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Vote Center Pilot County Application

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February 20, 2008

The Honorable Todd Rokita
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Dear Secretary Rokita:

The Cass County Board of Election sincerely appreciates the opportunity you are giving us to apply for to be Indiana's 3rd Vote Center Pilot County.

It means a great deal to me personally to be involved with such a progressive move in my county. I hope that it will encourage people who don't put enough effort toward exercising such an important freedom that the United States enjoys.

Enclosed please find Cass County's application for this project. Thank you for any consideration you give this matter.

Sincerely,



Linda Crimmins Clerk
Cass County Circuit Court

CASS COUNTY VOTE CENTER PILOT COUNTY APPLICATION



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Feb 4, 2008

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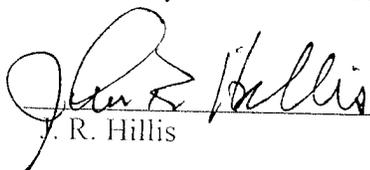
Dear Secretary Rokita:

The Cass County Election Board met on February 4, 2008 in a public meeting. At the meeting the board approved the filing of an application to be considered as a Vote Center in Cass County Indiana. The vote was a unanimous decision.

Thank you for your consideration of our application. We do, however, realize that even before being considered, final approval must come from the Indiana Legislative body. If I can give further information, please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Crimmins, Secretary
Cass County Election Board



J. R. Hillis

2-4-08
Date



James Austen

2-4-08
Date



Linda Crimmins

2-4-08
Date

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 1

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION
AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana, through the enactment of Public Law 164-2006 (2006) has authorized the establishment in certain counties of Vote Centers consisting of polling places where voters in the county in which the vote center is located may vote without regard to the precinct in which the voter resides: and

WHEREAS, Cass County desires to apply for designation as one of the counties in which such a vote center may be established, and has prepared an application for such designation in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, The Cass County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and desires to approve the Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the filing of the Application for designation of Cass County as a Vote Center County in substantially the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" be and the same is hereby approved.

Presented to the County Commissioners of Cass County, Indiana and adopted this 4TH day of February 2008.

Cass County Board of Commissioners

Richard Rusk, President

Dave Arnold, Vice President

James Sailors

Attest:

Dawn Conner, Auditor

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 01

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION
AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY**

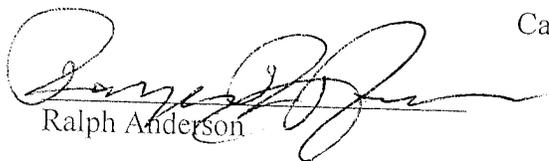
WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana, through the enactment of Public Law I64-2006 (2006) has authorized the establishment in certain counties of Vote Centers consisting of polling places where voters in the county in which the vote center is located may vote without regard to the precinct in which the voter resides: and

WHEREAS, Cass County desires to apply for designation as one of the counties in which such a vote center may be established, and has prepared an application for such designation (the "Application") in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Council has reviewed and desires to approve the Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the filing of the Application for designation of Cass County as a Vote Center County in substantially the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" be and the same is hereby approved.

Presented to the County Council of Cass County, Indiana and adopted this 15th day of February 2008.

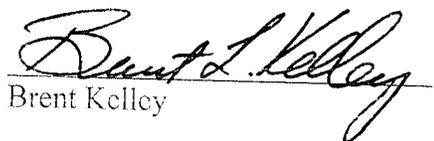

Ralph Anderson

Cass County Council Members

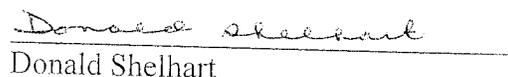

Brian Reed

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Thomas Keplar


Donald Shelhart

Attest:


Dawn Conner, Auditor

Minutes
County Election Board Meeting
February 4, 2008

February 4, 2008 at, 11:00 a.m. the Cass County Election Board, represented by John R. Hillis, James Austen and Linda Crimmins, met. The meeting was called to order by John Hillis, President. The purpose of the meeting was to begin preliminary plans for the application to be Indiana's 3rd Vote Center Pilot. It was the unanimous decision of the three County Election Board members to apply for this opportunity. Along with Vote Centers the establishment of satellite absentee voting locations was deemed necessary. In accordance with Indiana Voting Guidelines, qualifications to vote and Absentee Voter Applications will remain the same.

The application will be prepared by Linda Crimmins and submitted for approval to John and Jim. Among the issues to be decided are Possible Vote Center Locations and Voting Times. A suggested schedule will be prepared with another public meeting will be held to consider the options.

Resolutions

The board submitted a letter of unanimous decision to apply to become a Vote Center Pilot County in Indiana and;

BE IT RESOLVED, in pursuit of the establishment of Vote Centers and in accordance with IC 3-11-10-26.3 Satellite offices the use of said system will take place in Cass County in the 28 days preceding Election Day for that purpose. At end of the absentee voting period, and at the close of the polls, the totals will be added to each precinct's Election Day totals as they report on election evening.

Board minutes respectfully submitted,

Linda Crimmins

Linda Crimmins, Secretary

John R. Hillis

John R. Hillis

James Austen

James Austen

Linda Crimmins

Linda Crimmins

2-4-08

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CASS COUNTY
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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January 31, 2008

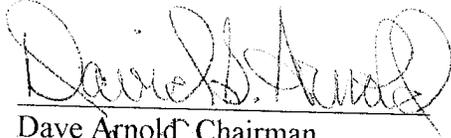
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Dear Secretary Rokita:

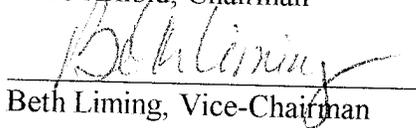
Cass County is applying to be a pilot county for the Vote Center concept. This letter is to inform you that the Cass County Republican Party is in support of the application being made to your office by the Cass County Election Board.

The Cass County Central Committee believes this is a sound concept and is of the opinion that vote centers will make voting more accessible and convenient for the general public. We believe that the Election Board will work to see that the placements of the vote centers are appropriately located to serve all people of Cass County.

Sincerely,



Dave Arnold, Chairman



Beth Liming, Vice-Chairman

To the honorable Secretary of State Todd Rokita,

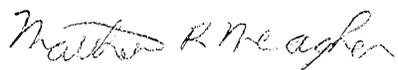
I write to you today in support of the Cass County Election Board's application to use vote centers in this year's election. It is my firm belief, and that of the Cass County Democratic Party, that vote centers offer an enhanced opportunity to voters to make their vote count by offering more convenient and broadened voting options. The ability to vote at the closest vote center to home or work, and at a time that fits into the voter's schedule instead of having to go to an assigned polling place during hours that most voters are working

As well I believe that vote centers are a more economical way to vote allowing the Clerk's Office to make better use of taxpayer money. We all know that the property tax issue is a hot one and any remedy is going to lead to cuts in county budgets, in light this fact it makes little sense for Cass County to bear the burden of purchasing the equipment, and hiring the workers required to conduct a conventional election; especially one that offers voters fewer options.

One of the things Democrats and Republicans can agree on is that it is our duty to put aside partisanship and work together to serve the citizens of Indiana, and I know that the best way to serve the citizens of Cass County who vote is to move to the vote center model in Cass County this year. We all want to see as many voters as possible to exercise their rights, and vote centers are a strong move in that direction.

Sincerely,

Matthew R Meagher

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew R Meagher".

Chairman, Cass County Democratic Party

From: Tom Weatherwax
Indiana Senator
District 18

Linda

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom_Weatherwax@AndersonsInc.COM
[mailto:Tom_Weatherwax@AndersonsInc.COM]

Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 3:38 PM

To: Linda Crimmins

Cc: Tom Weatherwax; Rich Mc Clain; Steve Kain; Dave Arnold; Richard Rusk

Subject: Re: Vote Centers

Linda,

I appreciate your leadership in moving our county's voting process forward.

Today SB 235 is on second reading and this will make the transition easier for counties but it does not have any money in it yet. It still takes the unanimous vote by all parties, but you are right, in the future this is the way to go.

I suggest you pull up this bill off our Legislative services system to see just what it is doing. We will have to help our counties implement this new system if you can not show net savings over a longer period of time by implementing this yourselves.



January 31, 2008

MAYOR MICHAEL E. FINCHER
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Mrs. Linda Crimmins
Cass County Clerk
200 Court Park
Logansport, IN 46947

RE: Voting Centers

Dear Linda:

I am writing in support of the proposed voting centers to be established in the five locations throughout the county.

Because of the General Assembly's attitude toward property tax reduction, I believe that it is not only the most logical way to offer the opportunity to our community to support the candidate of their choice, but also the most cost effective way to handle the situation.

I appreciate your innovative approach to a very serious issue and your understanding of the cost effectiveness of your proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Fincher
Mayor
City of Logansport

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Cass County Recorder
200 Court Park
Logansport IN 46947

To: Linda Crimmins, Cass County Clerk
Date : January 28, 2008

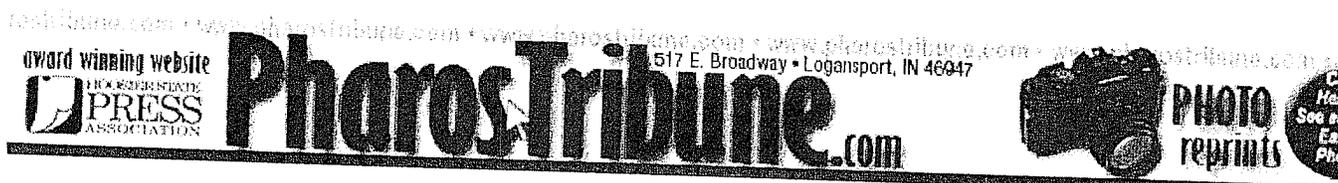
Just to let you know, I am in full support of the Vote Center concept in Cass County. Living out in the county, it is very appealing that I would have the option of voting at a location that may be more convenient or more accessible to me and my family.

Above all else, the fact that it will save the taxpayers money is the most compelling reason for support of the concept.

Thank you,



Trish Williams
Cass County Recorder



11/23-07

Clerk hopes state OKs vote center plan

by **Carla Knapp**

Pharos-Tribune associate editor

— Although there are still some loose ends to tie up from the Logansport city election this month, Cass County Clerk Linda Crimmins is already looking forward to next year.

The anticipation stems from the positive reviews to the state's new vote center proposal, which made a trial run in Tippecanoe and Wayne counties this month. If state legislators support a plan from Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita, counties will have the option of adopting vote centers for the next election.

Crimmins said she thought it would be a good step forward for Cass County and the state.

"It's going to be more convenient, I think," she said. "They're going to try to pass legislation so we can go to that next year, so I'm excited about that."

Though the proposal calls for a reduction in the number of polling locations, each location would be open for four days.

Site selection would pose a challenge, because each one must be handicap accessible and available for nearly a week surrounding the election.

"We'd have to set up all our stuff and leave it there for five days, and that includes Sundays," she said.

"A lot of places, like churches, couldn't accommodate that."

Crimmins said suggested locations in Cass County include the 4-H Fairgrounds, Logansport Mall, Memorial Hospital and others.

According to Rokita's proposal, vote centers could greatly reduce the staff required for an election and the pilot program in Tippecanoe and Wayne counties reflected that. The Associated Press reported that Richmond needed just 36 poll workers to operate four vote centers in its city election, down from the more than 300 previously needed to operate the county's 58 precincts during primary and general elections.

The plan would allow residents to vote at any polling location rather than at a pre-selected site based on the voter's precinct. That process will be easier thanks to the signature cards used in this election.

Crimmins said that roughly 85 percent of voters had their signature cards, which helped to expedite the voting process. The system also allows a vote to be electronically recorded instantly, so if the state adopts the voting centers, the signature cards would eliminate the possibility of someone voting twice at different locations.

The vote center proposal has the potential to save counties a great deal of money, which is also something Crimmins is looking forward to, although she said she did come in under her \$10,000 budget for this month's election.

Crimmins said there was a difficult learning curve to overcome after the county had to replace its voting system. She said Hart Intereivic, the company that provided the system, gave her and her staff ample training and support, allowing them to release results in less than an hour.

In her report last week to the county council, Crimmins said the outcome was a result of hard work.

"I'm delighted with how things went," she said. "Things are getting more efficient out in the field and it's looking nicer, but our work in the office is doubling to get to that point."

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Vote centers

— State legislators should approve Secretary of State Todd Rokita's plan to allow vote centers for next year's presidential election.

This plan would be both cheaper for taxpayers and more convenient for voters, a hard combination to beat.

The approach would be less expensive because it would call for fewer polling sites and thus fewer election workers. It would be more convenient because it would give voters four days to cast ballots at any county voting location, regardless of where they lived.

Voters in Cass County, for example, might be able to choose from such places as the 4-H fairgrounds, the Logansport Mall or Memorial Hospital. Perhaps they would swing by the fairgrounds on the way to work or cast a vote at the mall during a shopping trip.

Pilot projects in Tippecanoe and Wayne counties this month worked well. The Lafayette Journal and Courier noted in an editorial that the Tippecanoe County experiment encountered some early problems, but the newspaper pointed out that while some voters weren't able to vote at the first location they visited, the concept did give them an alternative not previously available: They could go someplace else to vote.

Under the current system in most counties, voters who encounter long lines or malfunctioning machines at their polling places have few options. In Tippecanoe County this month, they had 21 other voting centers to choose from.

Rokita has already announced that he'll ask the Legislature to consider expanding this concept statewide. We applaud his office for coming up with this approach, and we urge lawmakers to approve it.

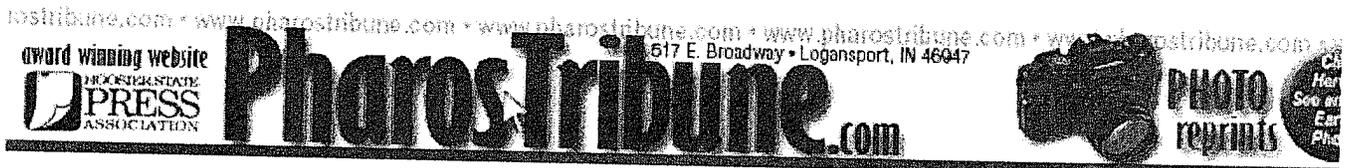
It simply makes sense to adopt an approach that will be a benefit to both voters and taxpayers. At a time when taxpayers throughout the state are screaming for relief, lawmakers should be saving every dime they can.

And making it more convenient for Hoosiers to vote should be everyone's goal. For years, voters across the state have been limited to casting ballots at a single polling place during one 12-hour period.

Recent moves to make it easier to cast absentee ballots have helped that situation, and the voters in Cass County this year showed their appreciation by more than doubling the early vote totals from four years ago.

Now, vote centers promise to further expand opportunities for voting. For lawmakers to approve this plan would be a victory both for fiscal responsibility and for democracy.

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12-8-07

Vote centers a good plan

— As a previous coordinator for a polling site, I would like to share how well the new voting machines and system worked for the fall election. I think most of this can be attributed to Linda Crimmons and her staff.

One of the positive results I saw was the need for fewer people to run a site. In the fall we had six people. In the spring we had at least 12. The machines can quickly and easily set a screen for a voter from any precinct thus allowing voting at any site. I think this will be a real plus for voters.

With voting centers you will be able to vote for four days at any site in your county. How much easier can voting get? What a deal!

Gordon Southern
Walton

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Section 3 Overview of the Process

If Cass County is selected as a Vote Center Pilot County, although it will mean some changes in the way we manage elections, I feel that we have had “mini” Vote Centers for several years. Also, this is already being done during absentee voting. We have a vote system that is very well suited for Vote Centers. During absentee voting, we use one administrative unit to produce and track all ballot styles for our 40 precincts.

Instead of 20 polling places in a typical election, Cass County will have 7 poll sites. This will reduce the expenses for supplies, forms, and the mobile offices we prepare for each election. Many times we staff a poll site that habitually has a very low turn out.

This plan will take a bi-partisan effort to execute properly. We have seen evidence of this working by the way both the Republican and Democratic Chairmen have supported the consolidation of our polling places in the past, and by the cooperation they exhibit as we discuss the pros and cons of Vote Centers for the future. Cass County is very fortunate to have a wonderful working relationship with both party chairmen. All three of us (Dave Arnold, Republican Chair, Matt Meagher, Democratic Chair and I, Linda Crimmins – clerk) are focused on providing the best possible opportunity for our Cass County voters.

During the 2007 municipal election, Cass County printed paper poll books, but we also used the Delmar Electronic Poll Book (EPB) developed by Kyle Lutes from Purdue University. It not only worked flawlessly, but the poll workers loved it and found it very user friendly. Phone calls went from hundreds on Election Day to nearly zero. One election worker in my office clocked 3 phone calls in a 4-hour period. This is a previously unheard of happening.

Although it will take a considerable amount of coordination and work, I feel that Cass County already has a “leg-up” because of the mini-combined voting locations we already use. Our workers handle multi-precinct ballot-styles.

Due to the time constraint given Cass County to be considered as a Vote Center Pilot, and the significance of the monetary issues to be considered, I have spoken with Linda Phillips, Clerk of Tippecanoe County on several occasions. She has been very helpful and I have used Tippecanoe County as the model for outlining this application. Please note that, although they are the model, and I have used many of their subject titles, in all cases I have put much thought and effort to describe how Cass County will execute our Vote Centers.

In order to help with the change from the traditional one-day election, to satellite Absentee Voting and Election Day Vote Centers, the County Election Board will be meeting on a regular basis to discuss progress and decisions. Members of the public will be welcome to attend.

Voting Equipment

Hart InterCivic is our current election system provider. Our eSlate election equipment can be set to hold all ballot styles necessary in the county, yet still report results by precinct. Cass County has 195 ballot styles for the 2008 Primary Election. The Hart InterCivic eSlate Voting System, can multi-track over 1,000 different ballot styles during one election.

Our IT department has already integrated eSlate equipment and the electronic poll book combination in the municipal election flawlessly. We only need to expand to include all precincts in all locations. Therefore, there are no significant differences in the set-up between the individual precinct method and a Vote Center. The difference will be that we set all MBB cards to include all precincts (as is already being done for the absentee set-up).

One Administrative unit will support up to 12 vote stations. This has worked very well and will not cause any issues in a vote center environment. At present we have several combined precincts into one voting location.

The Example:

- Precincts 1-2-3 vote at Cross Winds Church (plus Clay City and Noble City in the municipal elections)
- Precincts 4-5-6 vote at Ben Long Center
- Precincts 8-9-16 vote at Riverside Park
- Precincts 10-11-14 vote at River of Life Church
- Precincts 12-13-15 vote at K of C Hall
- Precincts Clay I, Clay II, Clay III, Clay City vote at 4-H Community Center
- Noble North, Noble South, Noble City vote at Highway Garage

At present we have some individual precinct locations in various townships and a few that have two precincts in one location. The difference will be that with Vote Centers, all locations will vote any precinct. We are at this time considering 7 Vote Centers, with the suggestion that we consider 4 permanent Vote Centers and 3 traveling Centers – being in a different planned location each day. (This is subject to further discussion, both in house and with the Secretary of State's office.)

The one minor problem we experienced in the early hours of Election Day, November 2007, was that two locations had secure, but dial up connections for our electronic poll book servers. Between 6 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., we had to reconnect to the server a few times. Our IT department was able to overcome this problem rather quickly.

We have decided that we will definitely try to use only high-speed Internet service in the future.

Poll Workers

As we consider the changes in how many poll workers we will need to accommodate the voters in a Vote Center, we must take into consideration that Cass County has a new voting system. We used the new system for the first time in the 2007 general election. We will take those workers, and spread them out into the county in order to have experience at all poll sites. Another thing we must do is to provide at least one high tech person as a poll worker in every location and to use at least one greeter. This will be done besides the usual Inspector, a team of Judges who check-in the voter, and poll clerks who will be used to help with provisional voters, anyone needing a name/address change or has not brought their signature card.

This will be another area for the County Election Board to consider as we begin to estimate how many people might frequent a particular poll location. Extra people will be trained so that we have people ready to be deployed if needed.

Poll Worker Training

With less poll sites, we will greatly alleviate a serious problem that Cass County has with not nearly enough computer literate poll workers. Much of our training will be the same, because many good poll workers have already trained to a multi-precinct environment. They have already tracked up to five precincts – two parties – 17 year old both parties – and School Board only, to equal over twenty-five different ballot options. The concept will remain the same, and we are already doing every style ballot during absentee voting.

Training materials reflect this type of election environment. Last November, we incorporated the electronic poll book into our election process. Reception was tremendous. Poll workers loved it. Election Day office workers loved it. It eliminated hundreds of calls trying to locate someone's polling place. (The electronic polls would deny the voter the opportunity to vote at the wrong precinct, but identify the location where the voter was registered), Wonderful all around. Also, more time could be spent with smaller training classes because of a fewer number of workers needed.

Voter Education Outreach

For the Vote Center concept to be successful we believe that much effort will need to be made to make sure voters over the whole county are aware of the new voting times and locations. This could be done by not only the use of radio and newspaper, but also by contacting local organizations, community bulletin boards, missions, family services, and churches, etc. asking their help in announcing these changes. Our local senior citizen mini-transportation services would also be utilized. Candidates will be given information cards to be passed out as they campaign, listing the dates, times and locations of Vote Centers. Some paid advertising would also need to be done.

The local newspaper at times will run a reader survey. One idea might be to have a survey asking where a voter is most likely to vote. This would allow us to better gauge the needed workers at a particular location.

Last November, as a means of more rapidly expediting the voting process, we sent post cards to all eligible voters two weeks prior to the election. Their card told them that they were registered, and where their polling place was located. For Vote Centers, this card would list all possible locations where they could vote. Whenever we have had to relocate a poll location in the past, signs are placed at those locations stating where this precinct should go. This would be another means of getting the word out.

This process will begin as soon as we receive confirmation of permission to become the third (3rd) Indiana Vote Center Pilot County.

Efficiency

Before the November 2007 election, Cass County had to buy new election equipment. We purchased enough equipment to accommodate our 6 polling places, and absentee voting. The price was \$238,000. If we have to purchase enough for 20 poll sites, the cost will approach \$550,000 more of our taxpayer money.

As for poll workers, in some cases we find we have poll sites trying to keep up with the lines, while another poll site with the same number of required workers had 33 voters all day. The expense is the same – building, janitorial, meals, and pay – yet they had nothing to do for much of the day.

I understand that this may take a few elections to be able to estimate which Vote Centers will require more or less workers. We will need to train extra workers in order to have *will-call* workers to recruit as the need arises. By having extra workers trained and available, we can adjust for a Vote Center that is more popular than expected and needing extra workers. I feel that these needs will become more evident after a couple of years. We will be better able to gauge the expected turn-out of each vote center.

Another advantage of Vote Centers is that fewer poll workers would be needed. We will take advantage of the fact that some present day poll workers have more energy and computer experience than others. Now we must use some workers whether they are qualified or not. By having fewer poll sites for more days, we can utilize those better-qualified workers for more days. We could also take advantage of the state law permitting poll workers to work split shifts. It is hard to get poll workers to work the long hours required on Election Day. With Vote Centers, workers could work 4 shorter days in two shifts if they so desired. This would utilize part of the workers who had days free, and perhaps some that could only work after their regular working hours. Of course, we could still use the person who felt up to the longer workday required during election time.

Benefit to Political Parties and Voters

Another advantage with the new electronic poll book is that our office can provide both parties with a download of those voters who have voted. This could eliminate poll book holders at each polling place. This will benefit both poll workers who find this annoying during their busy day and political parties who are trying to conduct a more efficient and less intrusive get-out-the-vote effort.

Perhaps the biggest benefit of Vote Centers is that the voter has many convenient times and locations in which to go vote. Today's young voting population just doesn't seem willing to go out of their way to exercise their important right to vote in a free America. For many workers, Vote Centers near their workplace could provide people who otherwise do not make the effort to get back to their "home" poll place, a very convenient way to vote. By giving busy people more days to vote and locations where they are likely to be, Vote Centers seem to be an ideal situation.

Section 4

Current Precincts and Voters in Cass County

Cass County currently has 40 precincts; one of these is a non-voting precinct and one has 2 voters. If Cass County is selected as the 3rd Pilot Vote Center County, no drastic changes will need to be made in order to accommodate this project. We have no split city or split county districts. We do have three precincts that have school splits. We have previously been dealing with this so Vote Centers should have no effect on the way we handle these splits.

If the planned Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) enhancements allowed Hart Intercivic and the electronic poll book could be coordinated to automatically distribute a correct pin number for the voting system by the precinct of the voter, thus eliminating one more chance of error in distribution of the correct ballot style.

The next few pages in this section show:

Page 1 - 5 - have a list of the current precincts in Cass County and the number of current, active and inactive voters for each precinct. These counts are based upon a report from SVRS as of 1/28/2008

Page 6 and 7 of this section shows the number of current voters in each precinct and the number that voted in the 2004 general presidential and the 2006 general election.

Page 8 shows current voters, voters voted in person in the 2004 General Election, and our estimates for voters voting in the 2008 Primary and General Election.

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

CASS COUNTY

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
ADAMS	0	500	10	510	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal		510	0	0
BETHLEHEM	0	482	18	500	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal		500	0	0
BOONE		370	14	384	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal		384	0	0
		BOONE - COUNTY				
		BOONE - ROYAL CENTER	41	452	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	55	836	0	0
CLAY CITY	0	165	29	194	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	29	194	0	0
CLAY I	0	775	32	807	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	32	807	0	0
CLAY II	0	414	16	430	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	16	430	0	0
CLAY III	0	456	6	462	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	6	462	0	0
CLINTON	0	386	6	392	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	6	392	0	0
DEER CREEK	0	549	23	572	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	23	572	0	0
EEL EAST	0	388	12	400	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal		400	0	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Precinct Subtotal	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
EEL WEST	0	388	12	400	0	0	
GALVESTON	0	170	17	187	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	17	187	0	0	
HARRISON	0	763	93	856	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	93	856	0	0	
JACKSON	0	492	11	503	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	11	503	0	0	
JEFFERSON	0	962	52	1,014	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	52	1,014	0	0	
LOGANSPOORT 01	0	780	53	833	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	53	833	0	0	
LOGANSPOORT 02	0	395	34	429	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	34	429	0	0	
LOGANSPOORT 03	0	424	79	503	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	79	503	0	0	
LOGANSPOORT 04	0	234	55	289	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	55	289	0	0	
LOGANSPOORT 05	0	601	131	732	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	131	732	0	0	
	0	444	69	513	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal	69	513	0	0	

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
LOGANSPOORT 06	0	524	62	586	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	62	586	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 07	0	160	56	216	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	56	216	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 08	0	223	71	294	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	71	294	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 09	0	328	70	398	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	70	398	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 10	0	451	102	553	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	102	553	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 11	0	711	68	779	0	1
		Precinct Subtotal	68	779	0	1
LOGANSPOORT 12	0	536	34	570	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	34	570	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 13	0	445	74	519	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	74	519	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 14	0	685	106	791	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	106	791	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 15	0	702	50	752	0	0
		Precinct Subtotal	50	752	0	0
LOGANSPOORT 16	0	206	43	249	0	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Precinct Subtotal	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
MIAMI			206	43	249	0	0
	MIAMI LOGAN		382	15	397	0	0
	MIAMI SOUTHEASTERN		489	13	502	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		871	28	899	0	0
NOBLE CITY							
	0		109	10	119	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		109	10	119	0	0
NOBLE NORTH							
	NOBLE NORTH LOGAN		125	8	133	0	0
	NOBLE NORTH PIONEER		564	26	590	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		689	34	723	0	0
NOBLE SOUTH							
	NOBLE SOUTH LOGAN		219	10	229	0	0
	NOBLE SOUTH PIONEER		104	8	112	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		323	18	341	0	0
TIPTON I							
	TIPTON I - COUNTY		699	27	726	0	0
	TIPTON I - ONWARD		37	6	43	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		736	33	769	0	0
TIPTON II							
	TIPTON II - COUNTY		150	3	153	0	0
	TIPTON II - WALTON		560	17	577	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		710	20	730	0	0
WASHINGTON							
	NOT ASSIGNED		1	0	1	0	0
	WASHINGTON - LOGAN		168	4	172	0	0
	WASHINGTON-SOUTHEASTERN		740	19	759	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		909	23	932	0	0
WASHINGTON CITY							
	0		2	0	2	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal		2	0	2	0	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
CASS County Totals	(12303 Total Cancelled)	19,481	1,703	21,184	0	1

CASS COUNTY COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION 2004
VOTING TOTALS AND PERCENTAGES

Precincts	Adams	Bethle	Boone	Clay I	Clay II	Clay III	Cly Cty	Clinton	Deer Ck	EE	EW	Harrison	Jacksn	Galvstrn	Jeffsn	Miami	NN	NS	N CTY	Tipton I	Tipton II	Washington
Section Summ:	30	38	39	31	17	36	37	18	19	20	21	22	23	32	24	25	33	26	34	27	28	29
Voters Voting	7946	369	570	489	266	294	33	205	388	246	91	339	642	511	522	514	400	167	63	447	428	574
Absentee Vot	1246	30	52	79	59	52	30	36	50	67	14	59	54	58	52	87	96	46	13	76	40	116
Total Voters V	9192	408	622	568	325	346	63	241	438	313	105	398	696	569	574	601	496	213	76	523	468	690
Total registered	15009	588	953	949	507	517	226	429	621	474	266	580	1112	1082	966	942	822	402	122	895	869	1052
% of voters t	61.243%	71.599%	65.458%	60.906%	64.103%	66.925%	27.876%	56.177%	70.531%	66.034%	39.474%	71.071%	62.590%	52.588%	57.631%	63.800%	60.341%	52.985%	62.295%	58.436%	53.856%	65.589%

	Logan	Logan	Logan	Logan	Logan	Logan	Logan															
Voters Voting	7946	263	152	402	274	341	106	138	213	288	466	351	295	342	387	118						
Absentee Vot	1246	43	25	49	49	73	16	20	40	51	133	45	47	121	162	16						
Total Voters V	9192	311	175	451	323	414	122	158	253	339	599	396	342	463	549	134						
Total registered	15009	579	653	1001	653	758	343	442	539	715	841	704	764	847	906	354						
% of voters t	61.243%	53.713%	41.304%	45.055%	49.464%	54.617%	35.569%	35.747%	46.939%	47.413%	63.656%	56.250%	44.764%	54.664%	60.596%	37.853%						

CASS COUNTY COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION 2005
VOTING TOTALS AND PERCENTAGES

Precinct	Total	Adms	Beit	Boone	R Cnt	Cly C	Cly L	Cly I	Cly II	Cly III	Clinton	DC	EE	EW	Herr	Galv	Jack	Jeff	Miami	Ncly	NN	NS	Tip Wait	Tipton I	Tipton II	W.Cty	Washin
ELECTION SUMMARY		30	38	39	31	37	31	17	17	35	18	19	20	21	22	32	23	24	25	34	33	26	27	27	28	29	29
Election Day Voters	8338	279	282	167	230	16	341	206	206	208	170	269	184	62	264	404	501	368	381	49	313	125	266	329	71	4	413
Mail - In Absentee	386	6	21	12	14	48	30	10	18	18	53	10	16	5	10	22	30	20	24	0	28	22	13	31	6	0	25
Walk In Absentee	1684	21	24	18	25	5	89	69	63	37	18	16	63	14	41	19	30	73	94	19	84	21	29	68	35	0	78
Total Voters	11408	306	327	197	269	69	460	285	285	263	241	315	263	81	315	445	561	461	489	68	425	168	308	428	112	4	516
Total Registered	13243	532	516	371	500	166	793	467	467	455	407	565	431	188	519	916	1020	859	883	107	724	353	541	785	200	4	921
Percentage Voting	52.94%	57.52%	63.37%	53.10%	53.60%	37.10%	58.01%	61.03%	61.03%	57.86%	59.21%	55.75%	61.02%	43.09%	60.69%	48.58%	55.00%	53.67%	56.51%	63.55%	58.70%	47.59%	56.93%	54.52%	56.00%	100.00%	56.03%

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ELECTION SUMMARY																
Election Day Voters	8638	174	140	69	254	209	200	58	74	146	203	254	191	279	281	62
Mail - In Absentee	836	17	7	20	20	22	22	1	2	17	14	53	18	13	91	93
Walk In Absentee	1684	28	48	22	36	40	83	14	8	11	34	104	41	31	99	82
Total Voters	11408	219	207	118	312	269	305	73	84	174	251	457	313	235	463	456
Total Registered	13243	434	503	310	751	518	608	214	275	402	564	781	572	822	765	241
Percentage Voting	52.94%	50.46%	41.15%	38.06%	41.54%	51.93%	50.16%	34.11%	30.58%	43.28%	44.50%	58.51%	54.72%	42.96%	57.06%	33.20%

CASS COUNTY VOTE CENTERS

3 DAYS - 3 SITES EACH DAY
 4 SITES - 3 DAYS & ELECTION DAY
 3 SITES - ELECTION DAY

DAY 1	2008	2004	2008 ESTIMATES	
	REG. VOTERS	VOTE IN PERSON	PRIMARY	GENERAL
MIAMI	900	514	150	250
CLINTON	392	205	70	150
DEER CREEK	572	388	150	250
DAY 2				
WASHINGTON	932	574	150	250
BETHLEHEM	500	369	80	200
TIPTON I	769	447	50	100
DAY 3				
NOBLE	1189	630	235	300
HARRISON	500	239	80	150
JEFFERSON	833	522	70	130
4 VOTE CENTERS ALL 4 DAYS				
WALTON LIBRARY	869	428	600	1000
4 -- H BUILDING	1893	1092	1100	1900
LOGAN MALL	4500	2800	2000	3550
COURT HOUSE	4500	1890	3000	5630
3 VOTE CENTERS ON ELECTION DAY				
TWELVE MILE	500	378	175	300
ROYAL CENTER	836	570	350	650
GALVESTON	1870	1153	800	1450
THESE ARE OUR PROJECTED ESTIMATES FOR 2008			9,060	PRIM. 16,260 GEN.

THE COURT HOUSE ESTIMATES ARE LARGE BECAUSE WE HAVE INCLUDED THE ABSENTEE VOTES FOR THE 28 DAYS AND THE PAPER ABSENTEE VOTES.

Section 5

Vote Center Locations and Set-Up

The final locations of Vote Centers will be decided in the near future. As of this application date, and the fact that I am not 100 % positive that Cass County will be allowed to be a Vote Center Pilot, most possibilities have only been considered. The County Election Board is considering other possible locations as well as the ones submitted in this section.

Locations requirements

To be considered as a Vote Center, the location must be available for the four days prior to, plus Election Day. Voting will take place Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday (NOON) and on Election Day. Times considered at this time are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the three days prior to Election Day and 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Election Day.

Also important, the sites must be compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for voting, and have adequate parking. The location must have high speed Internet available. Due to security issues, Cass County will not plan to use schools.

We will continue to seek other appropriate Vote Center locations in our outlying areas that might be suitable. Traveling Mobile Centers are being considered by the CEB as a convenience for some of our smaller communities. Ballots styles for all precincts will be available at all Vote Centers.

Setting Up the Voting Machines

Again, Hart InterCivic's eSlate Voting System couldn't be better suited for Vote Centers. Each MBB (Mobile Ballot Box) can be programmed to display all ballot styles. On the JBC, the location indicator sets voting location with the pre set precincts included in that location. Each Judges Booth Controller (JBC) is then tagged to go to that location. The administrative JBC's are then secured in a locked cage until time for delivery. The passwords to engage the JBC is kept in another location and distributed to the Inspector just prior to election time. Serial numbers are recorded and zero tapes are run. The tape is left attached so that on Election Day inspectors and judges verify both the serial number and the attached zero tapes. One big difference, between Hart Intercivic eSlates and many other voting systems used in Indiana are the control booth prints all tapes from one location for all voting stations. (Those totals are also held inside each voting station if the need would arise to print from each one.)

Election equipment is loaded into delivery trucks and delivered to each site. One big change using the Vote Center concept will be that instead of twenty locations, only 7 will be needed. Set-up technicians then assemble the eSlate (voting stations) and connect the JBC in a daisy chain fashion. The machines are then turned on again to make sure that all connections are made and the voting system comes up and is ready for use. The electric cords are taped and made secure to the public. The JBC is taken back to the Clerk's office, secured in a two key locked facility until distribution to the proper inspector according to poll location each morning before the satellite polls open.

The Computers necessary to connect the electronic poll book to Election Central will also be set by the IT department at this time. Cable connections and connectivity to the office will be tested to make sure it is ready to go.

On Election Day poll workers open the JBC's, run zero tapes, and verify that the seal and serial number are correct. They check to make sure the machines will run on battery back up, and then plug the unit into the wall. Despite detailed cheat sheets, it is difficult to get some workers to read and follow the plan. With vote centers, we will have fewer inspectors to rely on. We will then be able to employ our best workers for this important duty.

When Election Day is over, the poll workers close the polls; workers unplug the JBC's and a bi-partisan team returns the JBC to Election Central. Final totals are distributed to the inspector and opposite party judge at this time. The machine tapes are stapled to the appropriate Pre-forms in the area marked. This has eliminated incorrect totals being delivered to party headquarters before the election board has released the actual totals. The election board likes this and so do both party chairs that have had trouble in the past with inaccurate totals being released. The eSlates are then picked up either after 6 p.m. on election evening or first thing the next morning.

The JBC's are backed up election night. eSlates are backed up as soon as possible after the election, but nothing is cleared until time for set up of the next election. This assures that if a discrepancy arises, voting machine information is unchanged. The back up information is kept for the required 22 months.

Setting Up Voting Machines with Vote Centers

For Cass County changes will need to be only minimal. The changes that are made are definitely to our advantage. All MBB cards will be loaded the same as Absentee Ballots. One card will contain all ballot styles for all precincts. This will eliminate the possibility of getting a JBC delivered to a wrong location.

Hart InterCivic eSlate voting systems take one Administrative JBC unit for every 12 voting stations (eSlates). This company suggests that one vote station will accommodate 250 per day in a 12-hour election day. The Election Board will use this information as they try to judge how many stations for each Vote Center. Although it would be nice to be able to gauge this beforehand, it is anticipated that some adjustments may need to be made as we learn how the voting population flows. Some elections are smaller elections, with fewer ballot choices. A complicated referendum will also need to be considered.

Assignment of Electronic Poll Books to Vote Centers

The number of check-in stations must also be considered as we finalize our plans regarding Vote Centers. During the primary election, we will start with one EPB at each voting location. This is easy to change at any time. Direct telephone line communication could temporarily be used to alleviate line problems until another unit is deployed to any Vote Center requiring more equipment. We are prepared to adjust these numbers as we settle into what to expect at each center.

Room Layout

The following pages provide floor plans for the two different room types that Cass County typically faces.

Certification of Accessibility Requirements

The Cass County Election Board will only recommend or use Vote Centers that meet the ADA accessibility requirements set forth by the state under IC 3-11-8. Indiana's ADA Checklist for Polling Places will be used as the guiding standard. Only buildings that meet these criteria will be considered as a Vote Center.

Suggestions for Vote Centers (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

REQUIREMENTS: ADA approved, Large enough to Accommodate, Internet Access

One Absentee 28 days (2 Saturdays – Monday till Noon according to statute)

3 Satellite Stations Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Monday Till Noon

Permanent Locations	Number of eSlates	Hours
Court House (28 days)	8	9 a.m. - 4p.m.
Logansport Mall (3 days)	8	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
4-H Community Center (3 days)	8	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Walton Library (3 days)	6	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
ALL THE ABOVE	ELECTION DAY	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Travel Unit	DAY 1 - Thursday Prior to ED	Number of eSlates	Hours
1	Miami – Miami Baptist Church	3	9am-4pm
2	Clinton – Volunteer Fire Station	2	9am-4pm
3	Deer Creek-Young America Lions	2	9am-4pm

Travel Unit	DAY 2 - Friday Prior to ED	Number of eSlates	Hours
1	Washington - Airport	3	9am-4pm
2	Bethlehem – Presbyterian Church	2	9am-4pm
3	Tipton I – Onward Volunteer Fire Station	2	9am-4pm

Travel Unit	DAY 3 - Saturday Prior to ED	Number of eSlates	Hours
1	Noble – Highway Garage	3	9am-4pm
2	Harrison – Lucerne Fire Station	2	9am-4pm
3	Jefferson – Georgetown Fire Station	2	9am-4pm

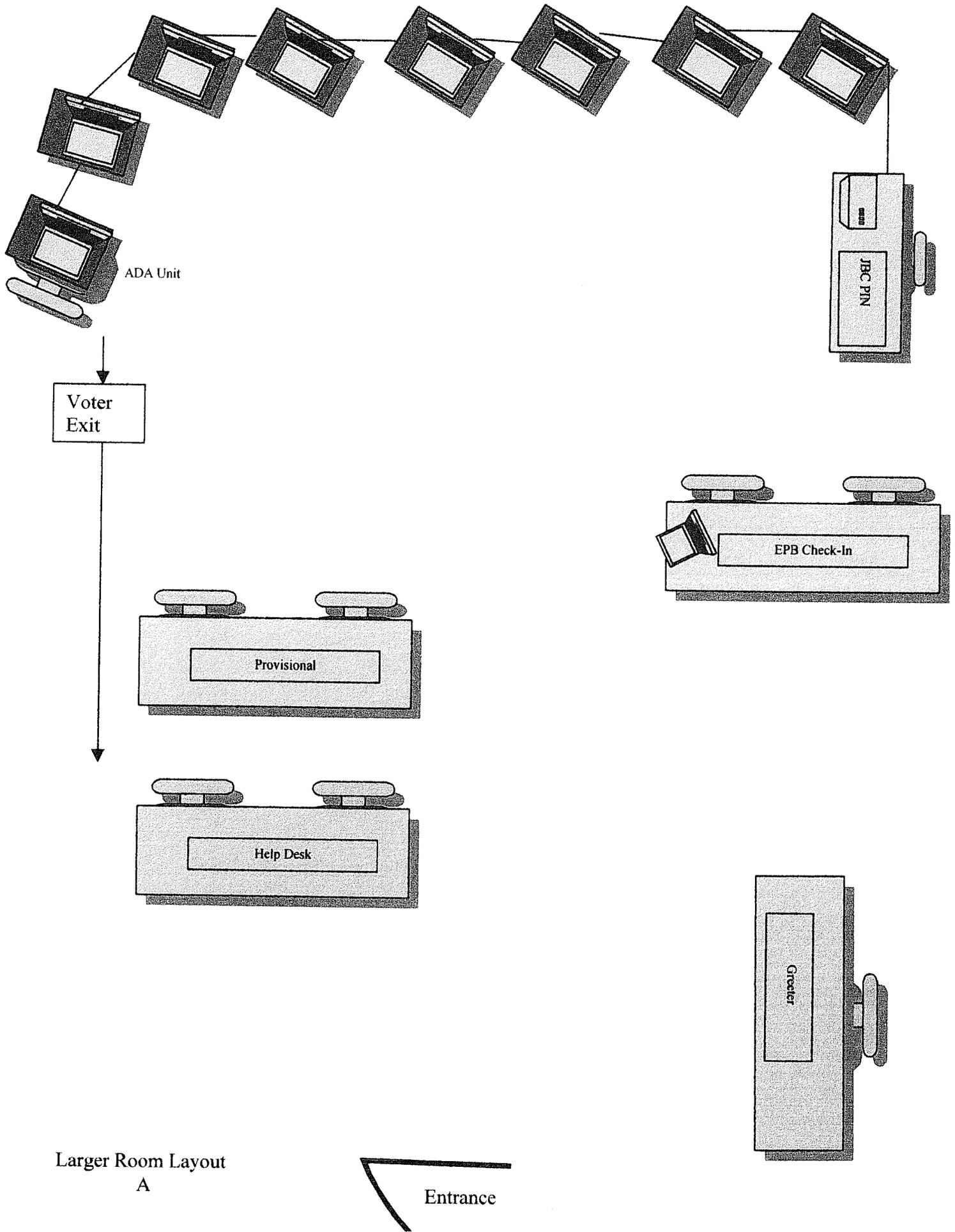
Travel Unit	Election Day	Number of eSlates	Hours
1	Boone – Royal Center Town Hall	3	9am-4pm
2	Adams – Twelve Mile Fire Station	2	9am-4pm
3	Jackson/Galveston – Community Center	8	9am-4pm

Potential Vote Center Locations

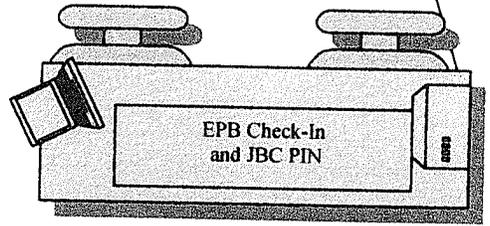
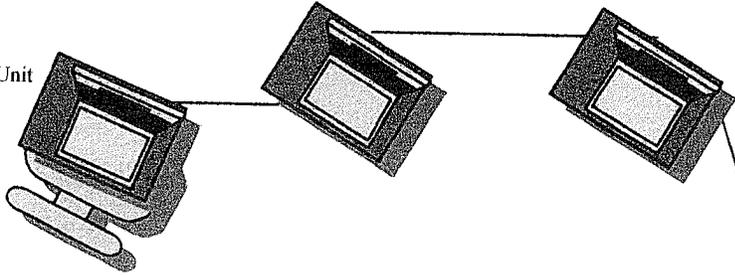
Permanent Satellite Vote Centers		Style	Address	Location
1	Cass County Government Building	A	200 Court Park	Logansport
2	4-H Community Center	A	County Rd 125 North	Logansport
3	Logansport Mall	A	3900 E Market St	Logansport
4	Walton Library	A	103 E Bishop St	Walton
Traveling 1 Day Vote Centers				
	Adams – Twelve Mile Fire Station	B	St Rd 16	Twelve Mile
	Bethlehem Presbyterian Church	B	5588 N St Rd 25	Logansport
	Boone – Royal Center Town Hall	B	104 E North St	Royal Center
	Clinton – Clymers Fire Department	B	3969 W 400 S	Clymers
	Deer Creek- Young America Fire Station	B	Young America	Young America
	Harrison – Lucerne Fire Department	A	St Rd 16	Lucerne
	Jackson/Galveston Community Center	A	101 S Park Rd	Galveston
	Miami Baptist Church	B	1368 N 600 E	Adamsboro
	Jefferson – Georgetown Fire Department	B	Georgetown	Georgetown
	Noble – Cass Co Highway Garage	B	1251 N St Rd 17	Logansport
	Tipton I – Onward Fire Station	B	Onward	Onward
	Washington – Logansport Airport	B	3735 S Airport Rd	Logansport

CASS COUNTY PRECINCT LIST

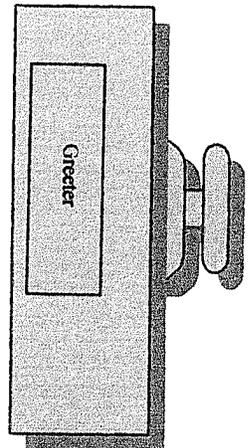
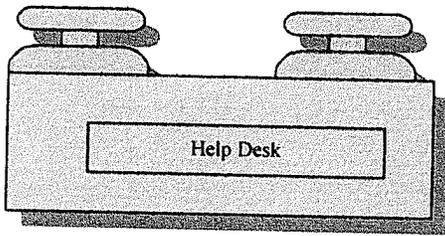
Precinct/Twp #	Pnet #	Voting Location	Voting Location Address
Adams	30	Twelve Mile Fire Station	6945 N Jefferson St. Twelve Mile 46988
Bethlehem	38	Presbyterian Church	5588 N St Rd 25, Logansport, In 46947
Boone	39	Royal Center Town Hall	104 E North St, Royal Center 46978
Clay I	31	4-H Community Center	CR 125 N, Logansport, In 46947
Clay II	17	4-H Community Center	CR 125 N, Logansport, In 46947
Clay III	36	4-H Community Center	CR 125 N, Logansport, In 46947
Clay City	37 (1)	4-H Community Center Cross Winds Church (City Election Only)	CR 125 N, Logansport, In 46947 616 N St Rd 25
Clinton	18	Clymers Fire Station	3969 W 400 S, Logansport 46947
Clinton City	40	Non-Voting Precinct	
Deer Creek	19	Young America Lions Hall	Young America, Indiana 46998
Eel East	20	River of Life Church	130 Mall Road, Logansport, In 46947
Eel West	21	Benjamin Long Center	101 N Cicott St. Logansport, In 46947
Harrison	22	Lucerne Fire Station	Lucerne, Indiana 46950
Jackson	23	Galveston Community Center	101 S Park Road, Galveston 46932
Galveston	32	Galveston Community Center	101 S Park Road, Galveston 46932
Jefferson	24	Georgetown Fire Station	Georgetown- Logansport, In 46947
Miami	25	Miami Baptist Church (Adamsboro)	1368 N 600 E Logansport, In 46947
Noble North	33	County Highway Garage	St Rd 17 N, Logansport, In 46947
Noble South	26	County Highway Garage	St Rd 17 N, Logansport , In 46947
Noble City	34 (2)	County Highway Garage Cross Winds Church (City Election Only)	St Rd 17 N Logansport, In 46947 616 N St Rd 25
Tipton I	27	Walton Fire Station	110 S Depot , Walton, In 46994
Tipton II	28	Walton Fire Station	110 S Depot , Walton, In 46994
Washington	29	Airport	3735 S Airport Rd, Logansport, In 46947
Washington City	35 (6)	Airport Benjamin Long Center (City election)	3735 S Airport Rd , Logansport, In 46947 101 N Cicott St
Logansport	01	Cross Winds UM Church	616 N St Rd 25, Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	02	Cross Winds UM Church	616 N St Rd 25, Logansport. In 46947
Logansport	03	Cross Winds UM Church	616 N St Rd 25, Logansport , In 46947
Logansport	04	Benjamin Long Center	101 N Cicott St, Logansport , In 46947
Logansport	05	Benjamin Long Center	101 N Cicott St, Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	06	Benjamin Long Center	101 N Cicott St Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	07	Riverside Park Pavilion	1212 Riverside Dr Logansport 46947
Logansport	08	Riverside Park Pavilion	1212 Riverside Dr Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	09	Riverside Park Pavilion	1212 Riverside Dr Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	10	River of Life Church	130 Mall Road Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	11	River of Life Church	130 Mall Road Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	12	K of C Hall	1007 17 th St Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	13	K of C Hall	1007 17 th St Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	14	River of Life Church	130 Mall Road Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	15	K of C Hall	1007 17 th St Logansport, In 46947
Logansport	16	Riverside Park Pavilion	1212 Riverside Dr Logansport, In 46947



ADA Unit



Voter Exit



Small Room Layout
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Entrance

Section 6

Satellite Absentee Voting

Although Cass County has never used Satellite Voting as permitted under current law, the idea of the convenience given to the voter with Vote Centers also plays well with giving them a longer time period to vote. A resolution under IC 3-11-10-26.3 has been established by unanimous vote of the County Election Board.

The usual 28 days prior to Election Day to absentee vote in the clerk's office will still be in effect. Attachment 6-2 displays the intended voting times. Recommendations are still being considered by the Election Board.

Cass County plans to have four stationary locations (including the long established government building used for absentee voting) and perhaps 3 mobile voting units. Voters who come to the Courthouse to absentee vote during regular hours will still vote an in-house absentee ballot. We believe that many voters will also take advantage of locations such as the mall, a library, and other convenient locations.

Satellite offices will follow the same general rules that are now being used to vote. The Hart InterCivic Voting System has not only a provisional voting option, but also a retrievable ballot option, making this ideal for absentee voting needs.

Three traveling satellite Vote Centers, will provide an opportunity to extended locations in the county to vote near their residence if they choose. Again, all locations will meet ADA compliance standards. The traveling satellite Vote Center will go prepared to have an Internet connection back to the main office so that proper tracking procedures of who has voted can be recorded. The amount of time the traveling satellite Vote Centers will remain open will vary with the location.

The Process in Brief

The absentee voting process will be quite similar to our current approved in-office absentee procedure.

After the physical set-up of equipment, (done by the election set-up team) is complete, the JBC is connected to an AC power outlet. This action causes the internal software to run a power-up self-test. Additionally, a check is performed for the presence of the MBB. The JBC reads the MBB and verifies that it contains the proper election and ballot data.

Next, the poll workers, according to directions on the JBC screen, input the polling location into the JBC and electronically assign booth numbers (up to 12) to the eSlate units. At this point, a Zero Tape Report is printed from the JBC, confirming that no votes have been cast on the equipment. The Zero Tape Report is placed in an envelope and secured according to instructions provided by the Election Office.

After the Zero Tape Report is printed, the poll worker, again following the on-screen instructions, selects Open Polls by pressing the appropriate arrow button on the perimeter of

the JBC screen. Through BOSS, election administrators encode the passwords required to open the polls. After the polls are open, each eSlate is available to receive voters, indicated by the green color of the JBC's status light for that unit. To protect against operator error only after the Zero Tape Report is produced, does the JBC display the option to open the polls.

To begin the voting process, a voter presents the necessary identification to the poll worker for validation of eligibility to vote. The poll worker looks up the voter's name in the electronic poll book, which associates a precinct number with the voter. The poll worker selects *Add Voter* by pressing the appropriate arrow button on the perimeter of the JBC screen. In polling places with more than one ballot style, as with Vote Centers, the appropriate precinct number may be put into the JBC directly by the poll worker or may be selected from a list displayed on the JBC menu screens.

After the required data is entered, the JBC produces a random four-digit Access Code. The code is displayed on the JBC screen and printed on a slip of paper, or "ticket," by the JBC printer. The poll worker gives the Access Code ticket to the voter, and directs the voter to the next available voting booth. The Access Code is linked to the correct ballot style for that voter. Once the voter enters the Access Code into the eSlate unit, the JBC delivers the proper electronic ballot for display. The only purpose of the Access Code is to prompt the system to present the correct ballot on the screen. **No link exists between the Access Code and the identity of the individual voter.**

At any time during the voting process, the voter may press the HELP button on the eSlate control panel to receive on-screen instructions. Pressing the HELP button twice causes the status light for that booth to flash red and green on the JBC, indicating to the operator that the voter in that booth has requested help.

Although Cass County has not yet used this feature, the eSlate can also accommodate voters who cannot enter the polling place. Poll workers can assist curbside voters by taking the eSlate, fully equipped with the battery pack and special access features for a voter with disabilities.

Each Satellite Vote Center will have available a JBC programmed to accommodate all Cass County ballot styles and one ADA compliant unit. The MBB's will be written in our office and placed in each administrative JBC. Serial numbers and seals will be placed on the units as always. The Voting Board will open the JBC, record the seal number, certify the accuracy of the zero tapes and sign the certification report. Voting will begin as usual.

A voter will arrive at either a fixed or traveling Satellite Absentee Center ready to vote. The center, staffed with a bi-partisan Absentee Voting Board will either take the signature post card previously sent to each voter and attach it to the ABS-1 form, or if they do not have their card but are an approved registered voter, fill the ABS-1 form out. The voter will sign the ABS-1 form and in the case of a Primary Election, indicate his party choice. Their name will be marked as voted via the electronic poll book being used from the Delmar Technologies. The poll workers will determine the correct ballot for the voter from the electronic poll list and administer a proper PIN number. The ABS will be identified with the name of the voter of the satellite Vote Center and the retrievable ballot number provided by the JBC in use. This will

assist at the end of the day in locating the ballot if it needs to be removed and not counted for some reason.

At the end of the day, total voters voted will be recorded on two copies, one kept by each party judge and returned to the clerk's office. The eSlates will go with one party judge and the JBC unit will be returned to a secured locked facility at the courthouse by the inspector and opposite party judge. Nothing can be done to a JBC unit unless the correct eSlate unit and the JBC combination are matched. Storage or return arrangements will vary depending upon a fixed or traveling Vote Center and if the poll worker of today is also working the next day. The application paper work will be secured in a fireproof box to be returned to the election office where they will be locked until Election Day. By keeping each application/Vote Center combination identified, if a ballot needs to be located, our office will be able to tell when and which JBC unit was used.

In the 2004 General Election, 15% of all eligible voters voted by absentee ballot. In the 2006 General Election 22.8% of all eligible voters voted absentee. Because of busy lives, long lines at the polls and political parties encouraging voters to vote absentee in recent years, we expect to see this increase continue. Hopefully, with the opportunity to vote at your convenience we will see not only an increase in absentee voting, but also an increase in the percentage of eligible voters exercising their important right to vote. Considering this, we anticipate that the move to Satellite Centers will increase the number of people voting absentee. Our hope is that convenience to the voter, decreased voting lines and vote percentage will all be improved by the move to Vote Centers.

Attachment A Procedures for In-Office Absentee Voting for Cass County

Overview:

Since 2003 Cass County has used an electronic voting system (DRE) for absentee voting in the Clerk's Office. The Cass County Election Board unanimously approved this method at that time. Both our past equipment provided by Voter Technologies International, and our present system from Hart InterCivic provided a method for retrieving necessary ballots. The Hart system has both a retrievable ballot and a provisional ballot option for the poll worker to utilize.

There are two issues to be addressed using Satellite Absentee Voting. State law requires that the absentee ballot of a voter who dies prior to Election Day cannot be counted. The law also permits the voter to override their absentee ballot by appearing at the polls on Election Day. This means that the system used must permit election officials to exclude ballots if a voter dies or votes in person on Election Day. The second issue is that under current state law early voting is not permitted.

For Cass County both of these issues are easily resolved using the Hart InterCivic eSlate retrievable ballot option. Using this programming option at the time of the ballot build, not only is a PIN number administered to the voter, but another retrievable vote number is also assigned. This number is attached to the ABS-1 form during check in. Although it is impossible for any person to make this connection, the voting machine can track down and exclude a ballot until such time that the vote totals are tabulated. At that time, the operator is given the option to track and exclude a particular vote if it is proved to be an ineligible vote. Procedure changes will not be necessary for satellite voting. The options will remain the same as absentee in-office voting now.

Security Procedures:

The election staff will determine how many vote stations to have available during in-office absentee voting. In the past, 10 have been more than adequate. Although we plan to be on the safe side, it is reasonable that with satellite vote center possibilities, a lesser number will be needed. The security of the JBC is the key to this operation. There is an administrative unit (weighing 11 pounds- so easily movable) and a matching MBB. One is useless without the other. During the building of the ballot, the number of cards and keys are controlled. The JBC unit will be secured each evening with a two lock key system. A member of each party will have control of one key each.

The Hart InterCivic eSlate Voting System has been designed for security. The eSlate's embedded real-time operating system together with the Access Code method of activation provides secure control management at the polling place.

Forms created during the voting process will be returned to Election Central to be secured in the fireproof filing cabinet each evening.

The system includes both physical and electronic intrusion detection controls. Locking devices, security seals on the JBC's MBB compartments and the voting booths, as well as time-stamped transaction logs that record every system action related to the voting process assure tamper-proof security. The database structure is proprietary and is protected by encrypted passwords, protecting the database from unauthorized access during the election set-up process.

All information managed by the voting equipment is saved in three physically separate devices, providing back up in the event any one of the components malfunction. All components of the Hart Voting System create an audit record anytime they are accessed or information is changed. All audit records can be extracted and printed in hard copy.

Processing Voters in the office for Absentee Voting

1. A voter will complete the ABS-1 "Application for Absentee Ballot". The voter must sign the ABS-1 form.
2. The absentee voting clerk will process the ABS-1, indicating the township, precinct and council district. This information will all be available on the electronic poll list screen as provided by the information from the SVRS. If there is any doubt as to the identity of the voter, their signature should be compared to the original voter registration card. The capability of viewing the signature is available with the electronic poll list program Cass County uses. At this time, the state is not releasing this view option.
3. If the voter registered for the first time by mail on or after 1/1/2003, the electronic poll list will notify the poll clerk that they must view identification according to the rules established by the Indiana Election Commission.
4. Retrieval number codes or Provisional number codes are stapled to the voter absentee paper work in case this vote must be retrieved according to Indiana's absentee voting rules.
5. After selecting the precinct of the voter and printing a PIN access code, the voter will receive the proper ballot as he enters this number into the eSlate voting station.
6. After voting, the voter is free to leave. His vote will be electronically tracked in case prior to tabulation, something happens to null or void this vote according to the rules of absentee voting in the State of Indiana. Should the staff become aware that a voter became ineligible to vote after casting a ballot in the office on or before Election Day, the ABS-1 will be marked indicating the reason for rejection. Both parties must sign the explanation. The document will be returned to the file to await the approval of the County Election Board.
7. On Election Day the County Election Board will meet and review any questionable affidavits. The decision will then be made if this vote is indeed invalid, and proper steps will be taken to either include or exclude this vote at tabulation time.

8. At tabulation time the identification number by the retrievable ballot code can locate any votes rejected. This is automatically recorded in the history log in *Tally*, the tabulation program of the Hart InterCivic Voting System.
9. When results are completed, the final reports will indicate the number of votes “rejected” and the reason indicated.
10. At the close of the polls, the JBC’s will be disconnected from the AC power and from the eSlate chain and be returned to Election Central. Paper totals will be printed for each precinct, the security team will remove the seal and the MBB will be delivered to the tabulation team. The MBB will be entered into *Tally* and the JBC will be backed-up for security in case of recount procedures are required.

Attachment 6-1

Vote Center Times

Permanent Satellite Vote Centers

	Address	Location	Date	Time
1	Cass County Government Building	Logansport	4/7 - 4/30	9am-4pm
1	Cass County Government Building	Logansport	5/1 - 5/5 (noon)	10am-7pm
2	4-H Community Center	Logansport	5/1 - 5/5 (noon)	10am-7pm
3	Logansport Mall	Logansport	5/1 - 5/5 (noon)	10am-7pm
4	Walton Library	Walton	5/1 - 5/5 (noon)	10am-7pm
	Traveling 1 Day Vote Centers			
	Miami Baptist Church	Logansport	5/1	9am-4pm
	Clinton Fire Station	Clymers	5/1	9am-4pm
	Deer Creek - Young America Fire Station	Young America	5/1	9am-4pm
	Washington Twp -- Logansport Airport	Logansport	5/2	9am-4pm
	Bethlehem Presbyterian Church	Logansport	5/2	9am-4pm
	Tipton I - Onward Volunteer Fire Station	Onward	5/2	9am-4pm
	Noble - Highway Garage	Logansport	5/3	9am-4pm
	Harrison - Lucerne Fire Station	Lucerne	5/3	9am-4pm
	Jefferson - Georgetown Fire Station	Georgetown	5/3	9am-4pm

Election Day Voting

1	Cass County Courthouse	Logansport	5/6	6am-6pm
2	Logansport Mall	Logansport	5/6	6am-6pm
3	4-H Community Center	Logansport	5/6	6am-6pm
4	Tipton - Walton Library	Walton	5/6	6am-6pm
	Boone - Royal Center Town Hall	Royal Center	5/6	6am-6pm
	Adams - Twelve Mile Fire Station	Twelve Mile	5/6	6am-6pm
	Jackson/Galveston - Community Center	Galveston	5/6	6am-6pm

Attachment 6-2

Election Statistics

2004-2007

Election	Registered Voters	Total Voted	Voted Absentee	% Absentee Votes
2004 Primary	25,651	6,021	576	10%
2004 General	25,603	14,524	2200	15%
2006 Primary	21,716	5,592	704	12.5%
2006 General	21,555	11,408	2570	22.5%
2007 Primary	8,349	1078	264	24.4%
2007 General	10,454	4,653	1163	25%

Section 7 Staffing of Vote Centers

Cass County has already dealt with combined precincts for many elections. As new laws have evolved, we have learned to readjust our workers with worker needs, always keeping one Supervisor/Inspector in charge. Inspectors are always appointed by the political party whose candidate for Secretary of State received the most votes during the most recent election for that office. In order to maintain the bi-partisan control of our elections, each party will be responsible for appointing one-half of the remaining poll workers at each Vote Center. The number of judges, clerks, and greeters will be adjusted by the projection of voter turn out in that particular Vote Center. As an example, the Mall will require many more workers than a travel team going to our smallest community Vote Center.

The skill of the average poll worker will certainly play a much more important part in recruiting poll workers than ever before. While it is technically the responsibility of the precinct committeeperson to find election workers for each election, usually one person of each party's Central Committee handles most recruitment of poll workers. Cass County is extremely fortunate to be able to work closely with both parties; they are very receptive to our suggestions about capability and personality history of our workers. As usual, the goal will be to recruit poll workers from both parties with the necessary skills committed to maintaining fair and honest elections.

All applicable Indiana law will apply to the nomination of poll workers; if the appropriate parties have not nominated workers, the Election Board will make the nominations as authorized by IC 3-6-6-13.

The Cass County Election board feels that the move to Vote Centers will require very few skills different from our recent past Election Day procedures. While the computer check-in process is very simple, poll workers must have at least some basic computer skills. However, the addition of greeters will allow those long-time poll workers who want to continue working in the election to do so as those positions will not require any computer skills.

All poll workers including greeters will be trained and provided with identification badges and credentials as required in the past. All poll workers will be required to take an oath of office and sign the appropriate form; the current oath book will be adapted for use by Vote Centers. An individual authorized to administer oaths will administer the oath at the poll workers training sessions. The completed forms in duplicate will be signed; the completed forms will be delivered to the appropriate polls so that the Supervisor/Inspector can confirm that all workers have taken the oath. The oath forms for the "Will Call" workers will be delivered to the appropriate polling place when the extra worker is called.

A brief description of each type of worker is as follows:

Vote Center Supervisor/Inspector – This person fulfills most of the functions of an inspector at a precinct election. He or she had more training and has had previous election experience. This position is expected to work the entire day. The Inspector will pick up the security items the day prior to the first day of Satellite Voting.

Greeters – This person greets voters as they enter the polling place and asks if the voter has his or her postcard and photo ID; depending upon the answers, they direct the voter to the correct station. This position will not be needed at all elections or all Vote Centers. At some elections or Vote Centers, there may be more than one greeter.

Check-in Judges – These workers will operate the computer and check in voters. The number of Judges required for each election will be one Democratic and one Republican. They together with the Inspector will make any decisions regarding this Vote Center. This position will be used in combination depending on the size of the Vote Center and election turn out.

Clerks – the number of these individuals will vary by election and Vote Center. These workers will individuals who have not brought their postcard, who have recently moved, or need to fill out provisional paper work before they are allowed to vote. This process should allow all Cass County residents the opportunity to vote. If necessary, further decisions will be made after the fact by the County Election Board. Provisional ballot voting will allow this process to occur. This position will be used in combination depending on the size of the Vote Center and election turn out.

JBC Judge/Operator – This person will program the voter access PIN number so that the voting machine brings up the correct ballot style and precinct for that voter. This is another area that will have divided duties of both parties.

Will Call Teams – These poll workers have not been assigned to a specific Vote Center but will be sent to centers experiencing heavy voter turnout. They will receive training in all positions/functions. If it becomes obvious that they will not be needed, they will be released from service with a minimum payment of three hours of work plus compensation for the time in training.

Election Board Workers and Responsibilities

In addition to precinct election workers, there are some workers that will be employed by the Board to staff the central office. Some of these workers will answer phones, while others will deliver additional supplies to precincts that need them. Machine technicians will be on call to travel to precincts that experience technical problems with the voting machines.

It is anticipated that there will be fewer of these workers required under the Vote Center concept. However, do to the newness of this program for Cass County, we will plan to somewhat overstaff in the beginning.

Shifts

Election Day can become long and very tiresome. Some would be glad to work but choose not to because of the 12 –14 hour day required. While we are aware that IC 3-6-6-11 allows workers other than the inspector to work a partial day, we have not taken advantage of this for several reasons. Because of training and pay claims and simply finding enough workers, this has just not seemed possible for Cass County up to this point. By requiring fewer workers at one particular time, this may now be a feasible to consider.

Pay Scales

Cass County currently pays poll workers a flat rate that varies by position. For election 2007 we paid Supervisor/Inspectors \$150. They were expected to attend training of approximately two - three hours, pick up supplies on the day before the election, visit their polling place prior to the election, work a 14-hour day, and return the secure materials accompanied by the judge of the opposite party to the election office after they closed the polls. We paid judges and clerks \$100 each for their training and work day. As with most county elections departments, we would certainly like to see these pay scales raised. This would improve the quality of the workers we could attract.

We find it challenging to locate enough competent poll workers. Our election laws have gotten more complicated; our equipment is more specialized; this will be doubly true if we become a Vote Center Pilot County. If we are going to make Vote Centers work effectively, we will need poll workers with computer skills. For estimating purposes, we have planned to pay Inspectors in the neighborhood of \$11 per hour; Judges and clerk's in are area of \$8.00. Although we have estimated expenses on a per hour basis, budgets are set on fixed amounts. This will need to be addressed with the County Fiscal Body at budget time.

Meals

Due to constant complaints in the past about the meal issue, beginning in 2007 we started providing a continental breakfast for our workers. We then pay \$10 to each worker as a lunch stipend. Workers are then expected to either bring a sack lunch or decide as a group to send out for take-out.

Under the Vote Center Concept, we will only have to provide meals for those workers working all day as Vote Center Supervisor/Inspectors and those poll workers who choose to work all day. Except on Election Day, workers will not be required to be at the polls at 5 a.m. A mid-day snack may be provided instead of the continental breakfast. As with other aspects of the change to Vote Centers, this will need further consideration and planning as we settle into the “groove”.

Training Materials and Training

In Cass County it is required that poll workers attend training. If they can not attend, they are removed from the roster and not allowed to work this election. We have continued to develop a solid poll worker-training program as the years have pasted. Again, because so many of our precincts locations are combined, most poll workers will not find any difference in dealing with multi-precincts and multi-ballots under the Vote Center plan.

Poll workers are given election manuals and handouts during training classes and one is provided for each polling place. We try to provide step-by-step instructions and “cheat-sheets” for use by our poll workers. We have to incorporate power point, role-play, and other methods of keeping the attention of our poll workers. Workers also experience actually using the Delmar EPB and Hart InterCivic voting equipment.

Our classes are divided by position and experience. The training for an Inspector who has been doing a good job for several years will spend less time on filling out the paper work, and more time on perhaps trouble shooting some basic problems they may encounter, or handling a handicap voter. (Fewer on the basics and more on the important areas.) The experienced worker, but new to the inspector job, will spend more time on understanding the paper work; Judges and Clerks more in the area of job duties.

The election equipment that Cass County uses now has greatly improved the volume of paper work that used to be required by election workers.

As an added training help, we intend this year to require our poll workers to work one day in the traditional Absentee Courthouse Voting Site. Since this facility will be open for 28 day prior to the election and Vote Centers will be for only 4-days, this will provide ample opportunity for Supervisor/Inspectors to get hands on experience with the Vote Center changes during the Satellite Absentee Voting.

Estimated Staffing Requirements

The next pages of this section detail the specific numbers of poll workers by type that will be required in each election. We have assumed that all permanent Vote Centers will require one size election team and the traveling centers will require another. Will-Call team workers will help with last minute adjustment of needs. As time goes by, these figures will become more apparent. In addition to the vote center workers, on Election Day, the Clerk, the Election Deputy, the Election Board, two election technicians, a representative from the opposite party, and three deputy clerks are also on board.

Estimated personnel pay and meal cost calculations are provided in the attachments following this section.

PER ELECTION
WORKER/MEAL COST

	Inspector \$125	Judges \$100	Clerks \$75	Greeter \$75	Training \$25	Mea./ Snack \$13	Janitor \$15	Rent \$	Worker Pay 17004	Meals/Rt Pay 35611	Total	Number Days	Total Training Pay 32627	Total
Pay	*1	2	0	1	3	3	0	25	\$	\$		29	\$	\$
	*1.1	2	4	0	3	7	0		275	\$		5	\$	9,181
	2	2	4	1	7	8	0		625	\$		5	\$	3,655
	3	2	4	1	7	8	0		700	\$		5	\$	4,195
	4	2	4	1	7	8	0		700	\$		5	\$	4,195
Travel 1	1	2	2	1	6	6	1	1	\$	104		4	\$	4,195
Travel 2	1	2	2	1	6	6	1	1	550	118		4	\$	2,822
Travel 3	1	2	2	1	6	6	0		550	118		4	\$	2,822
	*3.1	2	2	0	4	4	0		550	36		1	\$	2,494
									350	24			\$	474
hrs	7	18	24	7	49	56	2	2	\$	738			\$	34,033
	\$11.36	\$9.09	\$6.82	\$7	Hourly Pay				5,000				1,225	\$

*1 Absentee Voting for 28 days
 *1.1 Workers added to location 1 for 5 days prior to and Election Day
 3.1 Added workers due to size and location on Election Day

2006 Per Election Comparable \$20,005

Section 8

Hardware and Software for Connection

Vote Centers are possible only if we can link each Vote Center in real time to a Central location in order to immediately update a voter voted. This electronic poll book (EPB) will be accessible to all Vote Centers and will be updated by the check-in judges as voters arrive to vote.

Cass County will use some used servers already in house. These computers are older but more than sufficient for our needs. Someday, when money permits, a thin client that will do nothing but access back to the County server will be helpful.

Software for Electronic Poll Books

In the 2007 general election we took the initiative of contacting Delmar Technologies, a company owned by professor Kyle Lutes at Purdue University who developed the EPB used by Tippecanoe County for their pilot program. It is quite impressive software. Because Cass County was required to print their poll book in alphabetical order by precinct, we printed the poll books for each precinct as required. Side-by-Side, we used the electronic poll book. This was a revolutionary process. Immediately prior to Election Day we downloaded the SVRS poll list into the Delmar system. As a voter came to vote, their name was entered into the system. The name screen showed the name, address, and voting status of the person. If they were in the wrong precinct (as was possible using combined precinct locations) the worker would be refused access to marking a voter as voted, but the program would direct the voter to the proper poll location. This alone stopped nearly 90% of the phone calls to the Clerk's Office on Election Day. In one typical 4-hour period in the 2007 general Election, we had three phone calls.

Delmar's EPB is a database in SQL that contains the following data:

- Voter Name
- Voter Address
- Voter Date of Birth
- Voter SVRS Number
- Voter Signature (though SVRS will not provide this)
- Precinct and District
- Voter Status (Voted in Person, Voted Absentee)
- Type of Ballot Requested (Primary Only)
- Time
- Location

The database was populated by a download from the SVRS system Monday evening prior to Election Day. (This would be done just after the close of allowable voter changes for use in Absentee/Vote Centers.)

When a voter arrived at the polls, the check-in judge brought up the voter's record on their computer screen. In a primary election, the judge will indicate which type of ballot the voter has requested – Republican, Democratic or School Board only. The system records the time the judge checked the voter in and the individual record updates back to the Clerk's office main server. The updated record will be available instantly.

If a voter attempts to vote again, either there or at another location, the database will show them to be ineligible. As stated above, this program was first used by Cass County in the 2007 General Municipal Election. The software will not have very many options for the-check in judges, so it is difficult to check-in a voter incorrectly. Poll workers received detailed hands on training before the last election. They were delighted and use of this system was extremely helpful. If there is an error made by the poll worker (perhaps the "wrong" John Smith was marked as voted) Election Central, the Administrative Supervisor or in our case, the Clerk can correct the error. A time dated log registers the correction.

Hardware and Servers

One to two personal computers will be set up at each Vote Center. Both the computer and the application is password protected; these passwords will be included in the security items provided under seal to the Vote Center Supervisor/Inspector. The computer will access the Electronic Poll Book database only by using a standard browser to update the records contained at the Cass County data center.

The County IT staff will set up all personal computers installed at the remote Vote Centers. These machines will be current with antivirus software and firewall protection, as well as application and operating system security patches. Each personal computer will be hard wired at the remote location to the local network; no wireless network interface cards (NIC) will be allowed. The computer at each remote location will connect to the central server through a virtual private network (VPN) connection, allowing encrypted communications.

The VPN connections from the Vote Centers will be initiated and encrypted via IKE/IPSec to ensure that no traffic can be intercepted and read by an unauthorized party. The county network is protected by firewalls using customized rulesets to minimize the vulnerability via the outside interface.

The servers housing the voter database for the EPB application will be centrally located in the County's IT server room behind our existing firewall. The server is a 2.33GHZ processor with 2GB of RAM and 2 Hard Drives in RAID 1. The server will run current operating system and security patches. The server room is secured, is climate controlled and has fire suppression protection.

The Cass County IT staff would be happy to answer any questions that authorized persons might wish to ask.

Software for Hart Voting System

The Hart InterCivic Voting System is a multi-faceted electronic voting system. The system is a fully integrated, digital voting system that blends direct recording electronic (DRE) units for Early Voting and Election Day, and a central count paper ballot scanning for tabulating absentee/by-mail ballots. The Hart system complies with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and is federally and Indiana state certified as approved by the Secretary of States Office.

The components of the Hart Voting System are developed to strict ISO 9001:2000 standards. The eSlate units used by Cass County meets the testing requirements of U.S. Military Standard 810 (MIL-STD-810) for environmental ruggedness, including humidity, vibration, and drop height.

ESlate® Voting Unit

The eSlate is the electronic voting device that voters use to view, vote and cast their ballots at the polling place. The eSlate's distinctive Precision Vote design uses a rotary optical encoder (ROE) as its primary voter interface. The ROE interface provides 100-percent positional accuracy. The Hart Disabled Access Unit (DAU) is engineered for maximum independence and accessibility.

Judges Booth Controller™

Through the Hart Judge's Booth Controller (JBC), election officials have access to a centralized, secure command center for polling place operation. The JBC manages the power and communications for multiple eSlate units in the polling place. The JBC supports all opening, closing, printing, audit, and provisional ballot functions for the polling place. A single power cord to the JBC allows the JBC to manage AC power and data transfer for as many as 12 eSlate units in a daisy-chain configuration. This configuration allows each Cast Vote Record to be instantly stored in three separate locations; in the eSlate internal memory, in the JBC's internal memory, and on the Mobile Ballot Box flash memory card installed in the JBC. The eSlate voting unit uses random four-digit Access Codes printed on slips of paper to regulate voter's access to the electronic ballot. When the voter enters the Access Code into any eSlate unit, the proper electronic ballot for that voter's precinct is displayed. There is no association of this code with the voter's identity and thus the voter's privacy and anonymity are preserved.

Mobile Ballot Box™

The Mobile Ballot Box (MBB) is the Hart InterCivic Voting System's reusable, portable PC memory card. The MBB is used to store electronic information and transport that data to and from the polling places. Each MBB is uniquely serialized for each election and tracked by Hart's Ballot Origination Software System (BOSS) and Tally software applications.

eSlate Voting Booth

The eSlate voting booth houses the voting unit, provides a private voting space and serves as the unit's storage and transport case. The side and back panels assure every voter's privacy for casting a secret ballot. The Hart Voting System also offers a booth designed for wheelchair access, placed at a lower height and has both hearing impaired and puff-and-sip functionality. Each eSlate contains its own battery back up and has features to allow curbside voting if state approved. The voting booth, with the eSlate inside, can be secured with a tamper proof locking mechanism.

System Software

The Hart InterCivic is fully integrated, proprietary election management software; the subsystems are composed of PD database applications. They run under a secured operating system.

Section 9

Processing Voters

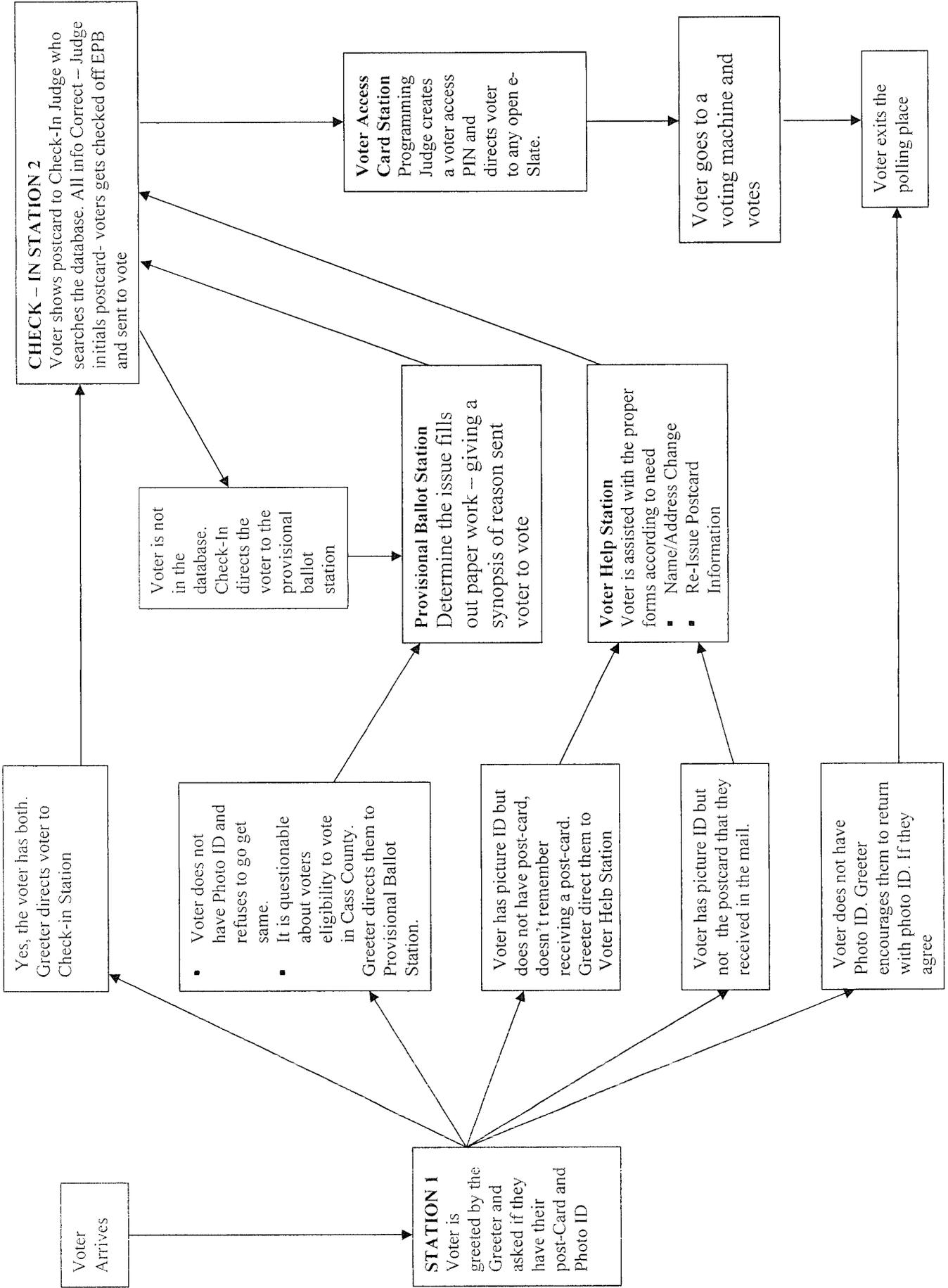
For Cass County, the Vote Center process will have more similarities than differences from our typical election.

1. Four weeks prior to the election, one absentee voting center will open in our usual Courthouse Absentee Voting location. As of now, we are planning on 6 other Satellite Vote Centers opening five days prior to Election Day. (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday (till noon) plus Election Day (times on Election Day being different than the other three days).
2. The chosen sites will be completely ADA compliant, have ample easily accessible parking, and Internet access. Each satellite center will be staffed with bi-partisan teams who have been trained in the absentee/voting process. Voters will vote with our well-established in-office absentee vote plan.
3. Approximately two weeks prior to the election, postcards will be mailed to all registered voters in the county who have not yet cast ballots. This post card will list all the available Vote Centers on one side and the other side will show the voter's name, address, and precinct. For a primary election, the postcard will also have a place for the voter to indicate party preference. If permissions are acquired, this card will also contain a bar code of their SVRS tracking number. The postcard will contain text encouraging the voter to bring the postcard with them to vote. (A sample postcard is provided for your viewing)
4. Beginning 5 days prior to Election Day voting will commence at a variety of satellite voting locations. Four Stationary Vote Centers will be set at our chosen locations. These locations will be selected for their higher traffic, convenient locations throughout the county. Three Traveling Sites will be in well-advertised outlying locations. These Traveling Sites will spend one day at the different outlying locations. This will permit residents in all areas of the county to have "close to home" voting access.
5. Absentee voting by mail and by the confined voter board will continue as it always has.
6. On Monday at NOON, the Satellite Absentee voting will end. We will then have Monday noon until Tuesday 6a.m. to ready our equipment for Election Day Voting. The only work to be done is to back all Absentee Equipment into Servo and place a new MBB flash card into the JBCs. With seven Voting Sites, this will take only a few hours.
7. On Election Day, a voter may choose to vote at any of the 7 available Vote Centers. (The number of Vote Centers will depend upon the type of election.)

For safety sake, Cass County will use all equipment available for at least the first couple of elections. Adjustments may be made for future elections.

8. When a voter arrives at a Vote Center, an individual (now designated as a greeter) will determine if they have their postcard and a photo ID. Voters who have both items will be directed to the *Check-In Station*. Those without photo ID will be encouraged to return later with Photo ID. If they choose to do otherwise they will be directed to the *Voter Help Desk* to prepare to vote Provisional Ballot. Those voters without a postcard will be directed to the *Voter Help Desk* so that a card can be produced for them. They will then be allowed to vote in the usual manner. Voters who need to change their name or address will be directed to the *Voter Help Desk* to complete the appropriate forms before proceeding to the *Check-In Station*. If a long line develops, the greeter will notify the inspector, so that additional equipment and/or personnel may be deployed to that site.
9. Although we expect few provisional ballots to be cast, (because voters can't be at the wrong poll site) if a voter does need a provisional ballot for any reason, the Hart InterCivic Voting System has a button on the JBC to flag a ballot as a provisional vote. The paperwork with the attached provisional number will then be examined by the County Election Board to determine the validity of the vote.
10. At the *Check-In Station*, voters will be checked in by a bi-partisan team manning a computer that is linked via a VPN (Virtual Private Network) connection to one Central Server located in the County Building. The workers will record that the voter is voting; the database will record time and voting location. The poll workers will confirm that the address and precinct on the postcard are correct. If a voter has moved or changed their name, they will complete the appropriate forms to change their information. The voter will then sign the postcard. (In the future marking this voter as voted could trigger the proper Ballot Style Access Code on the JBC.) The poll clerk will confirm the validity of the postcard by initialing it. A voter with correct documentation should spend less than 60 seconds at the *Check-in Station*. If the database shows that a voter has voted absentee, the poll clerk will immediately notify the election board so that the absentee ballot will not be counted.
11. The voter then proceeds to the JBC Station with their postcard; giving the postcard to the bi-partisan team that creates the voter access PIN number. The poll worker will retain the postcard. A simple press of the print PIN immediately prints the access number and the voter can be directed to the next available voting station.
12. The voter can vote at any available voting machine using the voter access card that will bring up the correct precinct and ballot style.
13. If we miss-judge the turnout at a particular Vote Center, we will have teams of poll workers and additional eSlates to deploy to a busy precinct.

Processing the Voter – Flow Chart



Section 10 Voter Outreach and Education

The Cass County Election Board and Board of Commissioners realize that voter outreach and education must be a top priority. It will be important for voters to be well informed as early as possible of the Voter Location Changes. Cass County will have to go to great lengths to get the word out.

The biggest challenge of the whole Vote Center Pilot opportunity for Cass County is the time factor. We cannot start pushing the information about Vote Centers until we have final approval from the Secretary of States Office. I realize they cannot give us final word until they hear from the legislative body. For this reason, I am submitting my application prior to knowing if we can get permission. It is imperative that the Election Board be ready to act quickly and strongly in the area of outreach should this permission be granted. I beg that the Secretary of State office notify me as soon as this decision can be made. Whether we can or cannot do Vote Centers is going to put the biggest strain on our preparation for the May 2008 Primary Election.

Public Forums and Speaking Opportunities

Due to the new voting equipment being used for the first time in the County areas and only the second time in the city of Logansport, we do have many opportunities to visit local organizations and communities to demonstrate out new equipment. We already have a full March calendar with engagements around the community. The newspaper continues to inquire about the process and an interview or two by our local radio station has been approved. In the past, they have been very helpful in printing pre-election information. We know that there are some voters that will not get the message by radio or newspaper.

We have also spoken with the League of Voters and both Party Chairs about speaking with their groups.

Flyers will be prepared as handouts and delivered to several entities. Candidates will be asked to use these as they make their door-to-door campaigns. Because it is a Presidential Election, both major parties usually do a blitz just prior to Election Day. This will be another good opportunity to spread the word. This flyer would explain the process of satellite absentee voting and the locations and schedule. Getting the cooperation of factories and businesses will also help spread the word to the general population.

In the past, when it has become necessary to move a poll site, we have posted signs at the entrances. These signs will be placed as far in advance of the election as possible.

Satellite Absentee Voting and Vote Center locations will be posted on Cass County's Web page as well as the web site of the Logansport Chamber of Commerce.

As a final effort, the postcard mailed to every registered voter would be sent about one week before Satellite Voting begins.

A survey was passed out at fair time last year. The Vote Center concept was readily applauded in most cases. Another card will also be passed out to voters at the polls giving them the opportunity to critique our Vote Center Efforts.

Voter Registration
 200 Court Park
 Logansport, In 46947

You are registered to vote in the
May 6, 2008 Primary Election. You
 may vote at any Vote Center. Dates
 and locations are listed on the other
 side of this card.

TEMP-RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

To vote In-Person :

**Present this card UNSIGNED
 together with your Photo ID in order**
 to make voting faster and easier.
 You may vote without this
 postcard, but you still must
 present your Photo ID.

X
 «FIRST_NAME» «MIDDLE_NAME» «LAST_NAME»
 «Mail_FULL_ADDRESS»
 «Mail_FULL_ADDRESS_LINE_2»
 «Mail_City» «Mail_State» «Mail_Zip»

Party Preference

Precinct _____

- Republican Democratic School Board

For the May 2008 Primary Election, you may vote at any Vote Center Listed Below			
Apr 8 – May 5	9am-4pm*	Cass Co. Courthouse	200 Court Park
May 1-2-3-5	10am-7pm *	Logansport Mall	3900 E Market Street
May 1-2-3-5	10am-7pm*	4-H Community Center	County 125 North
May 1-2-3-5	10am-7pm*	Tipton II - Walton Library	103 E Bishop St
May 1	9am-4pm	Miami Baptist Church	1368 N 600 E
May 1	9a m-4pm	Clinton Fire Station	3969 W 400 S
May 1	9am-4pm	Deer Creek - Young America Fire Station	Young America
May 2	9am-4pm	Washington Twp – Logansport Airport	3735 S Logansport Rd
May 2	9am-4pm	Bethlehem Presbyterian Church	5588 N St Rd 25
May 2	9am-4pm	Tipton I – Onward Volunteer Fire Station	Onward
May 3	9am-4pm	Noble – Highway Garage	1251 N ST 17 N
May 3	9am-4pm	Harrison – Lucerne Fire Station	State Road 16
May 3	9am-4pm	Jefferson – Georgetown Fire Station	Georgetown
May 6 ELECTION DAY	6am-6pm	Cass County Courthouse Logansport Mall 4-H Community Center Tipton - Walton Library Boone – Royal Center Town Hall Adams – Twelve Mile Fire Station Jackson/Galveston – Community Center	200 Court Park 3900 E Market St County 125 North 103 E Bishop Street 104 E North St Twelve Mile 101 S Park Rd
			Logansport Logansport Logansport Walton Royal Center Twelve Mile Galveston

* Polls will close Monday 5/5 at Noon

Thank you for voting at a Vote Center during the May 6, 2008 Primary. We would appreciate your feedback and comments: Please read the following sentences and indicate where you rate your feelings on a scale of 1-7. "1" means that you strongly disagree with the statement. "7" means that you strongly agree with the statement.

Please circle the time of day you voted :

	6:00am 8:00 am	8:00am 10:00am	10:00am NOON	Noon 2:00pm	2:00pm 4:00pm	4:00pm 6:00pm	6:00pm 7:00pm	Strongly Disagree							Strongly Agree
1. My waiting time was acceptable								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2. Checking in by computer was quick and easy.								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3. Poll workers at this Vote Center were well trained								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
4. Locations of Vote Centers were convenient								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
5. Poll workers at this Vote Center were friendly								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Are their suggestions about how we can make your voting experience better?

Place
Postage
Here

Cass County Board of Elections
 1st Floor Clerk's Office
 200 Court Park
 Logansport, In 46947

Section 11 Testing

Cass County and Indiana have been very fortunate to have Linda Phillips at the helm in Tippecanoe County. She has been more than helpful in preparing Cass County to follow in Tippecanoe's footsteps as far as Vote Centers go. By the time we became involved, all the extensive development and testing was well on its way.

During the 2007 general election we used the same Electronic Poll Book that Tippecanoe and Delmar Technologies developed. It is a gem. We give total credit for the 90 % decrease in phone calls on Election Day to this software. Because we also had side-by-side printed poll lists, we felt we could give the newly developed Electronic Poll Book a try. Both the EPB and the new equipment worked flawlessly.

During the 2007 municipal election we had 7 computers connected through the Internet processing to indicate voters voted. After one initial connection issue, we had complete perfection.

Sample Set-up of Personal Computer Network

As soon as the Vote Center Pilot approval comes, final arrangements will be made for voting locations. At this time it will allow the IT department to begin working with each location in anticipation of what we will need as far as Internet Connection. In 2007, arrangements were made in one location to provide temporary Internet service. This worked quite well, and may be necessary for this election in some areas.

Each location will be set-up and tested in advance of Absentee Satellite Voting. This will assure that everything will be functional when voting begins.

Section 12 Security and Accuracy

The security and accuracy of voting equipment is of paramount importance. The Hart InterCivic Voting System is regulated at both the federal and state levels. Hart has attained certification under the internationally recognized: ISO 27001:2005 standard of information security through an independent audit by Symantec, a leader in technology security.

If recounts are necessary for a given election, jurisdictions can conduct the recounts using the electronic voting machines. After each ballot is cast, a Cast Vote Record is generated and stored instantaneously in multiple, physically separate, electronic storage locations. A complete, electronic recount of an election is easily accomplished with the Hart voting system by rereading each Mobile Ballot Box memory card for the specified election into a fresh tally database. In the event that a hand count of paper ballots is required, the CVRs can be printed.

The Hart Voting System has a series of redundant and auditable measures to ensure accuracy and security. The eSlate allows the voter to double-check the ballot before casting it. Once cast, multiple copies of the electronic ballot are saved simultaneously in different locations, making lost data or undetectable fraud virtually impossible. Each of the records can be verified and audited for security and accuracy. The eSlate's SELECT Wheel interface does not require calibration.

The Hart Voting System includes both physical and electronic intrusion detection controls such as standard election seals and time-stamped transaction logs that record every system action related to the voting process.

Several key security principles are at the foundation of Cass County's choice of voting systems:

- The multiple original storage of cast vote records
- Multiple, individual components are allowed to communicate with each other only when a need to do so arises. This approach provides that each component verify and authenticate the output of the previous component.
- Each component is secure on its own, and not dependent on any other component for security. Each component maintains its own audit logs, recording each transaction that occurs and noting errors or anomalies.
- Hart has implemented cryptography in all functions of its election software and election data exchange points. This additional encryption provides a high level of security throughout the election process.

Section 13
Time Line for Implementation

The next few pages show the timeline of events necessary to implement the Vote Center concept if Cass County is selected as a pilot county. There will undoubtedly need to be adjustments made after we have some experience.

As I have stated before, because of the late start we have gotten, yet the extreme urgency to use Vote Centers in our county, I realize I have a huge job before me. I do, however, know how to “get down in the ditch and keep digging. Not only do I have the best election staff in the state, but I also have full support of the rest of the County Election Board. Cass County Commissioners and Council also realize that it is very important monetarily and practically that we implement this program.

Timeline for implementing the Vote Center Plan

1/23/2008	First day of Candidate filing
1/23/2008	Continue Daily to update "The Brain" (candidate by date/candidate by position worksheet
1/27/2008	Begin the skeleton Ballot in BOSS-set up of each office to be voted in the Primary Election
1/27/2008	Distribute the list of potential Poll Sites and solicit other possible ideas
ASAP	As Soon as we have approval for Cass County to be a Vote Center Pilot:
	Provide notice of a Public Meeting of Election Board to Media – announcement of acceptance into the pilot program
	Post notice about a CEB meeting set 48 hours
	Finalize Vote Center/Satellite Locations (Preliminary locations are being considered as we wait for this decision)
	Arrange with the IT department to discuss the equipment needs and their time frame
	Meet with the equipment delivery/set-up committee to discuss their time frame
2/4/2008	Attend Commissioner meeting to update them on the status of SB235 and my progress the Election Board is making toward establishing the Vote Center Pilot program acceptance. Get Resolution Signed
2/15/2008	Attend Council meeting to update them on the status of SB235 and my progress the Election Board is making toward establishing the Vote Center Pilot program acceptance. Get Resolution Signed
2/20/2008	Schedule Training Room for Poll Worker Training
2/20/2008	Finish skeleton ballot in BOSS
2/22/2008	Last day of Candidate filing
2/25-2/28	Add Candidate Names to ballot and begin 1 st proofing
2/28/2008	Arrange with Dick Hettinger regarding Audio Recording for ADA voting
3/1/2008	Send letter about poll worker sheets to Party Chairs (Poll Worker/Absentee Boards)
3/5/2008	Election ballot completed except for Audio
3/10/2008	Record Audio for ADA Ballot
3/10/2008	Can destroy old voting records of 22 months ago (includes 5/2006)
3/10/2008	Contact IT Technician about their part in voter set-up
3/17/2008	Commissioners meeting to Approve Vote Center Locations (done earlier if state approval allows)
3/20/2008	Make sure Poll Worker sheets are returned from Party Chairman
3/20/2008	Ballot Complete and tested
3/22/2008	Board of Elections and Party Central Committees to Approve Ballot
3/25/2008	Burn MBB cards for Absentee/Satellite Voting
3/26/2008	Burn MBB cards for Election day Voting
3/27/2008	Deadline for county election board to mail absentee ballots to voters who already filed application
3/28/2008	Set Up Practice Voting Booth in downstairs Clerk's Office
3/28/2008	Take maintenance dept the schedule for opening building for training and absentee voting 2 Saturdays
3/28/2008	Clear old data from 2007 Elections and reload and test all equipment for deployment (Technicians)
3/29/2008	Clear old data from 2007 Elections and reload and test all equipment for deployment (Technicians)
3/30/2008	Clear old data from 2007 Elections and reload and test all equipment for deployment (Technicians)
3/30/2008	Have Sample Paper Ballots for Distribution
3/29/2008	First Day to Mail Absentee Ballots
3/30/2008	Election Workers Lists turned in from both parties
3/30/2008	News Release about Ending Voter Registration/Absentee
4/1/2008	Schedule Radio and Newspaper interviews about Satellite Absentee and Election Day Vote Centers
4/1/2008	Check with Auditor – are Polling Places Confirmed
4/2/2008	Finish set up of Absentee Equipment
4/4/2008	Set up In -House Absentee Equipment both JBC/eSlates and EPB
4/5/2008	Train Absentee Workers
4/5/2008	Contact All Vote Center Workers – they need to receive on the job training for working Vote Centers
4/7/2008	Absentee Voting Begins 9-4 M-F
4/7/2008	Voter Registration Ends
4/10/2008	Complete all Voter Registration cards
4/10/2008	Prepare letters to poll workers about required class training
4/12/2008	Prepare Legal Ad for news media IC30-10-1-1&5-3-1-2 (Run Tues, Thurs, Friday and Sun before Election Day)

4/12/2008	Certify number of Registered Voters
4/14/2008	Arrange to have Keys to Polling Places or Instruct the Inspector to do so
4/12/2008	Contact Absentee Travel Board about Voting – Thurs, Fri, Sat, and Mon before E-Day
4/20/2008	Publish a list of candidates and offices to be voted upon at the Election – Vote Center Calendar and hours
4/20/2008	All poll worker training materials finished
4/20/2008	All Election bags and mobile office materials packed
4/21/2008	Training room set up
4/23/2008	Poll Worker Training
4/24/2008	Poll Worker Training
4/26/2008	Poll Worker Training
4/26/2008	Saturday Absentee Voting 6am – 1pm
4/27/2008	Test <i>Tally</i> getting ready for Election Night Tallying
4/28/2008	Deadline application request for confined voter request
4/29/2008	Post signs for poll location changes
4/29/2008	Spread flyers with “ the word” about Vote Centers and voting dates
4/29/2008	Final Prepare for Traveling Satellite Vote Centers
4/30/2008	Set-up 4 “Permanent” Satellite Vote Centers
5/2/2008	Go over flow chart, explain Jobs and responsibilities of office staff on Election Day
5/2/2008	Gather 8 Paper boxes for return Items election evening
5/1/2008	Satellite Absentee Voting in 7 locations
5/2/2008	Satellite Absentee Voting in 7 locations
5/3/2008	Saturday Absentee Voting in 7 locations
5/5/2008	Satellite Absentee Voting in 4 ‘Permanent’ Satellite Vote Centers until NOON
5/5/2008	NOON Absentee Voting Ends
5/5/2008	Back-up absentee voting equipment and reset for Election Day (7 JBC’s)
5/6/2008	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
5/6/2008	Maintenance to move any tables, printers, copiers needed for election night tallying
5/6/2008	After 2:00 PM scan absentee mailed back ballots (Hold results until 6:00)
5/6/2008	Release absentee results to party chairs and News media`
5/6/2008	Tally results as the MBB’s begin coming back to Election Central
5/6/2008	Deliver copies of Canvass Sheets to County Chairmen, Election Board, and News Media
5/7/2008	(Or ASAP) Certify local election results

Section 14
Application Requirements
Under HEA 1011

Requirements under HEA 1011

Section	Requirement	Located IN
3(a) 1	Election Board Consent	Section 2
3(b) 1	Resolution by County Executive	Section 2
3(b) 2	Resolution by County Fiscal Body	Section 2
4 (1)	Number of Vote Centers	Section 5
4 (2)	Vote Center Locations	Section 5
4 (3)	List of Municipalities for Primary (not included because this is a Presidential instead of Municipal	N/A
4 (4)	Current Total Number of Voters – Active, Inactive	Section 4
4 (5)	Precincts to Vote at Vote Center	Section 5
4 (6)	Number of Election Workers	Section 7
4 (7)	Number and Name of Precinct Election Board will Administer	Section 7
4 (8)	Number and Title of Precinct Election Officers	Section 7
4 (9) A	Number of Ballot Variations	Section 3
4 (9) B	Printed on Demand or Delivered	N/A
4 (10) A, B	Details of Hardware and Software	Section 8
4 (11) A, B	Equipment and Procedures for Electronic Poll Books	Section 8
4 (12)	Number of Electronic Poll Books Per Vote Center	Section 5
4 (13)	Security	Section 12
4 (14)	Certification of Accessibility	Section 5
4 (15)	Sketch of Planned Layout	Section 5
4 (16)	Satellite Vote Centers	Section 6