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Dear Directors,

~~Please find attached the Vote Center Plan for Pike County. I ask that you accept this plan on behalf of the Pike County Election Board. The Pike County Election Board is excited about this exciting change for our county.~~

It is the intent of the Pike County Election Board to provide continuous modifications to the plan to fit current Indiana legislation. The Board also understands that modifications may need to be made based upon our experiences with vote centers and the needs of our voters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions or concerns in regards to our plan. I thank you in advance for taking the time to review and accept the plan.

Sincerely



Lana Griffith  
Pike County Circuit Court Clerk

PIKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the County Election Board of Pike County unanimously approves the Pike County Vote Center Plan and,

**WHEREAS**, the county properly drafted a vote center plan and allowed for 30 days of public comment and,

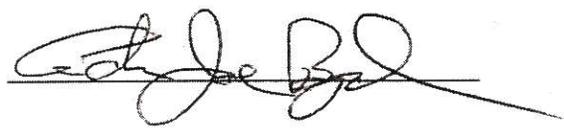
**WHEREAS**, the Pike County Board of Commissioners and the County Council of Pike County have by unanimous votes approved the designation of Pike County as a vote center county.

**BE IT SO RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD OF PIKE COUNTY** that Pike County is approved to operate as a vote center county, starting with the May 2020 election, and the county vote center plan with this order will be filed with the Indiana Election Division.

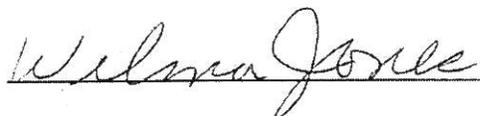
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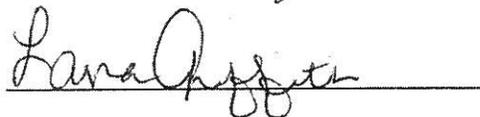
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Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.



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## PIKE COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN

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## INTRODUCTION

A Vote Center is a place where any registered voter in the county can vote on Election Day versus the traditional precinct-based polling sites on Election Day where voters are restricted to a designated polling location based on their residence. The Vote Center model gives voters the flexibility and convenience to cast their ballot anywhere in the county. Every precinct ballot style is available at every Vote Center location. Vote Centers utilize electronic pollbooks rather than the paper poll books that voters have been used to signing in the past. The benefit of the electronic pollbook is that when a voter signs in at one Vote Center, every other Vote Center's electronic pollbook is automatically updated to reflect that voter as having cast their ballot.

Indiana first began the Vote Center concept in 2007. The Indiana Secretary of State's Office selected three counties for the Voter Center Pilot Program from 2007-2010: Wayne, Tippecanoe and Cass County. The Pilot Program was a success and in 2011, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 32 and House Enrolled Act 1242. Both pieces of legislation were signed by the Governor, therefore making Vote Centers an option for all Indiana Counties. There are currently thirty-nine (39) counties that utilize Vote Centers in Indiana. The pilot programs showed that Vote Centers streamlined election administration, improved voter convenience and reduced election costs.

The Vote Center Plan for Pike County began with the blessing of the County Election Board and resolutions passed unanimously by the Pike County Commissioners and the Pike County Council. Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-3 sets forth the requirements for a county to become a Vote Center county:

"(c) The board shall hold a public hearing to present a draft plan for administration of Vote Centers in the county.

(d) After presentation of the draft plan under subsection (c), the board shall accept written public comments on the draft plan.

(e) At least thirty (30) days after the hearing held under subsection (c), the board shall hold a public hearing to consider the following:

- (1) the draft plan,
- (2) the written public comments,
- (3) any other public comment that the board may permit on the draft plan.

(f) After consideration of the draft plan and the public comments, the board may do the following:

- (1) Adopt an order approving the draft plan,
- (2) Amend the draft plan and adopt an order approving the amended draft plan.

The board may adopt the order to approve a plan only by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the board.

(g) All members of the board must sign the order adopting the plan.

(h) The order and the adopted plan must be filed with the election division and must include a copy of:

- (1) a resolution adopted by the county executive; and
- (2) a resolution adopted by the county fiscal body; approving the designation of the county as a vote center county."

Once all of the requirements of the code are satisfied, the plan must be filed with the Indiana Election Division and Pike County will officially become a Vote Center county. Any future amendments to the plan or a decision to return to traditional precinct-based elections must be voted on by unanimous vote of the County Election Board and filed with the Indiana Election Division.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK

Citizens of Pike County:

Our election laws and method of precinct voting dates back nearly 150 years. While there have been significant improvements to voting laws over the years, the process itself hasn't seen many changes. The Vote Center concept represents a major step forward to bring elections into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Benefits of moving to Vote Centers include voter convenience and flexibility plus election administration is more streamlined and modernized.

The following pages layout our plan to make Vote Centers a reality in Pike County. This concept allows registered voters to cast their ballot at any Vote Center location throughout the county. Gone is the restriction of being required to go to your precinct's designated voting location on Election Day. Another added bonus to the Vote Center concept is that there will be more opportunities to vote early at "Satellite Vote Centers" prior to Election Day. Currently only the Pike County Clerk's Office accommodates walk-in early (absentee) voting.

Another important part of the Vote Center concept is the financial benefit for Pike County. Since there will be fewer locations on Election Day, fewer poll workers will be required. This will result in a significant decrease in the amount of money that Pike County currently pays for staffing the voting locations, meals for the poll workers, and rental fees for the buildings used for Election Day voting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so hard and in a bipartisan manner to move Pike County towards vote centers.

Sincerely



Lana Griffith

Pike County Circuit Court Clerk

## VOTER STATISTICS AND PRECINCTS

According to the 2010 census, Pike County has a total population of 12,845. Pike County is divided into eighteen (18) precincts: Clay, Jefferson 1, Jefferson 2, Lockhart, Logan, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Patoka 1, Patoka 2, Petersburg 1, Petersburg 2, Petersburg 3, Petersburg 4, Washington 1, Washington 2, Washington 3 and Winslow. These eighteen precincts vote at 8 different polling locations on Election Day. There are three (3) Commissioner Districts, four (4) County Council Seats and three (3) County Council At-Large Seats. Pike County has a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class City, The City of Petersburg, which consists of a Mayor, Clerk/Treasurer, four (4) City Council Members, and one (1) at Large City Council Member. Pike County has one (1) town, The Town of Winslow, which consists of a Clerk/Treasurer and 3 Town Council Members. Pike County Election board conducts the election for all cities and towns within the county.

Currently the total number of registered voters in Pike County is 8,888; 7,885 are active voters and 1,003 are inactive voters. This plan will be effective beginning with the May 2020 Primary and thereafter until further notice. Pike County will continue to offer the voters the same options for Absentee voting as in previous elections: in office voting beginning 29 days prior to Election Day (exact dates and times to be set by County Election Board each Election cycle); by mail; and by travel board. Moving to Vote Centers will help our voter's confusion on where to go vote. They will be able to visit any Vote Center in Pike County and vote their precincts ballot.

## POLLING LOCATIONS & ACCESSIBILITY

Pike County plans to utilize three (3) Vote Center locations on Election Day. Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-6(1) states the plan must provide for at least one (1) Vote Center for each ten thousand (10,000) active voters. Voters will still have the ~~option to vote early in The Clerk's Office beginning 29 days prior to the election.~~ All polling locations are compliant with ADA standards so accessibility for individuals with disabilities and the elderly was taken into consideration. Also taken into consideration was the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) – ease of access, major roads and thoroughfares, ample parking, secure storage space for voting equipment, internet availability and connectivity.

There will be a minimum of three (3) satellite office location(s) open before Election Day. The early voting satellite offices will be open at various locations and times throughout the county during the 29 days prior to Election Day in an effort to make it easier for voters to vote and at a time and place that is most convenient for them. There will also be an early voting satellite office open the two (2) Saturdays prior to Election Day in addition to the Clerk's Office.

The Following will be locations of Election Day Vote Centers:

Vote Centers will be open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. per IC 3-11-8-8

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. Gospel Center            | 420 E. Illinois St. | Petersburg, IN |
| 2. Otwell Community Center  | 2301 N. Spring St.  | Otwell, IN     |
| 3. Winslow Community Center | 301 E. Porter St.   | Winslow, IN    |

The Following will be the Locations of Early Voting Satellite Locations:

1. Stendal - location, date and time TBD
2. Union - location, date and time TBD
3. Spurgeon – location, date and time TBD
4. Winslow Community Center – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. the two (2) Saturday's prior to Election Day

Absentee voting applications will also be accepted for mail ballots and travel board as Indiana Code provides. Should a person miss the deadline for these voting options they will still have the opportunity to vote in person at one of the Vote Centers on Election Day. The centers will be open on Election Day from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. as required by law. This will give every voter the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Once accustomed to the idea of the Vote Centers, it is the hope of the Election Board that the voters will utilize them in an efficient and timely manner.

## **DATE, LOCATIONS, & HOURS OF OPERATION**

The dates, locations, and hours for Election Day voting will be posted in the local newspaper two consecutive weeks prior to Election Day. In addition, all previous polling sites not being utilized as Vote Centers will have signs posted on Election Day informing voters where the Vote Centers are located along with the Election Board's telephone number. Initially each registered voter will receive a postcard notifying them of the Vote Center locations and hours as well as dates and hours for early voting at the satellite locations.

NOTE: Voters from every precinct may vote at any Vote Center locations or Early Voting Satellite location. Every ballot style for each precinct in Pike County will be available at each Vote Center and each Early Voting Satellite Location. 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.

## **VOTE CENTER FLOW CHART, POLL WORKERS, & PROCEDURES**

Each Vote Center and Satellite Office will be connected to all other Vote Centers or Satellite Vote Centers as well as Pike County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse via electronic poll books connected via secured internet lines. At least two (2) electronic poll book terminals will be available at each election.

Each Vote Center will consist of a precinct election board as follows:

- One (1) Inspector-Political Party that won highest number of votes for the last election of the Secretary of State will fill this position.
- Four (4) Judges- two from each major political party.
- Two (2) Poll Clerks- One from each major political party

Each Satellite Office voting location will consist of an absentee board as follows:

- The Absentee Board will consist of a minimum of two (2) election workers; one from each major political party. There will be two (2) voting machines and one (1) Electronic Poll Book at each location.

The Inspector will also serve as a greeter and verify that each voter has his/her government-issued ID. Voters will proceed to a team of Poll Clerks who will access the individual's voter profile via an Electronic Pollbook (ePollbook) equipped with a scanner to read the voter's ID card. The Poll Clerks will also have the ability to type in the voter's name or driver's license number to access the correct profile. Poll Clerk's will then verify the voter's date of birth and residence address to confirm the voter's registration information is accurate and up to date. The voter will sign the electronic poll book affirming that their information has been verified/updated through the electronic pollbook, as required by state statute. A receipt documenting that the voter has signed in will print with the voter's precinct and then handed to the Judge. The Judge will then activate the Microvote Infinity Voting Machine and select the appropriate ballot in order to verify it with the voter. The voter will then proceed with voting on the Infinity Machine in the same manner as always. The Judge will keep the printed receipt in a small envelope which will serve as a hard copy documentation (the poll list) that the voter has in addition to the electronic information.

## EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

**Voting Machines:** Pike County will continue to use the MicroVote Infinity Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Machine for Absentee In-Person, Travel Board, and Election Day voting. Each of the Infinity panels will be programmed and publicly tested by the Pike County Election Board and will include all ballot styles and variations. Sample paper ballots will also be provided to the Inspector of each Vote Center to provide to voters upon request. In addition, those voting by mail will continue to use Optical Scan Ballots, which are completed and placed in secured sealed envelopes until tabulation of results begins.

**Electronic Pollbooks:** The Pike County Election Board has chosen KNOWiNK as the ePollbook vendor. The poll pad electronic poll book application software runs on the Apple iPad tablet. The system is currently certified by the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. This operating system holds the highest security from NIST-FIPS 140-2. The system does interface with the Quest Indiana State Voter Registration System as required for certification.

## SECURITY PLAN

The voting machines and ePollbooks will be sealed and returned to the Clerk's Office after the close of the Satellite Polling Locations. The equipment will be placed in locked cabinets in the Clerk's election room in the Pike County Courthouse. The keys to the locked cabinets are kept in a secured area to where only the Clerk and Elections Deputy have access. The ePollbooks 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 ePollbook will be checked and balanced each day.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

**Loss of Power:** In the event of a power failure at any Vote Center, at least two (2) voting machines at each Vote Center will be switched to battery backup. There are battery backups on the Poll Pads that will last up to 10 hours.

**Loss of Connectivity:** Between the electronic pollbook and voting and the "internet connection". If the Vote Center location loses connectivity, each site will have a high-speed "hot-spot" to connect to use. If the loss is brief, poll workers will communicate with the Election office to confirm the eligibility of the voter.

**Disaster:** For obvious reasons, if the safety of voters and/or poll workers is ever at risk, the Pike County Security Plan will go into effect with instruction from the Pike County Clerk, Pike County Election Board, Pike County Emergency Management Agency, and the Pike County Sheriff's Office.

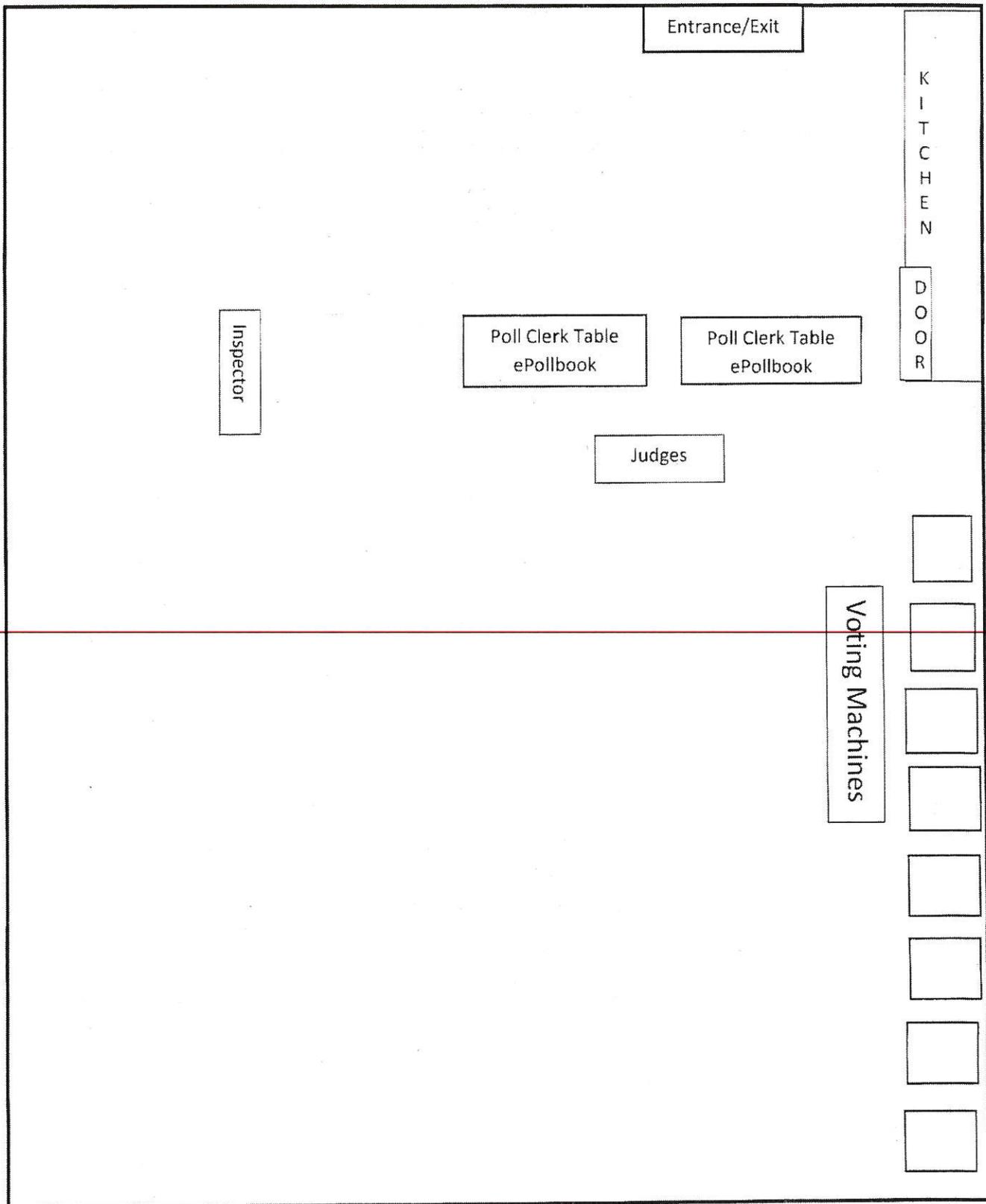
## ELECTION RESULTS

The results will be tabulated in the Pike County Clerk's Office on the second floor of the Pike County Courthouse on Election Day. Results for absentee voting by mail and absentee voting by travel board will be tabulated first by optical scan ballots. Next the results for the Infinity DRE machines used for early voting in the Clerk's Office and early voting satellite locations will be tabulated. As Election Day polling locations close, the information from the DRE machines will be delivered to the Pike County Clerk's Office and the results from those machines will be tabulated on a first come first serve basis. Results will be tabulated by precinct and released to the public in a timely manner.

## VOTER OUTREACH EFFORTS

Initially each registered voter will receive a postcard notifying them of the Vote Center locations and hours as well as dates and hours for early voting at the satellite locations. This information will also be published in our weekly local newspaper, The Press-Dispatch, and on the state's website ([www.indianavoters.in.gov](http://www.indianavoters.in.gov)). We will get the information to our two major political parties and ask that they post the information on their social media outlets. This information will also be posted on our county website ([www.pikecounty.in.gov](http://www.pikecounty.in.gov)).

# VOTE CENTER PLAN LAYOUT



## I.C. 3-11-18.1-4 Compliance Checklist

The following seventeen (17) items are the requirements for the Vote Center Plan as defined in Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-4.

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 I.C. 3-7-26.3-2) as of the date of the order:
  - (A) The total number of voters within the county.
  - (B) The number of active voters within the county.
  - (C) The number of inactive voters within the county.
5. For each Vote Center designated under subdivision (2), the number of precinct election boards that will be appointed to administer an election at the Vote Center.
6. For each precinct election board designated under subdivision (5), the number and name of each precinct the precinct election board will administer consistent with section 13 of this chapter for an election that is not being held in each precinct of the county.
7. 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.
8. For each Vote 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's use
9. 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 manage data in an electronic poll book through a secure electronic connection between the county election board and the precinct election officials administering a Vote Center.
10. A description of the equipment and procedures to be used to ensure that information concerning a voter entered into any electronic poll book used by precinct election officers at a Vote Center is immediately accessible to:
  - (A) The county election board; and
  - (B) The electronic poll books used by precinct election officers at all other Vote Centers in the county.
11. This subdivision applies to a county in which ballot cards are used at a Vote Center. For each Vote Center designated under subdivision (2), whether each ballot card printed will have the printed initials of the Poll Clerks captured through the electronic signature pad or tablet at the time the Poll Clerks log into the electronic poll book system printed on the back of the ballot card immediately before the ballot card is delivered to a voter.
12. 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 book without the coordinated action of two (2) precinct election officers who are not members of the same political party.
13. 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:
  - (A) Equipment; and
  - (B) Precinct election officers;Within the Vote Center
15. The total number and locations of Satellite Offices to be established under IC 3-11-10-26.3 at Vote Center locations 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 the data under this title. Data shall be provided to all persons entitled to the data without unreasonable delay.
17. In a county in which a majority of votes are cast on optical scan ballot cards, any additional procedures to provide for efficient and secure voting at each Vote Center, including ballot on demand printing.

Resolution 2019-13

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

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

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Pike County approves the designation of Pike County as a vote center county and,

WHEREAS, the County Election Board has the responsibility for properly drafting a vote center plan for Pike 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 PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY that Pike County is approved to operate as a vote center county, upon the required approval and filing of the county vote center plan.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY

"AYES"

"NAYS"

Mark Flint

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

[Signature]

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:

Judith Gumbel

Judith Gumbel, Auditor of Pike County

Resolution 2019- 15

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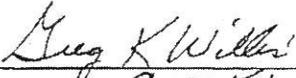
WHEREAS, the County Election Board has the responsibility for properly drafting a vote center plan for Pike County, which will take effect upon unanimous vote of the County Election Board, and having the plan properly filed with the Indiana Election Division;

BE IT SO RESOLVED BY THE PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PIKE COUNTY that Pike County is approved to operate as a vote center county, upon the required approval and filing of the county vote center plan.

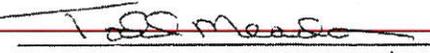
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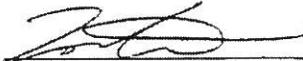
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Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:

Judith Gumbel

Judith Gumbel, Auditor of Pike County

State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

PIKE COUNTY

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
CLAY	0	213	26	239	0	0
Precinct Subtotal		213	26	239	0	0
JEFFERSON 1	0	676	57	733	1	0
Precinct Subtotal		676	57	733	1	0
JEFFERSON 2	0	515	64	579	1	0
Precinct Subtotal		515	64	579	1	0
LOCKHART	0	553	54	607	2	0
Precinct Subtotal		553	54	607	2	0
LOGAN	0	265	30	295	1	0
Precinct Subtotal		265	30	295	1	0
MADISON	0	251	30	281	0	0
Precinct Subtotal		251	30	281	0	0
MARION	0	462	36	498	0	0
Precinct Subtotal		462	36	498	0	0
MONROE	0	426	45	471	2	0
Precinct Subtotal		426	45	471	2	0
PATOKA 1	0	604	67	671	1	0
Precinct Subtotal		604	67	671	1	0
PATOKA 2	0	746	84	830	2	0
Precinct Subtotal		746	84	830	2	0

# State of Indiana Voter Status Counts by Precinct and Split

Precinct	Split	Active	Inactive	Total Current Voters	Pending	Incomplete
PETERSBURG 1	0	312	54	366	0	0
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
PETERSBURG 2	0	287	36	323	1	0
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
PETERSBURG 3	0	386	95	481	1	0
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
PETERSBURG 4	0	340	74	414	0	1
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
WASHINGTON 1	0	575	62	637	0	0
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
WASHINGTON 2	0	400	44	444	0	0
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
WASHINGTON 3	0	402	41	443	2	0
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
WINSLOW	0	472	104	576	1	0
		<b>Precinct Subtotal</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PIKE County Totals</b>	<b>(4982 Total Cancelled)</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>