entrance to the polls except for the purpose of offering to vote.

*As added by P.L.5-1986, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.3-1993, SEC.147; P.L.3-1997, SEC.299; P.L.2-1998, SEC.7; P.L.38-1999, SEC.44; P.L.69-2003, SEC.5; P.L.230-2005, SEC.55.*

**3-11-8-17 Number of voters to be admitted to  
polls at one time**

Sec. 17. (a) This section does not apply to a county using vote centers under IC 3-11-18.1.

Exhibit "A"

STATE OF INDIANA }  
COUNTY OF LAKE }

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## Board of Election Commissioners

Date .....

..... John Brezik ..... is hereby appointed to serve as

Deputy Election Commissioner  
Voting Machine Mechanic  
Member Absent Voter Traveling Board

Early Voting Board  
Counter  
Election Board Member

and is to be admitted to any polling place for the 5/26/2025 SPECIAL  
Election.

I, John Brezik ..... do solemnly swear that I will  
support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the  
State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge my  
duties in connection with the Elections, to the best of my skill and ability, So Help  
Me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of May 202025

219.757.1104

.....  
Notary

Exhibit "B"



# LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

## COMPLAINT FORM

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FILE STAMP: 2025 AUG 20 PM 2:21

L.C. ELECTION & REGISTRATION BOARD

Date of complaint: 8/20/25

Date of Incident: 8/20/25

Case # (Office Use Only)

Complainant (person submitting the complaint):

Complainant name (may not be anonymous) RONALD SIEGERT

Phone 219-688-1193 Email K.

Complainant address 531 COCHRAN DR City CP Zip 46307

Respondent (person complaint is against):

Respondent name FLORES FOR SHERIFF

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any known Indiana Code (Title III) violations: \_\_\_\_\_

Ronald Siegert  
Signature of Complainant

Summary of incident (attach additional pages, documents, or evidence for consideration by the LCBER):

PHOTOS + VIDEO SENT TO JESSICA MESSLER

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Messler, Jessica F

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## LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

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### Lake County Board of Election Hearing Notification

**Date: August 22, 2025**

**To: Ronald Segert  
531 Cochran Dr.  
Crown Point, IN 46307**

**This letter is to formally notify you that the Lake County Board of Elections has placed the complaint you filed against Steven Flores for Sheriff on the agenda. The details of the hearing are as follows:**

**Date: September 16, 2025**

**Time: 10 a.m.**

**Location: The Commissioner's Courtroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of building A of the Lake County Government Complex**

**The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the enclosed copy of the allegations listed in your complaint. Your failure to appear at the hearing described above may result in a penalty being imposed against you by default.**

**If you have questions or require further information, do not hesitate to contact Jessica Messler and/or Michelle Fajman 219-755-3795**

**Sincerely**

**Jessica Messler**

**Michelle Fajman**

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**Steven Flores**  
**9843 Garden Way**  
**St. John, IN 46373**



**RONALD SEGERT**  
**531 COCHRAN DR.**  
**CROWN POINT, IN 46307**

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## Lake County Board of Election Hearing Notification

Date: August 22, 2025

To: **Steven Flores**  
**9843 Garden Way**  
**St. John, IN 46373**

This letter is to formally notify you of a complaint filed against you to the Lake County Board of Elections. The hearing has been scheduled regarding the allegations against you. The details of the hearing are as follows:

Date: September 16, 2025

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: The Commissioner's Courtroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of building A of the Lake County Government Complex

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the enclosed copy of the allegations against you. Your failure to appear at the hearing described above may result in a penalty being imposed against you by default.

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Sincerely

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FLORES FOR SHERIFF,  
Respondent.

I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE.

  
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**STEVEN FLORES**

STATE OF INDIANA        )  
                                  )       SS:  
COUNTY OF LAKE        )

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared **STEVEN FLORES** and acknowledged the execution of the above and foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

SEAL:



  
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NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:  
County of Residence: LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

STATE OF INDIANA	)	LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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RONALD SEGERT, 531 Cochran Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307,	)
Complainant,	)

Vs.	)
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FLORES FOR SHERIFF,	)
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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT**

Respondent, **STEVEN FLORES, on behalf of FLORES FOR SHERIFF**, by and through counsel, James L. Wieser, files the following Memorandum In Support of Motion to Dismiss Complaint herein:

Whether in criminal proceedings, administrative proceedings, or disputes in civil courts, the Respondent in such matters is entitled to due process, which clearly, under Indiana Law, requires appropriate notice such that Respondent has an opportunity to respond to the allegations of the Complaint. In this particular matter, Complainant files with the **Lake County Board Of Elections and Registration**, which entity has jurisdiction over alleged violations of election law. In this particular instance, there were NO allegations of violations made of any election law or statute. (See Complaint filed on and dated August 20, 2025). First of all, the Respondent is misidentified as, “Flores for Sheriff”. To the best of Respondent’s knowledge, there is no such entity; however, not wanting to get involved in legal “technicalities”, the Respondent is appearing recognizing that the Complaint is more than likely directed at his proper campaign organization, that being Committee to Elect Steve Flores. In any event, the allegations, if taken as true, raise an issue that may in fact be some violation of traffic ordinances and sign location,

neither of which is under the jurisdiction or within the purview of the **Lake County Board Of Elections and Registration**. The inclusion of a picture of the sign complained of adds nothing to the allegations such that they arise to the level of a violation of election law. At best, it is an indication of an individual property owner expressing his support for the Respondent as a candidate for Sheriff of Lake County, but nothing more.

Finally, the Complaint does not refer to a specific Indiana Code which was allegedly violated. In fact, that particular portion of the Complaint form is left blank.

Based upon the foregoing, in that the Complainant did not list a particular section of the Indiana Code (Title III) to clearly indicate and provide proper notice of an election law violation. Instead, Complainant alleges facts that may support traffic or zoning law violations, but clearly not violations of the election law. Therefore, there is nothing on the face of the Complaint that is indicative, or provides proper notice, of a violation or violations of election law.

**I.C. 3-6-5-31** requires the following to occur upon the filing of a Complaint alleging any provision or section of the Indiana Election Law:

If a county election board determines that there is substantial reason to believe an election law violation has occurred, it shall expeditiously make an investigation. If in the judgment of the board, after affording due notice and an opportunity for a hearing, a person has engaged or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation of a provision of this title or of a rule or order issued under this title, the board shall take the action it considers appropriate under the circumstances, including referring the matter to the attorney general or the appropriate prosecuting attorney.


As no facts were alleged to support a contention or claim that the Respondent in this case has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes a violation of election law, the Board is without jurisdiction to appropriately act. Further, the Board, in this matter,

cannot possibly provide due notice and an opportunity to be heard to the Respondent based upon allegations that have absolutely nothing to do with violation of election law, rather possible concerns issues of traffic or zoning regulations in the unincorporated area of Lake County. However, there is absolutely nothing to consider and determine in reference to violation of election law. Thus, the Complaint is totally and wholly without merit and should be dismissed as a matter of law.

Respectfully submitted,

WIESER & WYLLIE, LLP

By:



JAMES L. WIESER, Attorney No. 1232-45  
429 West Lincoln Highway  
Schererville, Indiana 46375  
Tele: (219) 865-7404



To: Lake County Election Board

9-17-2025

From: Ronald Segert

Ref: Political sign violation

2025 SEP 23 AM 11:07

L.C. ELECTION &  
REGISTRATION BOARD

Dear Board Members,

I have enclosed a photo of the Flores for Sheriff, Facebook page. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Mr. Flores posted a photo that says, "Flores for Sheriff" and does not include a disclaimer on who paid for the sign. This sign is in violation of Lake County Code Ordinance and IC-3-9-4-16,17

Indiana Code Title 3. Elections § 3-9-3-2.5

(h) Except as provided in subsection (i), a communication described in subsection (b) must satisfy one (1) of the following:

(1) If the communication is paid for and authorized by:

(A) a candidate.

(B) an authorized political committee of a candidate; or

(C) the committee's agents.

The communication must clearly state that the communication has been paid for by the authorized political committee.

(2) If the communication is paid for by other persons but authorized by:

(A) a candidate.

(B) an authorized political committee of a candidate; or

(C) the committee's agents.

The communication must clearly state that the communication is paid for by the other persons and authorized by the authorized political committee.

(3) If the communication is not authorized by:

(A) a candidate.

(B) an authorized political committee of a candidate; or

(C) the committee's agents;

The communication must clearly state the name of the person who paid for the communication and state that the communication is not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee

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LC ELECTION &  
ADMINISTRATION BOARD

As you can see by Mr. Flores's post, "He Loves it!". Therefore, it is clear that he approves or approved of it. In fact, if he did not approve it than he would not have posted it on his political face book page. Therefore, Mr. Flores should have taken the necessary steps to ensure that he was following both State and County Law.

### Lake County Code of Ordinance

What is a Disclaimer, A disclaimer identifies who paid for certain political material and whether any candidate approves of the material if the material is paid for by someone other than the candidate.

### Chapter 159

#### § 159.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**ELECTION.** All primary, general, and special elections.

**POLITICAL SIGN.** A sign announcing, supporting, or opposing a candidate or issue in connection with any national, state, or local election.

**SIGN.** Any visual medium (including, when applicable, its structure and component parts) which is used (or intended to be used) to announce, declare, demonstrate or attract the attention of the public. Examples of **SIGNS** include, but are not limited to, any sign, display board, handbill, poster, banner, pennant, streamer, whirligig, valance or advertising display constructed of paper, cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, or other light materials (with or without structural frame). **SIGN** does not include commercial billboards.

(Ord. 1239A, passed 5-13-2003; Ord. 1249C, passed 3-9-2004)

#### § 159.02 FILING.

Although permits and any related fees are not required, any person or organization wanting to erect political signs permitted under this chapter for any election must first

provide to the County Plan Commission the name, address, and telephone number of a person(s) who will be responsible for the proper erection and timely removal of the signs.

(Ord. 1239A, passed 5-13-2003; Ord. 1249C, passed 3-9-2004) Penalty, see § 159.99

### § 159.03 ERECTION OF SIGNS.

(A) Political signs permitted under this chapter shall not be erected earlier than 30 days prior to the applicable election day.

(B) No political sign shall exceed 48 square feet.

(C) No political sign shall be placed in a county easement.

(D) Notwithstanding the above, signs exceeding 16 square feet may be erected 45 days prior to applicable election day.

(Ord. 1239A, passed 5-13-2003; Ord. 1249C, passed 3-9-2004) Penalty, see § 159.99

I hereby request that this board fine that Mr. Flores violated both County and State Law. I further request that this board forward a copy of this complaint to the county attorney/county prosecutor so that he may look into the violation of the county ordinance

Thank you for your time in this matter.

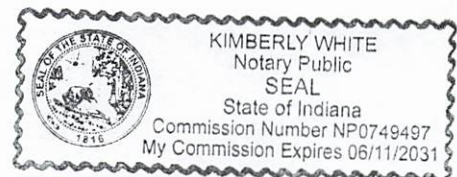
Sincerely,

Ronald E Segert  
RONALD E. SEGERT

Kimberly White

WITNESS SIGNATURE OF ABOVE

LAKE COUNTY IN SEPTEMBER 23, 2025  
My Commission Expires 6-11-2031







## Flores For Sheriff

Aug 10 · 🌐



2025 SEP 23 AM 11:07

In case you are near the fair for the last night, you may see this sign. We love it! Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping out at our booth and to all the great people who stopped by over the last 10 days. We had a blast. Thank you Lake County!





Indiana  
Lake County  
Winfield  
Unmanned Road

LAKE COUNTY ELECTION  
REGISTRATION BOARD

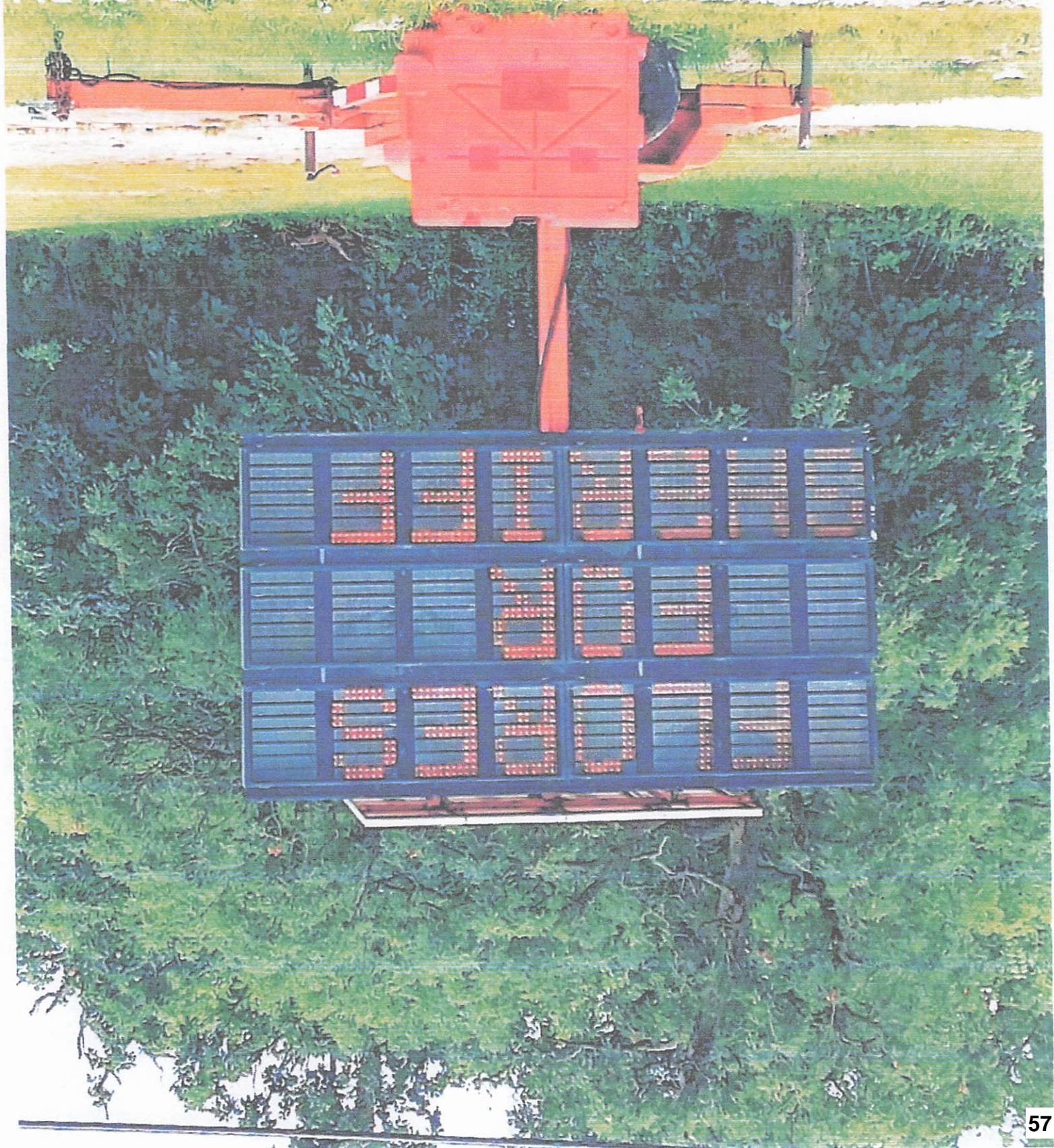
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## LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

### NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE

RE: Segert V. Flores

2025-07

To: Ronald Segert, complainant  
531 Cochran Dr.,  
Crown Point, IN 46307

and

James L. Wieser, Attorney for Respondent  
Steven Flores  
429 W. US Hwy 30  
Schererville IN 46375

The above-referenced matter was last heard on September 16, 2025. The Lake County Board of Elections and Registration voted to continue this matter until November 18, 2025. Both the motion to dismiss as well as the attached amended complaint will be heard on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Lake County Government Center  
Commissioners Courtroom,  
2293 N. Main Street Crown Point, IN  
46307

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 219-755-3819.

Sincerely,

Michelle R. Fajman  
Director

Lake County Board of Elections  
2293 North Main St Ste. A-205  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

November 7, 2025

Re: Your letter to William Purcell 8649 Fairway Drive Saint John, IN dated 11-4-25

Board,

All that occurred in this complaint was I voiced my strong opinions against the new property tax referendum. I made a great many posts other than the post in question. As you can see by the attached printouts there was a conversation with a legal representative, Carly Brandenburg from Eichhorn & Eichhorn. The matter was resolved by a direct change to the posting. There was never any intention to pay anyone anything. Additionally note that the original was clearly perceived as satire/humor by all involved. Not quite sure how the law applies to clear humor. The only reason the complaints were filed was because a resident recruited followers to punish me for speaking out against those supporting a yes vote on this particular referendum.

We don't punish people for satire/humor. I consider this matter closed.

William Purcell

8649 Fairway Drive

Saint John, In 46373

2025 NOV 13 PM 1:26

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NOV 13 2025  
LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION



**Carly Brandenburg**

Active 2h ago



MON 4:53 PM

Hello Mr. Purcell. This is Carly Brandenburg, I am a partner with Eichhorn & Eichhorn law firm, and I am one of 2 attorneys who serve the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration. If you can call me on my cell phone, I'm hoping to discuss with you a FB post the board is getting many complaints about. It advertises that you will pay \$100 to any person who votes no in the referendum. I'm reaching out to try to connect with you and to specifically ask you to please remove all such posts. These kinds of statements violation IC 3-14-3-19, and this can qualify as a potential felony. It is important that you discontinue this conduct immediately. If you have any questions, please contact me at 773-971-2529. That is my cell.



Thank you!

You can now message and call each other and see info like active status and when you have read messages.

Sarcasm and humor on Facebook are not felony's nor has anyone been paid nor will anyone be paid. Additionally, the page in question has a disclaimer.



Aa



2:01



**Carly Brandenburg**

Active 2h ago



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**Bill Purcell**

Admin

1d ·

**Currently Paying \$100 in Monopoly Money for Each NO Vote on this Referendum**



View Insights

435 post rep

March 2023 ·

ner: Anything I post on this page is M  
N. If you don't want to be offended,  
g in here. This group page is for ente  
es only. It contains satire, humor and  
e page, all names, characters, and in  
ed in it are fictitious. No identificatio  
persons (living or deceased), places,  
ducts is intended or should be inferri  
t and comment majority is satire.

But just for you I changed it to read  
"Monopoly Money"



Any questions?

Unfortunately the way the statute is worded even something that induces someone to do a particular action in terms of voting can be



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**Carly Brandenburg**

Active 2h ago



But just for you I changed it to read  
"Monopoly Money"



Any questions?

Unfortunately the way the statute is worded even something that induces someone to do a particular action in terms of voting can be sufficient. I definitely appreciate sarcasm, but not everybody on Facebook can. I appreciate you changing that so that there's no risk of any voter being stupid and off to mistake it for an actual suggestion from you that you might pay them for their vote



MON 6:20 PM

Don't sell the public short, they are plenty stupid.

Sorry for typos, bad at texting. But basic goal is don't induce anyone to vote no or yes.

I let the boards know that you change the post to say Monopoly

Hopefully complaints will stop rolling in



Aa





## Bill's Post



Bill Purcell

November 2 at 5:13 AM · 🌐



I had to add "Monopoly Money" to this post because some really stupid people actually thought I was going to pay them. My god the stupid really runs deep in some of the people in town.



Bill Purcell ▶ St. John Indiana Discussion Forum

[Admin](#)



All-star contributor

November 2 at 5:13 AM · 🌐

**Currently Paying \$100 in Monopoly  
Money for Each NO Vote on this  
Referendum**



2

17 comments



Like



Comment



Send

Most relevant ▼



Pete James

Zelle me lol

5d Like Reply



Bill Purcell [Author](#)

37 times?



Comment as Bill Purcell



Bruce McKenzie  
Precinct Committeeman  
Gary, IN.46404  
2192017160

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Lake County Board of Election  
Attn: Michelle Fajman  
2293 N. Main St.  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Ms. Fajman, I am requesting an immediate change from my present polling location, Pachter Park Pavbillion, which is located at 2243 Whitcomb Street Gary, IN. 46404. At the last election there was no water and no working bathroom facilities. City officials for the city of Gary were made aware of the condition of my polling place before the election. I was told that no more money was going to be put into building to make the necessary repairs.

I am requesting a change to the Love Feast Church, located at 2456 Chase Street, Gary, IN. The facility is handicapped accessible. The church is willing to let us use their facility. The leader of the Love Feast is Elder Clarence J. Harris, his phone number is 12197655473 , the church's office phone is 219 944 8729.

BRUCE MCKENZIE  
PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN

09/09/2025 10:00 AM

October 15, 2025

Steel City Gary Precinct Organization  
Chairman Michael Brown  
Marian Ivey, Secretary

Michelle Fajman  
Director  
Lake County Elections & Registration

Re: Location for Voting

Dear Director Fajman,

This letter is submitted on behalf City Chairman Mr. Brown by SCGPO Secretary Marian Ivey for the purpose of requesting polling location change for voting purposes.

On behalf of Chairman Brown, the Polling location requested is Love Feast Church located at 2456 Chase Street in Gary, Indiana in zipcode 46404 replacing the former polling location at Patcher Park Pavilion.

Best Regards,

Chairman Brown/m.i.

## Messler, Jessica F

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**From:** Messler, Jessica F  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025 9:43 AM  
**To:** Michelle Fajman  
**Subject:** RE: poll location change

Michelle,

Proposed Location:  
Frankie Woods McCullough Academy  
<https://www.garycsc.k12.in.us/o/mca>  
3757 W 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Gary, IN 46404  
(219) 944-7301

- ADA compliant due to it being a school.
- No rental fee, due to is being a school.
- transit stop as the corner of the school building.
- it is a 12 minute walk from the nearest transit stop to the proposed church.

### Jessica Messler

Assistant Director  
Lake County Board of Elections and Registration

**LCBER Warning and Disclaimer:** Although our staff is well-trained to serve as a resource for filing forms and reports, and will do their best to be of assistance to you, they are not attorneys or legal experts. In addition, they do not represent your legal interests in any way, shape, or form and cannot be held responsible for any failures or frailties in your filings. Where your legal rights are involved, do not rely on our staff as they will not be able to assist you. Instead, review the law yourself or consult your attorney. All forms and filings are the responsibility of the candidate or the person filing the form or report on their behalf. If you have received this communication in error, please delete the email and the contents.

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**From:** Michelle Fajman <[fajmamr@lakecountyin.org](mailto:fajmamr@lakecountyin.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 6, 2025 5:07 PM  
**To:** Messler, Jessica F <[messljf@lakecountyin.org](mailto:messljf@lakecountyin.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: poll location change

Could you please let me know if you've received any feedback on the proposed location change?

Michelle

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**From:** Michelle Fajman  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2025 2:42 PM  
**To:** Messler, Jessica F <[messljf@lakecountyin.org](mailto:messljf@lakecountyin.org)>; 'KEVIN C SMITH' (<[ksmith@smithsersic.com](mailto:ksmith@smithsersic.com)>)  
<[ksmith@smithsersic.com](mailto:ksmith@smithsersic.com)>  
**Cc:** Carly A. Brandenburg <[cbrandenburg@eichhorn-law.com](mailto:cbrandenburg@eichhorn-law.com)>; [mtolbert@tolbertlegal.com](mailto:mtolbert@tolbertlegal.com); Oliver, James P



<[olivejp@lakecountyin.org](mailto:olivejp@lakecountyin.org)>; Manzo, Andre <[manzoax@lakecountyin.org](mailto:manzoax@lakecountyin.org)>

**Subject:** poll location change

Attached is a request for a poll location change for the 2026 Election. Patcher Park Pavilion is used for G3-26 and G4-03. Mr. McKenzie is requesting specifically for G4-03. I expect to receive a letter requesting that G3-26 move to the same location. This will be placed on the agenda for the October board meeting.

Jessica, can you contact the Republican precinct committeemen or chairman to see if they have any problem with the change? October gives us plenty of time to do a site survey for ADA compliance.

Michelle R. Fajman, Director  
Lake County Board of Elections and Registration  
2293 N. Main Street A-205  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
219-755-3819

## 2026 Lake County Republican Delegate Districts

<u>District</u>	<u>Towns (# of votes)</u>	<u>Total votes</u>	<u>/550</u>	<u># of Delegates</u>
1	WCT (1722), ECT (380), CCT (2633)	4735	8.60	9
2	WIN (2522)	2522	4.58	5
3	CL (3113), HAN (899)	4012	7.29	7
4	CP (5914), CT (1633)	7547	13.72	14
5	SJ (5604), SJT (1852)	7546	13.72	14
6	Dyer	3299	5.99	6
7	Schererville	5254	9.55	10
8	Munster	4096	7.44	7
9	Highland (3699), Griffith (1937)	5636	10.24	10
10	HO (3256), HOT (234), LS (963)	4453	8.09	8
11	Hammond	4324	7.86	8
12	G (1065), CAL (593), MERR (2275), RT (40), EC (461), Whiting (348)	4782	8.69	8

**106 Delegates**

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## CEB 9 - County Election Report for Lake

For the 2025 Lake County School Corporations November Special Election Conducted on Tuesday,

### REGISTRATION AND TURNOUT:

1. Number of registered voters in **county** for this election (Note: If the election was held only in part of the county, the number of registered voters in that part of the county for this election): **72820**
2. Number of voters voting *in person at the polls on Election Day*: **6843**
3. Number of all voters voting *absentee including by mail, travel board, in-person, and military and overseas (UOCAV* **5004**
4. Total number of voters who voted in this election (auto-calculated as #2 + #3): **11847**

### ABSENTEE VOTING

5. Please enter the number of absentee ballots that were rejected (exclude UOCAVA): **0**

5(a). Please enter the number of absentee ballots Not Received (Not returned to your county by the deadline): **25**

UOCAVA (Voters using the Federal Postcard Application and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots)

6. The combined total number of absentee ballots sent by county to military and overseas voters: **1**

7. Total number of ballots in #6 returned by these voters. (Include any Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots, counted, because a UOCAVA did not return an official county ballot.): **1**

8. Total number of ballots in #7 counted: **1**

### PROVISIONAL BALLOTS:

9. Total number of provisional ballots cast by voters that are registered in the county, counted by county election **1**

10. Total number of provisional ballots cast by voters that are registered in the county, not counted by county election **2**

11. The total number of provisional ballots cast by voters in the county in this election  
(System calculated as #9 + #10): **3**

11(a). The total number of provisional ballots cast by non-registered voters in the county: **2**

### ELECTION BUDGET AND EQUIPMENT:

12. BUDGETED cost for this election. Estimate if necessary: **95,000.00**

13(a). Provide the following information for the Election System Type:

Election System Type	System Service Manufacturer	Voting System Model
Direct Recording Electronic Voting	MicroVote	EMS 4.3
Optical Scan Ballot Tabulator	MicroVote	EMS 4.3
ADA Compliant Ballot Marking Device	MicroVote	EMS 4.3
Election Management System	MicroVote	EMS 4.3
Hand Counted Paper Ballot	NO	

13(b). Name the System Service Manufacturer used by the County in this Election **MicroVote**

13(c). Describe any discrepancies with your voting system during the election if your County:  
**none**

13(d). Name the Election Pollbook system service provider and the system model used by the county in this election:

System Service Provider	System Model Number(s)
KNOWINK LLC	PollPad 3.6

13(e). Name the EPB System Service Manufacturer used by the County in this Election: **KNOWINK LLC**

## CEB 9 - County Election Report for Lake

### ENCLOSURES:

14(a). Describe any malfunction or other problem with your voting system during the election. If your county did not experience any problems, please input "None" in the text box below. **none**

14(b). If you will be sending additional information on the malfunctions to IED, how will it be sent? **No Malfunction**

15. How will you be submitting Certified & Final Precinct Level Results for your county to IED? (Please use the Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split report from SVRS): **Electronic Submission**

16. Do you need to amend your Voter Status Counts?: **No**

17. If you will be sending any additional information to the Election Division, how will it be sent? **Electronic Submission**

18. Please enter the name, title and mailing address for your county election board members.

Title	Name	Party Name	Address & Street	City, State, and Zip	E-mail Address	Phone Number
Clerk/Secretary of the Election Board	BROWN MIKE	Democratic	2293 N MAIN STREET	CROWN POINT IN 46307	brownmx@lakecountyin.org	2197553000
Election Board Chairman	KEVIN SMITH	Democratic	2293 N MAIN STREET	CROWN POINT IN 46307	ksmith@smithsersic.Com	2197553795
Election Board Member	MICHAEL MELLON	Republican	2293 N MAIN STREET	CROWN POINT IN 46307	MIKE@Acbanker.COM	2197553795
Election Board Member	MARA CANDELARIA-REARDON	Democratic	2293 N MAIN STREET	CROWN POINT IN 46307	marareardon@yahoo.com	2197553795
Election Board Member	JOHN REED	Republican	2293 N MAIN STREET	CROWN POINT IN 46307	JPRATLAW@AOL.COM	2197553795

### SIGNATURES

Clerk/Secretary of the Election Board:

Date:

Election Board Chairman:

Date:

Election Board Member:

Date:

(Below signatures are for Lake County Board of Elections and Registration only)

Election Board Member:

Date:

Election Board Member:

Date:

**Statements of the Circuit Court Clerk for  
State of Indiana (CEB-25)**

**COUNTY OF LAKE - Complete**

**HANOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION REFERENDUM**

'Yes' responses	1,690 ;	'No' responses	1,516
Total Number of Votes			3,206

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION REFERENDUM**

'Yes' responses	5,143 ;	'No' responses	3,498
Total Number of Votes			8,641

This form CEB-25 was generated on Monday, November 17, 2025

# Election Summary Report

Lake County, Indiana

2025 November Special Election

INLAKS25

11/4/2025

E- # OF Election Day	6843	NUMBER OF PRECINCTS:	66
A- # OF Paper Absentee	73	# OF PRECINCTS REPORTED:	66
W- # OF Walk-In Absentee	4931	# OF PRECINCTS NOT REPORTED:	0
	PUBLIC COUNT: 11847	# OF PRECINCTS INCOMPLETE:	0
	VOTER TURNOUT: 16.27%	# OF EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMED:	139
	REGISTERED VOTERS: 72819	# OF EQUIPMENT REPORTED:	139

----- VOTES -----					
E	A	W	TOTAL	%	
VOTE FOR 1					
VOTES= 8,641					
Public Question - Lake Central					
2943	40	2160	5143	59.52%	Yes
1925	18	1555	3498	40.48%	No
VOTE FOR 1					
VOTES= 3,206					
Public Question - Hanover					
1015	9	666	1690	52.71%	Yes
960	6	550	1516	47.29%	No

End Of Report



PctRID	PctName	EMS Public Count	KI Public Count	Diff	NOTES
1	CP 26	11	11	0	
2	D 01	139	138	1	
3	D 02	102	103	-1	
4	D 03	185	185	0	
5	D 04	64	64	0	
6	D 05	73	73	0	
7	D 06	157	157	0	
8	D 07	129	129	0	
9	D 08	117	117	0	
10	D 09	69	69	0	
11	D 10	122	122	0	
12	D 11	107	107	0	
13	D 14	103	103	0	
14	GR 17	20	20	0	
15	SCH 02	138	138	0	
16	SCH 04	36	36	0	
17	SCH 06	62	62	0	
18	SCH 07	64	64	0	
19	SCH 09	82	82	0	
20	SCH 10	113	113	0	
21	SCH 13	155	155	0	
22	SCH 14	152	152	0	
23	SCH 15	33	33	0	
24	SCH 16	93	93	0	
25	SCH 17	101	101	0	
26	SCH 18	92	92	0	
27	SCH 19	52	52	0	
28	SCH 20	53	53	0	
29	SCH 22	157	157	0	
30	SCH 24	34	34	0	
31	SCH 26	108	108	0	
32	SCH 27	54	54	0	
33	SCH 28	90	90	0	
34	SCH 32	109	109	0	
35	SCH 33	86	86	0	
36	SJ 01	57	57	0	
37	SJ 02	111	111	0	
38	SJ 03	78	78	0	
39	SJ 04	66	66	0	
40	SJ 06	94	94	0	
41	SJ 07	135	135	0	
42	SJ 09	79	79	0	
43	SJ 11	187	187	0	
44	SJ 14	106	106	0	
45	SJ 15	160	160	0	
46	SJ 17	0	0	0	

PctRID	PctName	EMS Public Count	KI Public Count	Diff	NOTES
47	SJ 18	0	0	0	
48	SJT 01	27	27	0	
49	SJT 02	102	101	1	
50	SJT 03	23	23	0	
51	SJT 04	94	94	0	
52	SJT 07	110	110	0	
53	SJT 08	117	117	0	
54	SJT 09	59	59	0	
55	CL 02	222	222	0	
56	CL 03	279	279	0	
57	CL 05	358	358	0	
58	CL 07	222	222	0	
59	HT 01	121	121	0	
60	HT 02	129	128	1	
61	HT 03	71	71	0	
62	SJ 05	176	176	0	
63	SJ 08	48	48	0	
64	SJ 10	4	4	0	
65	SJ 12	182	182	0	
66	SJ 16	163	163	0	

**LAKE COUNTY**

CROWN POINT, INDIANA

**PURCHASE ORDER**THIS NUMBER MUST BE  
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LINE #	ITEM	COMMODITY	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	ACCOUNT CODE	CATEGORY	TOTAL COST
1	Goods	21039 INVOICE - 8002001 - 2025 POLL PAD ENCODING SERVICE FOR THE 5.6.25 SPECIAL ELECTION (49 PRECINCTS)	1	EACH	1,500.00	10015001631500 000000000000	Consultant Fees	1,500.00

**Line Comments****SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS -****TOTAL > 1,500.00**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THERE IS AN UNOBLIGATED BALANCE IN THIS  
APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR THE ABOVE ORDER

BILLING ON THIS ORDER MUST BE ACCORDING TO PROCESS SHOWN ABOVE

**Order Has Been Electronically Signed.**

AUDITOR



ORDERED BY

LAKE COUNTY ELECTION/REGISTRA.

TITLE

LAKE COUNTY ELECTION/REGISTRA.

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AMENDATORY THEREOF AND SUPPLEMENT. THERETO.

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PURCHASING AGENT

Approved by the State Board of Accounts for Lake County 1996

**LAKE COUNTY**  
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LINE #	ITEM	COMMODITY	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	ACCOUNT CODE	CATEGORY	TOTAL COST
1	Goods	4090 INVOICE - ENVELOPES - TALLY CARD ENVELOPE	500	EACH	1.57	10015001633100 00000000000	Printing	783.00
Line Comments								
2	Goods	ENVELOPES - ENVELOPE #1	750	EACH	1.09	10015001633100 00000000000	Printing	814.00
Line Comments								
3	Goods	ENVELOPES - PRO-1 ENVELOPE	150	EACH	2.25	10015001633100 00000000000	Printing	337.50
Line Comments								
<b>TOTAL &gt;</b>								<b>1,934.50</b>

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PURCHASING AGENT

DIRECT EXPENSE CHARGEABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT OF:										<a href="#">MASTER COPY</a>		2025 NOV SPC			
1															
2	Precinct Board:														
3	line (1-5)	Per Diem: (Inspector, Judges, Clerks)								\$	37,365.00				
4	line (6)	Rental of Polling Places								\$	3,200.00				
5	line (12)	Postage-Absentee Voter Ballots								98	\$2.04	\$	199.92		
6	line (18)	Movers-Voting Machines/ADA								0	\$35	0	\$20	\$	-
7	line (14)	SUBTOTAL SECTION 1										\$	40,764.92		
8															
9	OTHER EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PROPORTION TO TOTAL VOTES CAST														
10	AT THE 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION:														
11	Items Chargeable Only to School Districts Not Identifiable to Individual Units:														
12	Compensation: Board of Election Commissioners and Assistants												\$	-	
13															
14	line (20)	a	Part Time Employees (41190)							\$	-				
15	line (17)	a	Counter (41196)							\$	-				
16	line (17)	a	Scanners (41196)							\$	-				
17	line (17)	a	Travel Board (41196)												
18	line (17)	a	Satellite Workers (41196)												
19	line (19)	a	Supv OT only (41120)												
20	line (19)	a	FT Ofc & Clerical OT only (41160)												
21	line (19)	a	Mechanics OT-41180												
22	line (19)	a	Mechanics-41380												
23	line (19)	a	Phone Operators												
24	line (27)	Mileage	(0 x .70)	Mechanics/Employee											
25	line (27)	Mileage	(0 x .70)	Mechanics/Employee (43235)											
26	line (27)	Mileage	a	Couriers (43235)											
27	line (27)	Mileage	(0 x .70)	Travel Board											
28	line (10)	Advertising (43320)													
29	line (18)	**Hauling and Handling Equipment-Election Night Delivery													
30	line (27)	** Cell Phone Svc + Misc. Services (Attorney Fees) (0 x \$90)													
31	line (24)	** Election Support (44490) (KNOWINK + MICROVOTE)													
32	line (21)	** Office Supplies (42110)													
33	line (21)	** Other Supplies (42410)													
34	line (21)	** Printing Supplies (43310)													
35	line (27)	** Voting machine repair/seals (42310)													
36	line (28)	SUBTOTAL SECTION 2										\$	-		
37															
38	line (29)	Deduct County Share from Subtotal Section 2 (0 x line 36)										\$	-		
39	line (30)	Remaining Balance-Subtotal Section 2 (line 36 - line 38)										\$	-		
40	line (31)	Total Votes cast in all SCHOOL DISTRICTS in this year's SPECIAL ELECTION										11847			
41	line (32)	Total Votes cast in this SCHOOL DISTRICT in this year's SPECIAL ELECTION										11847			
42	line (33)	Ratio to be apportioned (unit/Total) for SCHOOL DISTRICT										100.00%			
43	line (34)	Amount apportioned to unit (line 39 x line 42 %)										\$	-		
44	line (35)	Total amount due from applicable SCHOOL DISTRICT (line 7 + line 43)										\$	40,764.92		

1	DIRECT EXPENSE CHARGEABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT OF:					LAKE CENTRAL		2025 NOV SPC		
2	Precinct Board:									
3	line (1-5)	Per Diem: (Inspector, Judges, Clerks)						\$	30,600.00	
4	line (6)	Rental of Polling Places						\$	2,600.00	
5	line (12)	Postage-Absentee Voter Ballots		76	\$2.04			\$	155.04	
6	line (18)	Movers-Voting Machines/ADA		0	\$35	0	\$20	\$	-	
7	line (14)	SUBTOTAL SECTION 1						\$	33,355.04	
8										
9	OTHER EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PROPORTION TO TOTAL VOTES CAST									
10	AT THE 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION:									
11	Items Chargeable Only to School Districts Not Identifiable to Individual Units:									
12	Compensation		Board of Election Commissioners and Assistants						\$	-
13										
14	line (20)	a	Part Time Employees (41190)						\$	-
15	line (17)	a	Counter (41196)						\$	-
16	line (17)	a	Scanners (41196)						\$	-
17	line (17)	a	Travel Board (41196)							
18	line (17)	a	Satellite Workers (41196)							
19	line (19)	a	Supv OT only (41120)							
20	line (19)	a	FT Ofc & Clerical OT only (41160)							
21	line (19)	a	Mechanics OT-41180							
22	line (19)	a	Mechanics-41380							
23	line (19)	a	Phone Operators							
24	line (27)	Mileage (373 x .70)	Mechanics/Employee							
25	line (27)	Mileage (78 x .70)	Mechanics/Employee (43235)							
26	line (27)	Mileage a	Couriers (43235)							
27	line (27)	Mileage (19 x .70)	Travel Board							
28	line (10)	Advertising (43320)								
29	line (18)	**Hauling and Handling Equipment-Election Night Delivery								
30	line (27)	** Cell Phone Svc + Misc. Services (Attorney Fees)		(30 x \$90)						
31	line (24)	** Election Support (44490) (KNOWINK + MICROVOTE)								
32	line (21)	** Office Supplies (42110)								
33	line (21)	** Other Supplies (42410)								
34	line (21)	** Printing Supplies (43310)								
35	line (27)	** Voting machine repair/seals (42310)								
36	line (28)	SUBTOTAL SECTION 2							\$	-
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38	line (29)	Deduct County Share from Subtotal Section 2 (0 x line 36)							\$	-
39	line (30)	Remaining Balance-Subtotal Section 2 (line 36 - line 38)							\$	-
40	line (31)	Total Votes cast in all SCHOOL DISTRICTS in this year's SPECIAL ELECTION								11847
41	line (32)	Total Votes cast in this SCHOOL DISTRICT in this year's SPECIAL ELECTION								8641
42	line (33)	Ratio to be apportioned (unit/Total) for SCHOOL DISTRICT								73.00%
43	line (34)	Amount apportioned to unit (line 39 x line 42 %)							\$	-
44	line (35)	Total amount due from applicable SCHOOL DISTRICT (line 7 + line 43)							\$	33,355.04





## LAKE CENTRAL

**2025 SPECIAL ELECTION-ESTIMATE**

1	DIRECT EXPENSE CHARGEABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT OF:					LC ESTIMATE	2025 NOV SPC
2	Precinct Board:						
3	line (1-5)	Per Diem: (Inspector, Judges, Clerks)					\$ 32,000.00
4	line (6)	Rental of Polling Places					\$ 2,600.00
5	line (12)	Postage-Absentee Voter Ballots	100	\$2.04			\$ 200.00
6	line (18)	Movers-Voting Machines/ADA	104	\$30	25	\$20	\$ 3,620.00
7	line (14)	SUBTOTAL SECTION 1					\$ 38,420.00
8							
9	OTHER EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PROPORTION TO TOTAL VOTES CAST						
10	AT THE 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION:						
11	Items Chargeable Only to School Districts Not Identifiable to Individual Units:						
12	Compensation: Board of Election Commissioners and Assistants						\$ -
13							
14	line (20)	a	Part Time Employees (41190)				\$ -
15	line (17)	a	Counter (41196)				\$ -
16	line (17)	a	Scanners (41196)				\$ -
17	line (17)	a	Travel Board (41196)				\$ 200.00
18	line (17)	a	Satellite Workers (41196)				\$ 10,200.00
19	line (19)	a	Supv OT only (41120)				\$ 3,200.00
20	line (19)	a	FT Ofc & Clerical OT only (41160)				\$ 3,200.00
21	line (19)	a	Mechanics OT-41180				\$ 1,800.00
22	line (19)	a	Mechanics-41380				\$ 10,500.00
23	line (19)	a	Phone Operators				\$ -
24	line (27)	Mileage	Mechanics/Employee				\$ -
25	line (27)	Mileage	Mechanics/Employee (43235)				\$ 300.00
26	line (27)	Mileage a	Couriers (43235)				\$ -
27	line (27)	Mileage	Travel Board				\$ 50.00
28	line (10)	Advertising (43320)					\$ 350.00
29	line (18)	**Hauling and Handling Equipment-Election Night Delivery					\$ -
30	line (27)	** Cell Phone Svc + Misc. Services (Attorney Fees)	(30 x \$90)				\$ 3,500.00
31	line (24)	** Election Support (44490) (KNOWINK + MICROVOTE)					\$ 6,500.00
32	line (21)	** Office Supplies (42110)					\$ 500.00
33	line (21)	** Other Supplies (42410)					\$ -
34	line (21)	** Printing Supplies (43310)					\$ 2,500.00
35	line (27)	** Voting machine repair/seals (42310)					\$ -
36	line (28)	SUBTOTAL SECTION 2					\$ 42,800.00
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38	line (29)	Deduct County Share from Subtotal Section 2 (0 x line 36)					\$ -
39	line (30)	Remaining Balance-Subtotal Section 2 (line 36 - line 38)					\$ 42,800.00
40	line (31)	Total Votes cast in all SCHOOL DISTRICTS in this year's SPECIAL ELECTION					
41	line (32)	Total Votes cast in this SCHOOL DISTRICT in this year's SPECIAL ELECTION					
42	line (33)	Ratio to be apportioned (unit/Total) for SCHOOL DISTRICT					100.00%
43	line (34)	Amount apportioned to unit (line 39 x line 42 %)					\$ 42,800.00
44	line (35)	Total amount due from applicable SCHOOL DISTRICT (line 7 + line 43)					\$ 81,220.00