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Co- Directors
Indiana Election Division
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Dear Co-Directors:

Please accept the following vote center plan on behalf of the Henry County Election Board. It means a lot to the Board to be a part of this innovative, progressive change for our county.

It is the intent of the Henry County Election Board to continuously review and modify this plan to fit current Indiana legislation and also to revise based on our experience with vote center as well as the needs of the voters.

I believe that this plan is in full compliance, however feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding any of our documents.

Sincerely,



Debra G. Walker
Henry County Clerk

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK

Citizens of Henry County,

Since the vote center concept became a reality in Indiana elections in 2007, leaders in Henry County have been carefully observing its effect on voters, county budgets and on the election process.

The following pages layout our plan to make vote centers a reality in Henry County. The vote center concept gives any voter in Henry County the opportunity to cast their ballot at any vote center location throughout the county. No one is restricted to one polling place on Election Day. In addition to making it easier for voters on Election Day, the vote center concept also calls for increased early voting opportunities at what are called "satellite vote centers" that are open prior to Election Day.

The most common question we hear in elections is "Where is my polling place?" or "Why can't I just vote at the polling place across from where I work or drop off the kids for school?" A common complaint we hear is "I can't make it back to the polls by 6:00 p.m. on Election Day." Vote centers address these common voter concerns.

Another important part of the vote center concept is the financial impact it will have on Henry County. Having to staff fewer locations and provide less equipment to support on Election Day will help the county to realize a cost savings on items such as rental costs, poll worker costs, and equipment costs.

By moving to vote centers, voter's convenience is improved; election administration is streamlined and made simpler; and this improves the county's long-term fiscal stance when it comes to elections.

Most Americans have been voting under the same process for over 50 years. Vote centers represent a major step forward and bring elections into the 21st Century.

I want to thank all the wonderful people who have worked so hard and in a bipartisan manner to move the county toward vote centers. Henry County should be proud of its community leaders who work together for what will be best for all citizens. To all the churches, libraries, community centers, and businesses that have willingly allowed us to use their facilities as vote centers, we are forever grateful.

Sincerely,



Debra Walker

Henry County Circuit Court Clerk

I.C. 3-11-18.1-4 COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

1. The total number of vote centers to be established
2. The location of each vote center.
3. The effective date of the order.
4. The following information according to the computerized list (as defined in IC 3-7-26.3-2) as of the date of the order: (A) the total number of voters with the county. (B) The number of active voters in the county. (C) The number of inactive voters within the county.
5. For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), a list of precincts whose polls will be located at the vote center consistent with section 13 of this chapter.
6. For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the number of election boards that will be appointed to administer an election at the vote center.
7. For each precinct election board designated under subdivision (6), the number and name of each precinct the precinct election board will administer consistent with section 13 of this chapter.
8. For each vote center designated under subdivision (2), the number and title of the precinct election officers who will be appointed to serve at the vote center.
9. For each center designated under subdivision (2): (A) the number and type of ballot variations that will be provided at the vote center; and (B) whether these ballots will be: (i) delivered to the vote center before the opening of the polls; or (ii) printed on demand for a voter use.
10. A detailed description of any hardware, firmware, or software used; (A) to create an electronic poll list for each precinct whose polls are to be located at a vote center; or (B) to establish a secure electronic connection between the county elections board and the precinct election officials administering a vote center.
11. A description of the equipment and procedures to be used to ensure that information concerning a voter entered into any electronic poll list used by precinct election officers at a vote center is immediately accessible to: (A) the county election board; and (B) the electronic poll lists used by precinct election officers at all other vote centers in the county.
12. For each precinct designated under subdivision (5), the number of electronic poll lists to be provided for the precinct.
13. The security and contingency plans to be implemented by the county to do all of the following: (A) Prevent a disruption of the vote center process. (B) Ensure that the election is properly conducted if a disruption occurs. (C) Prevent access to an electronic poll list without the coordinated action of two (2) precinct election officers who are not members of the same political party. A certification that the vote center complies with the accessibility requirements applicable to polling places under IC 3-11-8.
14. A sketch depicting the planned layout of the vote center, indicating the location of equipment; and (B) precinct election officers within the vote center
15. The total number and location of satellite offices to be established under IC 3-11-10-26.3 at vote center location designated under subdivision (2) to allow voters to cast absentee ballots in accordance with IC 3-11. However, a plan must provide for at least one (1) vote center to be established as a satellite office under IC 3-11-10-26.3 on the two (2) Saturdays immediately preceding an election day.
16. The method and timing of providing voter data to persons who are entitled to receive data under this title. Data should be provided to all persons entitled to the data without unreasonable delay

**ADOPTED VOTE CENTER PLAN FOR HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA
ACCORDING TO IC 3-11-18-1**

According to IC 3-11-18 Chapter 19.1 Section 3, the Henry County Election Board has complied by:

The Election Board held two public meetings 30 days apart where the vote center draft plans were passed out to each individual in attendance. The meetings were held on June 16, 2015 and July 20, 2015.

During our public meeting the following concerns were raised:

Vaughn Reid III noted various totals and other information from census reports. He thinks vote centers will help cut down on voters' confusion regarding where they vote, especially those that have moved since last voting. He noted that he has a concern about older people, especially in New Castle, may have a more difficult time getting to one of the five voting locations rather than the previous twelve and also that the public bus transportation traditionally has not run on Election Day. He is not sure that can be changed. He also thought that the second satellite voting location could be set up at Walmart since so many people go there on Saturdays. He mentioned that internet access should not be a problem there.

VOTE CENTER AND SATELLITE VOTE LOCATIONS

Henry County plans to utilize 12 vote center locations. Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-6 only requires one vote center per 10,000 active voters, but the Henry County Election Board plans to provide one vote center per roughly 3,092 active voters.

As of May, 2015 Primary Election:

- (A) Total number of registered voters within Henry County – 30,292
- (B) Total number of active voters within Henry County – 27,488
- (C) Total number of inactive voters in Henry County – 2,675

The following are suggested vote center locations to be open on Election Day:
(The following locations will be reviewed and amended prior to each election cycle)

1. Ivy Tech Community College – 3325 S Memorial Dr., New Castle, IN 47362
2. Grace Baptist Church – 2649 Q Ave, New Castle, IN 47362
3. New Castle Public Library – 376 S 15th St, New Castle, IN 47362
4. American Legion – 419 New York Ave, New Castle, IN 47362
5. Whittier Lane Baptist Church – 1345 Whittier Lane, New Castle, IN 47362
6. Knightstown Town Hall Annex – 26 S. Washington St, Knightstown, IN 46148
7. The Gathering – 902 E Main St, Lewisville, IN 47352
8. New Lisbon Christian Church – 6477 E County Rd 500 S, New Lisbon, IN 47366
9. Mooreland First Christian Church – 115 N Broad St, Mooreland, IN 47360
10. Mt. Summit Christian Church – 508 S Walnut St, Mt Summit, IN 47361
11. Middletown Nazarene Church – 698 N 5th St, Middletown, IN 47356
12. Cadiz Christian Church – 4894 W State Rd 38, New Castle, IN 47362

The following is the suggested satellite vote center location to be open for Early Voting the two Saturdays prior to the election:

1. Ivy Tech Community College – 3325 S Memorial Drive, New Castle, IN 47362

NOTE: Voters from every precinct may vote at any vote center location or satellite vote center location. Every ballot style for each precinct in Henry County will be available at each vote center and each satellite vote center (Depending on the election, the number of ballot styles varies greatly; therefore, this plan does not attempt to provide a specific number of ballot styles). Each vote center and early vote center will be connected to all other vote centers or early vote centers (as well as to the County Election Board) via electronic poll books connected via secured internet lines. At least two electronic poll book terminals will be available at each location. Each location, depending on the election, will also have a least one precinct election board, meaning an inspector and at least four judges of opposite parties. (See Certification that each location above is accessible to voters with disabilities as required by the Help America Vote Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.)

VOTING EQUIPMENT

Henry County will be using iVotronic touch screen machines. Because the IvoTronics are Direct-Recording Electronic (DRE) touch screen machines, the requirement in Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-14 that requires ballots to be kept separately by precinct is easily met. Just as in traditional elections, at the end of Election Day, votes will still be tallied and reported by precinct.

ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK

Henry County has reviewed numerous electronic poll book options and has decided to recommend to the Henry County Commissioners to utilize KNOWiNK innovative election solutions. This electronic poll book will be securely connected to every vote center and to the County Election board at the Henry County Justice Center on Election Day. It will securely connect every satellite vote center and meets all standards set out by Indiana law under IC 3-11-8-10.3. In addition, KNOWiNK election managers have intimate knowledge and experience with electronic poll books.

ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK DESCRIPTION AND SECURITY DETAILS

The hardware, software and firmware used for the poll pad, will be utilizing the KnowInk Poll Pad. The Poll Pad epoll book application software runs on the Apple iPad tablet. This system is currently certified by the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. The operating system holds the highest security certification from NIST – FIPS 140-2. The Poll Pad system interfaces with Quest Voter Registration System as part of the certified system.

The poll pads will only be accessible when a member of each party enters their undisclosed password. The number of voters on the machines and the number of voters in the poll pad will be checked and balanced each day.

In the event of a power failure at each or one vote center, the voting machines and poll pad will be switched to battery backup. For obvious reasons, if the safety of voters and or poll workers is ever at risk, the Henry County Security Plan will go into effect with instructions from the Henry County Clerk, Henry County Election Board, Henry County EMA, and the Henry County Sheriff.

METHOD FOR PROVIDING DATA

The E-poll books from KNOWInc come with printers that will attach to each unit that will allow election officials at central point to print a list of voters who have voted by precinct. Reports can also be downloaded and emailed out.

SATELLITE VOTE CENTERS

Satellite vote centers, are sites that may be open during the 29 day period prior to each Election Day. Satellite vote centers are places where any voter in the county may vote early absentee-in-person. As required under IC 3-11-10-26.3 and IC 3-11-18.1-4(16), Henry County will designate at least one satellite vote center, in addition to the Justice Center, and that site will also be a vote center on Election Day and will be open for voting the two preceding Saturdays before Election Day.

POLL WORKERS

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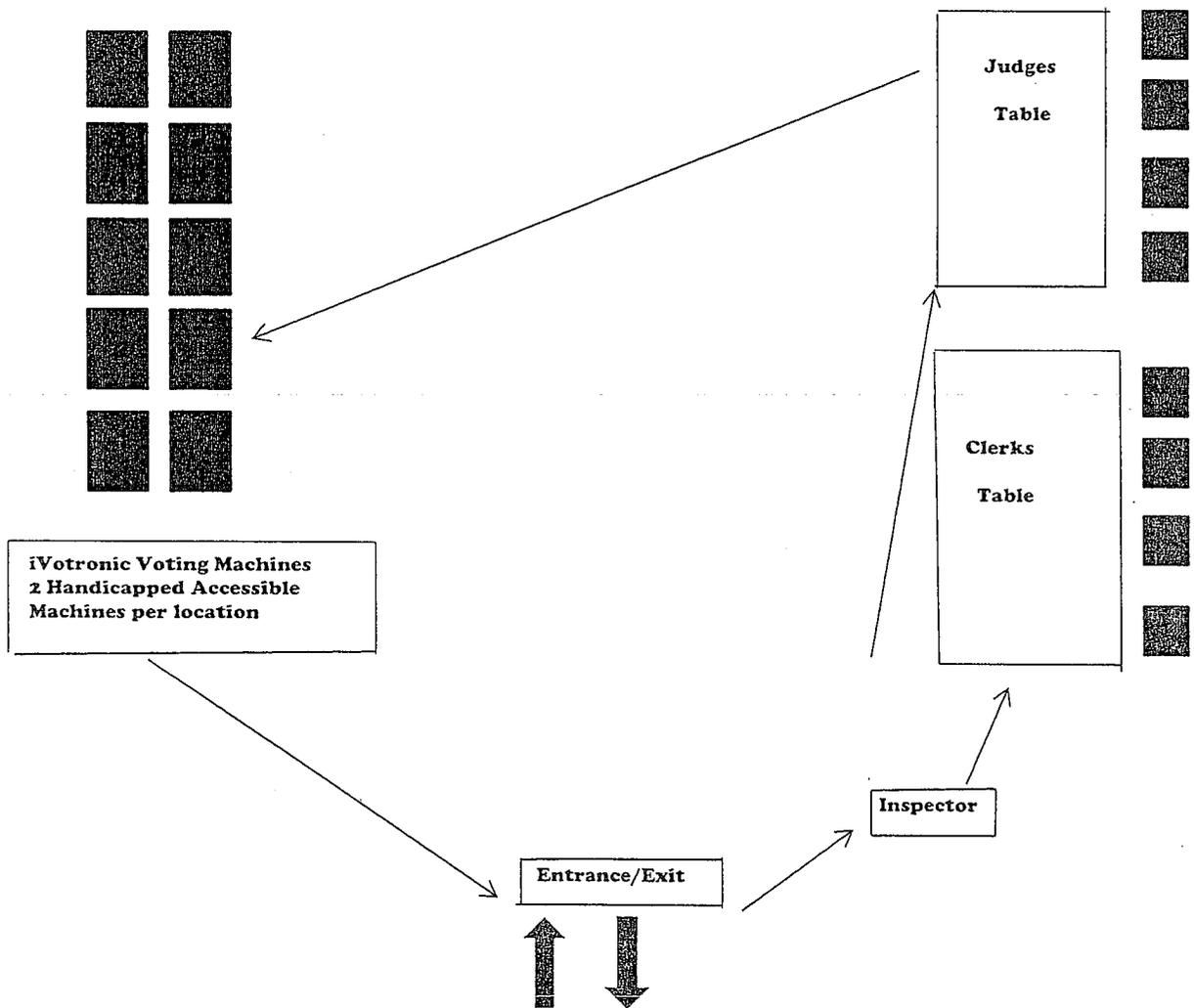
Each satellite vote center and Election Day vote center will have at least one traditional precinct election board made up of an Inspector, at least four election Judges of opposite parties, depending on the election size and location of the vote center. Training procedures for poll workers will remain the same.

The number of workers, electronic poll books and voting machines sent to each location will be determined and may be changed by the County Clerk at his/her discretion.

RESERVE POLL WORKERS

At least one reserve poll worker per each satellite and Election Day vote center will be retained. These workers will be trained the same as any other worker and paid for training accordingly. The reserve worker may work any vote center in any position according to party affiliation.

VOTE CENTER LAYOUT



VOTER EDUCATION

Henry County has a full media and community outreach strategy that will involve press releases to newspapers and radio stations. In addition we will use our county web site www.henryco.net to prepare Henry County citizens for this change. Moreover each voter will receive a postcard in the mail prior to the initial elections, informing them of this change and where each vote center is located. We will also plan to attend community events where the Circuit Court Clerk and her staff will speak about the change.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The following narrative describes what would happen in case of an emergency during an election. The first responders to any emergency, either man-made or natural event, are local citizens. Poll workers, volunteers, and police and fire personnel will be the first to identify the problem. The next level of response will come from the Henry County Commissioners and the Henry County Election Board in cooperation with the local emergency management agency. If deemed necessary by the County Commissioners, the Office of the Secretary of State's Election Division will be contacted for emergency assistance. In addition, any action taken either by the Office of the Governor or the Office of the Secretary of State may be taken in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General to ensure that interpretations of the laws are correct.

Five general situations exist in which decision-making may occur regarding the election process and activities in Henry County:

- Situation Normal - the status quo exists and the process moves forward according to normal laws and procedures.
- Isolated Emergencies - individual precincts or parts of the county experience disruption to the election process and local agencies respond accordingly
- Regional Emergencies - an emergency involving Henry County and neighboring counties exists and a state-level response is required.
- Catastrophic Emergencies inside Indiana - a large disaster exists that diverts the resources and attention of the citizenry and a state-level response in cooperation with the federal government is required.
- Catastrophic Emergencies outside Indiana - a large disaster exists in the United States that diverts the resources and attention of the citizenry and a federal-level response is required.

The Henry County Commissioners have worked closely with the local emergency management director, the county sheriff, and local police and fire stations to ensure Henry County is prepared for emergencies. In addition, the Henry County Commissioners will be in close communication with the County Election Board should any emergency occur on or surrounding the election process.

In this endeavor to be prepared for an emergency that could occur on or surrounding an Election Day, Henry County takes the following steps prior to each Election Day:

- Review IC 3-11-8-3.2 which outlines procedures for changing polling locations

- Review of state's Quantity Purchasing Agreements (QPA) whereby Henry County may buy or lease emergency generators and other supplies.
- Contact is made with power companies to ensure all vote centers have power on Election Day.
- Voting machine vendor will have support staff in the field or by phone in the event of a disruption
- In the event of a power failure at a vote center, the voting machines and e-poll books will be switched automatically to battery backup.
- In the event that the internet is inaccessible at a vote center location, the eligibility of a voter will be ascertained from records maintained by the Henry County Voter Registration office via telephone/cell phone.

HENRY COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE HENRY COUNTY ELECTION BOARD ADOPTING HENRY COUNTY AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-18.1 grants permission for any Indiana county that so chooses to implement vote centers in their county; and,

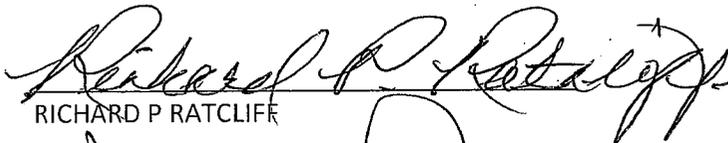
WHEREAS, the Henry County Election Board so approves the Henry County plan for the implementation of vote centers in Henry County,

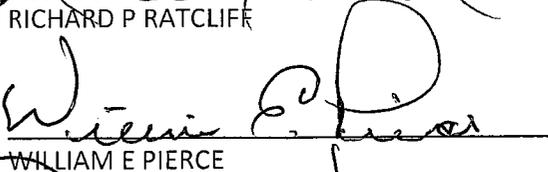
BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE HENRY COUNTY ELECTION BOARD:

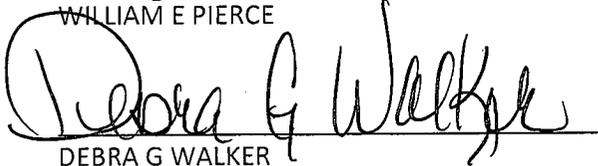
The Election Board of Henry County adopts this resolution to approve the county vote center plan, which is incorporated in the resolution by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF July, 2015.

HENRY COUNTY ELECTION BOARD


RICHARD P RATCLIFF


WILLIAM E PIERCE


DEBRA G WALKER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 07

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF HENRY COUNTY
AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-18.1 allows counties to adopt the vote center model and,

WHEREAS, the Henry County Election Board has the responsibility for properly drafting a vote center plan for Henry County, which will take effect upon unanimous vote of the County Election Board and having the plan properly filed with the Indiana Election Division;

BE IT SO RESOLVED BY The Henry County Council that Henry County is approved to operate as a vote center county, upon the required approval and filing of the vote center plan.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY



NATHAN LAMAR

RICHARD BOUSLOG



ROBIN RENO FLEMING

STEVEN DUGGER



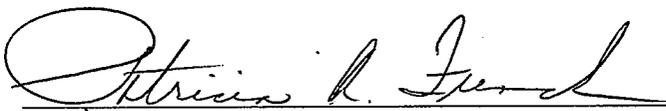
HAROLD GRIFFIN

CLAY MORGAN



MICHAEL THALLS

Adopted this 22nd day of July, 2015.

Attest: 
Patricia A. French, Auditor

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07-22-05

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF HENRY COUNTY
AS A VOTE CENTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-11-18.1 allows counties to adopt a vote center model; and,

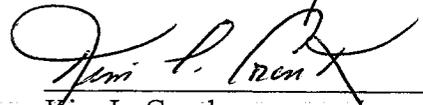
WHEREAS, the Henry County Election Board has the responsibility for properly drafting a vote center plan for Henry County which will take effect upon the unanimous affirmative vote of the County Election Board and after properly filing the plan with the Indiana Election Division;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HENRY COMMISSIONERS that Henry County is hereby designated a Vote Center County to be operated pursuant to a properly adopted order of the Henry County Election Board upon proper approval and filing of the Vote Center Plan.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENRY COUNTY



Edward Yanos



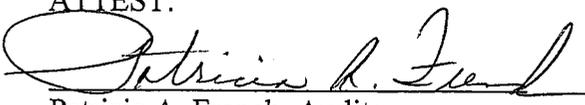
Kim L. Cronk



Bruce (Butch) Baker

Adopted this 22nd day of July, 2015.

ATTEST:



Patricia A. French, Auditor

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

HENRY COUNTY

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
BLUE RIVER	IN	200	20	220	0	0
	OUT	534	23	557	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	734	43	777	1	0
DUDLEY	IN	136	12	148	0	0
	OUT	524	37	561	2	0
	Precinct Subtotal	660	49	709	2	0
FALL CREEK 1	IN	442	67	509	2	0
	OUT	213	7	220	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	655	74	729	2	0
FALL CREEK 2	IN	212	31	243	2	0
	OUT	449	30	479	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	661	61	722	3	0
FALL CREEK 3	IN	516	73	589	4	0
	OUT	145	6	151	0	0
	Precinct Subtotal	661	79	740	4	0
FALL CREEK 4	OUT	858	39	897	5	0
	Precinct Subtotal	858	39	897	5	0
	FRANKLIN	IN	221	17	238	1
OUT		555	16	571	1	0
Precinct Subtotal		776	33	809	2	0
GREENSBORO	GREENSBORO	90	4	94	0	0
	KENNARD	230	22	252	2	0
	OUT	561	31	592	3	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
GREENSBORO	SHIRLEY	102	5	107	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	983	62	1,045	6	0
HARRISON	IN	89	5	94	0	0
	OUT	838	36	874	1	0
	Precinct Subtotal	927	41	968	1	0
HENRY 01	IN	576	76	652	8	0
	Precinct Subtotal	576	76	652	8	0
HENRY 02	IN	592	83	675	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	592	83	675	3	0
HENRY 03	IN	709	77	786	9	0
	Precinct Subtotal	709	77	786	9	0
HENRY 04	IN	635	83	718	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	635	83	718	3	0
HENRY 05	IN	634	72	706	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	634	72	706	3	0
HENRY 06	IN	801	110	911	5	0
	Precinct Subtotal	801	110	911	5	0
HENRY 07	IN	656	141	797	4	0
	Precinct Subtotal	656	141	797	4	0
HENRY 08	IN	686	142	828	5	0
	Precinct Subtotal	686	142	828	5	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
HENRY 09	IN	399	33	432	2	0
	Precinct Subtotal	399	33	432	2	0
HENRY 10	IN	586	44	630	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	586	44	630	3	0
HENRY 11	IN	341	49	390	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	341	49	390	3	0
HENRY 12	IN	550	66	616	2	0
	Precinct Subtotal	550	66	616	2	0
HENRY 13	IN	526	68	594	9	0
	Precinct Subtotal	526	68	594	9	0
HENRY 14	IN	928	71	999	6	0
	Precinct Subtotal	928	71	999	6	0
HENRY 15	IN	753	122	875	9	0
	Precinct Subtotal	753	122	875	9	0
HENRY 16	IN	493	35	528	4	0
	Precinct Subtotal	493	35	528	4	0
HENRY 17	OUT	759	36	795	2	0
	Precinct Subtotal	759	36	795	2	0
HENRY 18	OUT	722	44	766	3	0
	Precinct Subtotal	722	44	766	3	0

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total		Pending	Incomplete
				Current	Voters		
HENRY 19	OUT	855	23	878	3	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		855	23	3	0
HENRY 20	OUT	698	43	741	3	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		698	43	3	0
JEFFERSON	IN	212	7	219	0	0	
	OUT	727	39	766	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		939	46	0	0
LIBERTY 1	NETTLE CREEK	397	23	420	2	0	
	NEW CASTLE	26	0	26	0	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		423	23	2	0
LIBERTY 2	NETTLE CREEK	11	0	11	0	0	
	NEW CASTLE	491	22	513	1	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		502	22	1	0
PRAIRIE 1	IN	96	8	104	1	0	
	OUT	630	28	658	3	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		726	36	4	0
PRAIRIE 2	IN	197	18	215	3	0	
	OUT	512	32	544	2	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		709	50	5	0
PRAIRIE 3	OUT	560	55	615	5	0	
		Precinct Subtotal		560	55	5	0
SPICELAND 1	IN	539	42	581	2	0	

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete	
SPICELAND 1	OUT	195	16	211	1	0	
	Precinct Subtotal		734	58	792	3	0
SPICELAND 2	IN	102	10	112	3	0	
	OUT	480	37	517	1	0	
	Precinct Subtotal		582	47	629	4	0
STONEYCREEK	IN	62	5	67	1	0	
	OUT	391	30	421	0	0	
	Precinct Subtotal		453	35	488	1	0
WAYNE 1	IN	321	34	355	3	0	
	OUT	495	23	518	0	0	
	Precinct Subtotal		816	57	873	3	0
WAYNE 2	IN	545	60	605	8	0	
	OUT	135	13	148	1	0	
	Precinct Subtotal		680	73	753	9	0
WAYNE 3	IN	209	16	225	2	0	
	OUT	619	24	643	0	0	
	Precinct Subtotal		828	40	868	2	0
HENRY County Totals		27,766	2,441	30,207	154	0	
(11764 Total Cancelled)							