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July 17, 2020

RE: Starke County Vote Center Plan

Dear Directors,

Pursuant to IC 3-11-18.1-3(h) please accept the attached Order and Vote Center Plan of Starke County Indiana by the Starke County Election Board, the Resolution authorizing the Election Board of Starke County to adopt a plan for Vote Centers signed by the Commissioners of Starke County, and the Resolution authorizing the Election Board of Starke County to adopt a plan for Vote Centers signed by the Starke County Council.

Also attached is a Resolution certifying Starke County Vote Centers and Satellite Early Vote Centers as Accessible.

The Starke County Election Board will continue to review and revise this plan to fit the needs of each election for the benefit of the voters of Starke County deemed necessary.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding the Starke County Vote Center Plan.

Very Truly Yours,

Bernadette M. Manuel
Starke County Clerk
Starke County Election Board Secretary

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INTRODUCTION

Upon recommendations from several elected officials Starke County began researching Vote Centers. The convenience to the Starke County voters is the number one reason to make this change. A Major motivation for the change is to encourage the streamlined abilities of the poll workers at the Vote Centers on Election Day. In precinct-based voting, each polling place had one paper poll list that included only the registered voters for that specific precinct. So when a voter came in to check in to vote, the Poll clerk had to flip through the poll list to find the correct name, and if that voter's name was not on the list, a call had to be made to the Starke County Clerk's Office. Due to the amount of calls coming in from the 21 precincts asking where a specific voter was to cast their ballot, wait times were created in the attempt to allow a single person to vote. Through the utilization of Vote Centers and Electronic Pollbooks, two teams of Poll Clerks will have the entire list of registered voters in an easy-to-handle tablet, which will have the capability of immediately bringing up a voter's profile through the scanning of their state-issued ID. Along with having additional voting machines at each location, wait times should be drastically reduced by allowing more voters to check-in swiftly and efficiently.

In addition, the board sought to enhance the accessibility of voting locations in our fast-paced society in which busy schedules may hamper the ability of some voters to make it to their precinct polling location. Through Vote Centers, any registered voter may cast a ballot at any of the available facilities, rather than being locked into just their one precinct location. This allows on-the-go voters to make casting a ballot part of their daily schedule, rather than have to work things around to try and find time to vote, which will lead to increased turnout percentages for each election.

WHAT IS A VOTE CENTER

Vote Centers are a replacement of traditional Election Day polling precincts. Any registered voter can choose to vote at a vote center located anywhere in the county and receive their correct precinct ballot on Election Day. Vote Centers will eliminate a common issue in Starke County regarding voter confusion. Each election numerous voters become frustrated when they realize they are not at the correct precinct in order to vote. In many cases, these voters are not able to make it to the correct precinct before the polls close. Under the vote center method, there is no wrong place to vote.

According to Indiana Code (I.C. 3-11-18.1-6), a county is required to have 1 (one) vote center for every 10,000 active voters. For every fraction of 10,000 active voters, a county is required to have an additional vote center. Starke County currently has 11,997 active voters, so our county would need at least 2 centers.

After Careful examination of voter turnout in the last several elections cycles, it was determined that 7 strategically placed vote center locations would be needed to successfully implement the vote center method in the Starke County mid-term and presidential elections. In municipal elections there will be 3 Election Day vote centers in the Starke County Hamlet (if needed), Knox (if needed), and North Judson (if needed). Parking, internet, handicap accessibility, and access to main roadways were all factors in the selection of vote center locations.

Unlike having 2-3 voting machines at each precinct location, each vote center would have between 4-11 voting machines that securely hold all 21 precinct ballots in the county. Each vote center would also have two electronic poll books (ePoll books) that would eliminate the paper poll books.

The electronic poll books are securely linked by internet connectivity to other vote center locations that would prevent a voter from being able to vote twice. In addition, the Starke County Election Board and Voter Registration / Election staff will have the ability to monitor electronic poll books at each location by means of a securely linked connection. The voting machines will function, as they have in the past, as stand-alone units. There will be no internet connection to the voting machines. A positive feature of the electronic poll book is that human error is dramatically reduced as the driver's license, identification card or passport can be scanned in order to quickly access the correct voter information.

HOW WILL VOTE CENTERS AFFECT EARLY VOTING

Mid-Term and Presidential

A crucial component to the success of vote centers is the satellite absentee voting process. The Starke County Courthouse will still accommodate early voting 28 days prior to the election. In Addition, voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots on the two weeks prior to the election that is Monday through Saturday at the following locations North Judson Wayne Township Fire Department, and in Koontz Lake Property Owners Building. These requirements meet Indiana Code I.C. 3-11-10-26.3 and I.C 3-11-18.1-4 (16)

Municipal Elections:

In the municipal election, there could be up to three vote center satellite locations in addition to the Starke County Courthouse to accommodate early voters. Per Indiana Code, voting will take place at the courthouse 28 days prior to the election.

THE PROCESS

Starting Out:

The Starke County Commissioners on the request of the Starke County Council signed a resolution to have the Starke County Election Board to begin the process of making the change to Vote Centers. Three (3) informational meetings were conducted in September and October 2019 in an attempt to gauge public interest into the matter. The feedback received from these meetings, Starke County Council and Commissioner at the joint meeting, and informal discussions with citizens of the community.

Here and Now

A draft of this plan must be presented at one public meeting before a 30-day public comment period opens, at the end of which the Starke County Election Board may amend the plan prior to final approval, which must be unanimous. The board has conducted 3 meetings, one in Knox, Washington Township, and North Judson, in an attempt to inform as many people as possible about the plan before public comment begins.

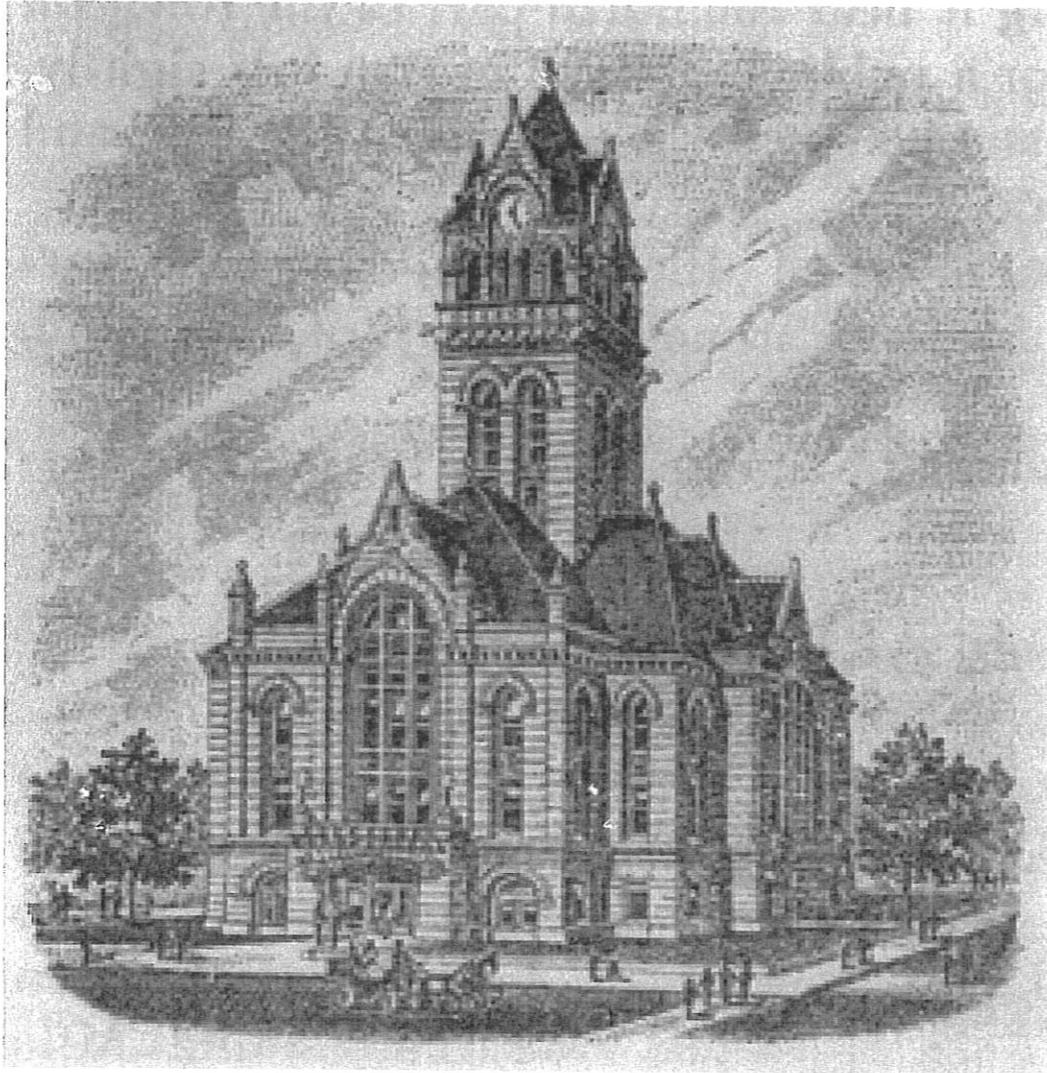
The Future:

If and when the Vote Center Plan is unanimously approved, it must be submitted to the Indiana Election Division for its approval prior to the implementation process beginning. Once that has been completed, the election Board may proceed in the process of setting up the vote Centers and purchasing needed equipment.

One major factor in the process is that it can be amended at any time, but all amendments must also gain unanimous approval. This is yet another beneficial aspect of Vote Centers as can be modified as many times as needed in order to best fit the needs of the voters of Starke County, even down to adjusting how many voting machines are to be used at a specific location to accommodate a Vote Center that is attracting the most voters.

Also, if at any point the Board deems the Vote Center model is not successful for Starke County, they may vote to revert to precinct-based voting. Again, this vote must be unanimous.

STARKE COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN



Marcia Bedrock, Election Board President

Colleen Hodge, Election Board Member

Bernadette Manuel, Starke County Clerk / Election Board Secretary

Starke County Vote Center Plan

March 20, 2020

VOTER STATISTICS AND PRECINCTS

According to the 2010 Census, Starke County has a total population of 23,363 and is divided into 21 precincts. As of July 17, 2020 the number of registered voters in Starke County is 14,695 with 2,018 of those voters with a current status of “Inactive”, with 0 “Pending” and 0 “Incomplete” making the number of active voters at 12,677. The first election that will utilize Vote Centers will take place November 3, 2020. No voter should feel disenfranchised because of this change as the options for voting by absentee in person, absentee by mail, and absentee by travel board are still available and have dramatically expanded. Moving to Vote Centers will expand the voter’s options by not restricting them to a single polling location on Election Day.

VOTE CENTER AND SATELLITE VOTE LOCATIONS

Starke County will have seven (7) Vote Centers open on Election Day. Indiana statute requires one Vote Center for every 10,000 active voters, but the Starke County Election Board will provide one Vote Center for roughly every 1800 voters. Absentee voting will begin as required by Indiana statute, four (4) weeks prior to Election Day at the Starke County Clerk’s Office, located on the second floor of the Starke County Courthouse. In addition, two (2) satellite absentee voting locations will be open for two (2) weeks prior to Election Day. The two satellite absentee locations will be at the Koontz Lake Property Owners Building and North Judson Wayne Township Fire Department on the following week.

Absentee by mail applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m., 12 days before the Election. Absentee by Travel Board applications will be accepted until 12 noon, the day before the Election. Should a voter miss the deadline for these absentee voting options, they will still have the opportunity to vote in person at any one of the seven (7) 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 as all ballot styles and variations will be available on every voting machine at every Vote Center. It is the hope of the Starke County Election Board that voters will recognize the convenience and increased opportunities to cast their ballot and become accustomed to the concept of Vote Centers and will utilize the dramatically increased number of voting options to cast their ballot on or before Election Day.

VOTE CENTER FLOW CHART, POLL WORKERS, AND PROCEDURES

Each Vote Center and satellite voting location will be connected to all other Vote Centers and satellite voting locations, as well as the Starke County Clerk’s office in the Courthouse via electronic poll books connected via secure internet connection. At least one electronic poll books will be available at each location.

Each Vote Center will be staffed with a vote center board consisting of:

Supervisor (Inspector): Political party that received the highest number of votes cast in the most recent election for Secretary of State will fill this position.

Facilitators (Judge and Sheriff): Staffing will be equal party representation from each major political party.

Poll Clerks: Staffing will be equal party representation from each major political party.

The number of precinct election board workers will be set by the amount of voters anticipated and the number of voting machines placed in that particular Vote Center.

Each satellite voting location will be staffed by an absentee board in the following manner:

The absentee board will consist of two (2) to four (4) election workers with equal party representation and one representative from the Clerk's Office. There will be two voting machines and two ePollbooks at each location.

The Supervisor/Inspector will serve as the manager of the Vote Center. A Facilitator will serve as a greeter and verify that each voter has his/her government issued photo ID. Voters will proceed to a team of Poll Clerks who will access the individual's registration information using the Electronic Pollbook (ePollbook) equipped with a scanner to read the voter's ID card. The Poll Clerks will also have the ability to manually type in the voter's name to access the correct Voter information. Once the voter's address has been verified through the ePollbook, as required by state statute, a label will then be printed and given to the Judge. The Judge will receive the printed label from the Clerk and will proceed to the electronic voting equipment with the voter. The printed label will indicate which ballot the voter is to receive. The Judge will then activate the electronic voting equipment and select the appropriate precinct ballot in order to verify it with the voter. The voter will then proceed with voting on the electronic Voting equipment in the same manner as always. The Judge will keep the printed label in a envelope which will serve as hard copy documentation (the poll list) that the voter has voted in addition to the Electronic Pollbook information.

DATES, LOCATIONS, AND HOURS OF OPERATION

The dates, locations, and hours for Election Day voting will be posted in the local newspapers two (2) consecutive weeks prior to Election Day voting. Also, a mass mailing of new Voter Registration Acknowledgement cards will be sent out to all registered voters in Starke County to notify them of the Vote Centers locations open on Election Day. Additionally, all precinct polling locations not being utilized as Vote Centers will have posted signs and maps indicating where Vote Centers are located.

The available Vote Center locations are as follows:

Open Election Day (6 a.m. – 6 p.m.) – 7 locations for 12 hours

- Koontz Lake Property Owners Building
- Hamlet Fire James R Hardesty Community Building
- Washington Township Community Building
- Knox Nancy Dembowski Community Center
- North Judson Wayne Township Fire Department
- San Pierre Fire Department
- Bass Lake California Township Fire Department

Total Hours – 12 hours

Clerk's Office Absentee In-person - 28 days prior to Election Day

- Starke County Clerk's Office
 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
 - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday October 24, and October 31, 2020
 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday November 4, 2020
(Day prior to Election Day)

Total Hours – 170 hours

Satellite Absentee Voting Offices

- Koontz Lake Property Owners building
 - Thursday 12 (noon) to 6 p.m.
 - Friday 12 (noon) to 6 p.m.
 - Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- North Judson Wayne Township Fire Department
 - Thursday 12 (noon) to 6 p.m.
 - Friday 12 (noon) to 6 p.m.
 - Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Total Hours – 16 hours

Grand total voting hours under Vote Centers – 214

Grand total voting hours under Precinct Polling – 151.5

Note: One satellite office will be open Thursday through Saturday, October 22, through October 24, 2020, while the other will be open Thursday through Saturday October 28th through October 31, 2020, depending on availability of the location, which will be determined in August 2020.

PROPOSED EQUIPMENT / TECHNOLOGY

Voting Machine: Starke County will continue to use the MicroVote Infinity Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) for Absentee In-Person and Election Day voting. Each of the Infinity panels will be programmed and publicly tested by the Starke County Election Board and will include all precinct ballots. Sample paper ballots will also be provided to the Inspector of each Vote Center in a three-ring binder to allow voters to review their ballot prior to voting their ballot. Those voting by mail and Travel Board will continue to use Optical Scan Ballots which are completed and placed in secured sealed envelopes and are kept in locked ballot boxes until tabulation of results begins on Election Day. Properly secured Optical Scan Ballots and provisional ballots will be delivered to each Vote Center as part of the kit provided to the inspectors at each location.

ePollbooks: Starke County Election Board has chosen Knowink LLC as their ePollbooks vendor. Knowink LLC uses the Apple iPad with wireless PollPad, Model iPad 16gb WI-FI, for the hardware and with software 2.0 version. Included in the package is the charger, basic stand, stylus, and Star Micronics Bluetooth receipt printer and receipt paper. The annual software license and maintenance will begin with the current year with Knowink. Knowink yearly maintenance is comparable to the other vendors without any additional fees for each election. Starke County IT Department will set up all ePollbooks prior to absentee in-person and Election Day voting to make sure the Starke County Clerk's office is connected to each satellite and Vote Center location.

SECURITY PLAN

Voting equipment and the ePollbooks will be locked in the room that is being utilized at each Vote Center. A tamper resistant, numbered zip tie seal will be placed on the MicroVote Infinity voting equipment each night. The seal will be inspected and removed each morning by the Judges of opposite parties. All ePollbooks will only be accessible when a member of each party, enters their undisclosed password. The number of voters cast on the equipment and the number of voters checked in on the ePollbook will be checked and balanced each day prior to opening for the day.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In the event of a power failure at any or all Vote Centers, the voting equipment and ePollbooks will be switched to battery backup. For obvious reasons, if the safety of voters and/or poll-workers is ever at risk, the Starke County Security Plan will go into effect with instructions from the Starke County Clerk, Starke County Election Board, Starke County Emergency Management Agency, Starke County Sheriff, and the area Starke County Fire Departments.

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 Starke County Commissioners and the Starke County Clerk's office in cooperation with the local emergency management agency. If deemed necessary by the County Commissioners, the Office of the Secretary of State and the Indiana Elections Division will be contacted for emergency assistance and guidance. 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 Starke County:

- **Situation Normal:** the status quo exists and the process moves forward according to normal laws and procedures
- **Isolated Emergencies:** individual Centers or parts of the county experience disruption to the election process and local agencies respond accordingly
- **Regional Emergencies:** an emergency involving Starke County and neighboring counties exists and a state-level response is required
- **Catastrophic Emergencies:** Within 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:** a large disaster exists in the United States that diverts the resources and attention to the citizens and federal-level response is required.

The Starke County Commissioners have worked closely with the local emergency management director, the county sheriff, and local police and fire departments to ensure that Starke County is prepared for emergencies. In addition, the Starke County Commissioners will be in close communication with the County Clerk's Office by means of cell phone or land lines should any emergency occur surrounding the election process.

In this endeavor to be prepared for an emergency that could occur on or surrounding Election Day, Starke 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 the state's Quantity Purchasing Agreements (QPA) whereby Starke County may buy or lease emergency generators and other supplies.
- Contact will be made with power companies to ensure all Vote Centers have power on Election Day.
- Electric company 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 machine and ePollbooks will be switched automatically to battery backup.
- In the event the internet is inaccessible at a Vote Center location, the eligibility of a voter will be ascertained from records maintained by the Starke County Voter Registration office via telephone/cell phone.

STARKE COUNTY PRECINCT DATA

Starke County has 21 precincts: California 1, California 2, Center 1, Center 2, Center 3, Center 4, Center 5, Center 6, Davis, Jackson, North Bend, Oregon 1, Oregon 2, Oregon 3, Railroad, Washington 1, Washington 2, Wayne 1, Wayne 2, Wayne 3, Wayne 4.

NOTE: Voters from any precinct may vote at any Vote Center location, the Clerk's Office, or satellite voting location. Every ballot style for every precinct in Starke County will be available at every Vote Center and satellite voting location. Depending on the election, the number of ballot styles can vary greatly. Therefore, this plan does not attempt to provide a specific number of ballot styles. The ballots for every precinct will be coded into all voting equipment.

ELECTION RESULTS

Starke County is a central count county and the election results will be tabulated in the Starke County Courthouse in the Election Room on Election Day. Absentee voting by mail and Travel Board will use the Optical Scan Ballots, followed by the DRE machines at the Vote Centers, absentee at the Clerk's Office, and satellite locations. As Vote Centers close on Election Day and voting equipment arrives to the Courthouse, votes will be tabulated on a first come first serve basis. Election results will be tabulated by precinct and totals will be released to the public and news media in a timely manner.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution of the County Election Board adopting the Vote Center Plan
- B. Resolution of the County Commissioner
- C. Resolution of the County Council
- D. Current Precincts, Total Voters, Total Active Voters, Total Inactive Voters
- E. Overview of Voting Locations
- F. Poll Workers
- G. Certification of ADA Compliance

Dated this 22 day of July, 2020

STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

By: Marcia Bedrock
Marcia Bedrock, Republican Member Chair

By: Colleen Hodge
Colleen Hodge, Democrat Member

By: Bernadette Manuel
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Stärke County Voter Statistics

Precinct	Active	Inactive	Total	Pending
California 1	639	105	744	0
California 2	744	79	823	0
Center 1	751	133	884	0
Center 2	467	64	531	0
Center 3	266	74	340	0
Center 4	695	125	820	0
Center 5	1079	143	1222	0
Center 6	537	79	616	0
Davis	536	100	636	0
Jackson	357	45	402	0
North Bend	976	110	1086	0
Oregon 1	897	106	1003	0
Oregon 2	776	109	885	0
Oregon 3	445	51	496	0
Railroad	832	125	957	0
Washington 1	793	66	859	0
Washington 2	1060	115	1175	0
Wayne 1	626	95	721	0
Wayne 2	531	98	629	0
Wayne 3	940	111	1051	0
Wayne 4	748	85	833	0
TOTALS	14695	2018	16713	0

Vote Centers

- Koontz Lake Property Owners Building
10870 E. Cherokee, Walkerton, IN 46574
- Hamlet Fire James R Hardesty Community Building
15 West Indiana Street, Hamlet, IN 46532
- Washington Township Community Building
0020 North State Road 23, Knox, IN 46534
- Knox Nancy Dembowski Community Center
55 East Lake Street, Knox, IN 46534
- North Judson Wayne Township Fire Department
209 Luken Street, North Judson, IN 46366
- Railroad Township / San Pierre Fire Department
102 Fisher Street, San Pierre, IN 46374
- Bass Lake California Township Fire Department
7225 U.S. 35, Knox, IN 46534

Koontz Lake Property Owners Building

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Supervisor / Greeter

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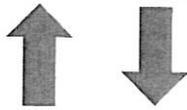
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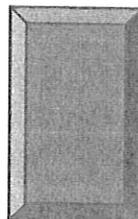
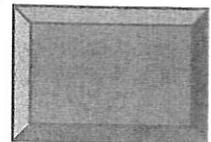
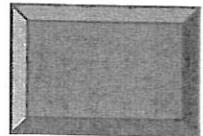
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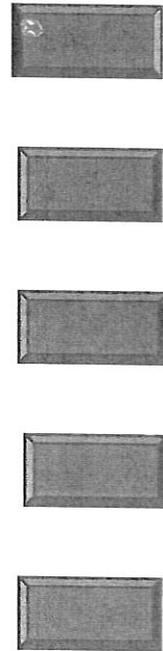


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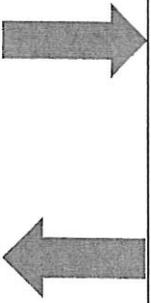
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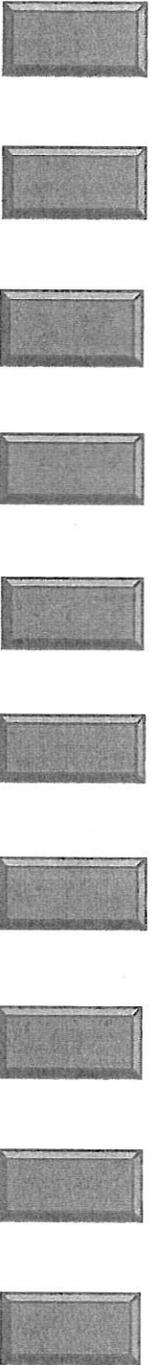
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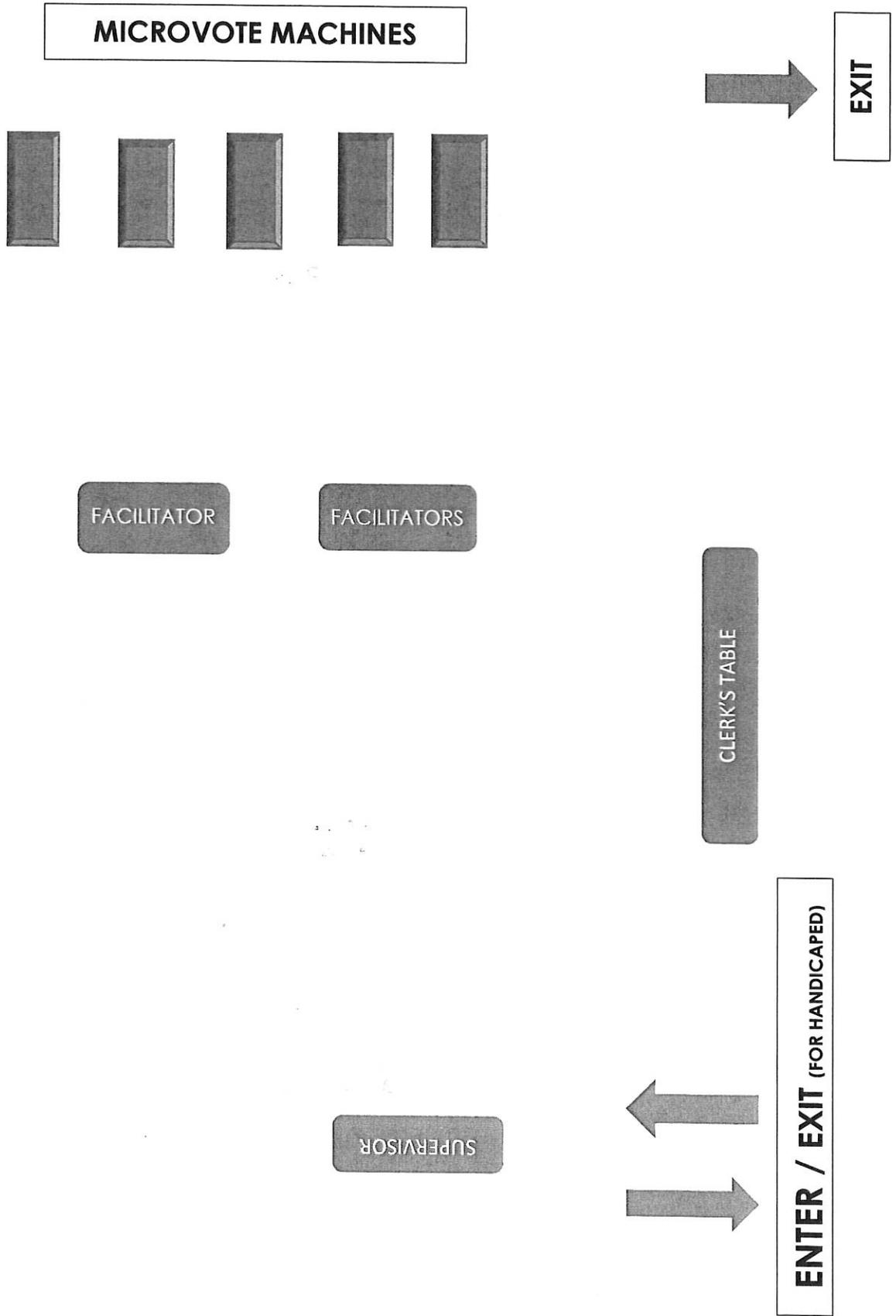
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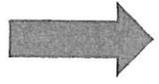
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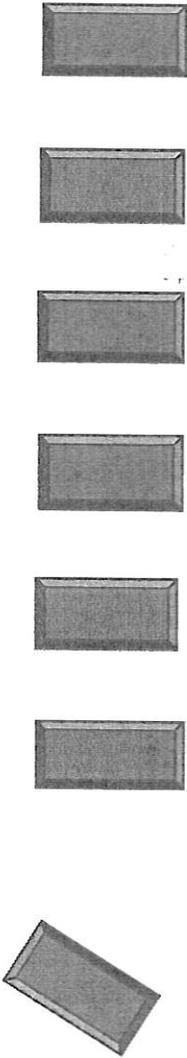


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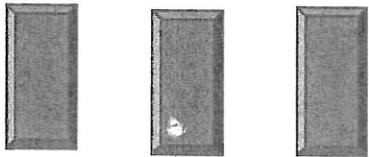


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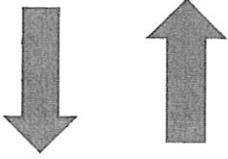


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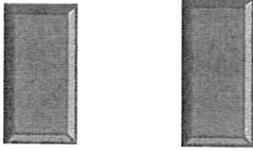
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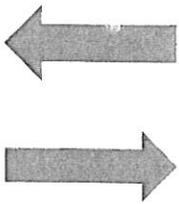
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Vote Center Board Members Responsibilities

Election Day

Duties of Supervisors (Inspector)

- Managing the vote center and board members;
- Issuing the oath to board members;
- Handling affidavits completed and submitted by voters (the Main Facilitator is available to assist you as needed);
- Handling and issuing challenges and handling all PROVISIONAL ballots with the assistance of the Main Facilitator;
- Handling any reissuing of ballots. As all official ballots are issued using the e-pollbook, the Supervisor must be proficient in the use of the e-pollbook;
- Establishing the 50-foot chute;
- Contacting the Election Board as necessary;
- Contacting local law enforcement if necessary; and
- Returning to the Courthouse with all required materials at the end of the day with the Main Facilitator who is of the opposite party.

Duties of Entrance Facilitator (Sheriff)

- Check the voters' photo IDs before they arrive at the Clerks' table;
- Assisting voters as they enter the vote center;
- Monitoring the chute and the voting room, and notifying the Supervisor if you notice any instances of electioneering;

Duties of Clerks

- Checking voters' photo ID;
- Verifying or obtaining additional information from the voter;
- Checking voters into the e-pollbook;
- Assisting the voter with signing in on the e-pollbook, and comparing the signature provided, to the signature on record; Issuing signature challenges, if necessary;
- Creating the voters' ballot card and ensuring that proper signatures are on back of ballot card.

Duties of Main Facilitator (Judge) * THIS IS THE DEMOCRAT JUDGE *****

- Assisting the Supervisor with the preparation of voting equipment and the Supervisor's e-pollbook on election morning;
- Assisting the Supervisor and voters with proper completion of various forms;
- Assisting the Supervisor with shutting down/locking up MicroVote Infinity machines;
- Return with the Supervisor to the counting center after the polls have closed for the day with all necessary items.

Duties of Equipment Facilitators (Judge)

- Directing voters to available MicroVote Infinity equipment and helping to move voters smoothly through the voting process;
- Monitor MicroVote Infinity equipment, and work together when providing assistance to a voter;
- Be familiar with the ADA equipment and assist any voters using the audio ballot or touchpad;

ORDER 2020-11
STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

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 Starke County Election Board so approves the Starke County Plan for the implementation vote centers in Starke County,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD:

The Election Board of Starke County adopts this Order to approve the County Vote Center Plan, which is incorporated in this Order by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 22 DAY OF July, 2020

STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

“AYES”

“NAYS”

Marcia Bedrock
Marcia Bedrock - President

Marcia Bedrock - President

Colleen Hodge
Colleen Hodge – Board Member

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Bernadette Manuel
Bernadette Manuel – County Clerk/
Election Board Secretary

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STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2020-018

APPROVAL OF VOTE CENTER PLAN AND FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF VOTE CENTERS

WHEREAS, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF STARKE COUNTY INDIANA (the "Council") are informed that pursuant to Ind. Code Chapter 3-11-18.1, counties in Indiana may adopt and implement a vote center model ("Vote Centers") for elections held in the county; and,

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2019 pursuant to their Resolution 2019-___ the Council recommended to the County Election Board of Starke County (the "CEB") that the CEB commence the process necessary for adoption and implementation of Vote Centers in Starke County; and,

WHEREAS, the CEB has informed the Council that it has carried out all preparatory steps necessary for adoption and implementation of Vote Centers in compliance with I.C. § 3-11-18.1-3 and all other relevant statutes, rules, regulations and practices, including the development of a Vote Center Plan, which is hereby filed of record with the Council; and,

WHEREAS, at their public meeting on April 8, 2020 the CEB voted unanimously to adopt the Vote Center Plan and to implement Vote Centers as shown by the minutes of their meeting now filed of record with the Council.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council finds that Vote Centers as described in the Vote Center Plan will facilitate, streamline and modernize voting in Starke County and serve the public interest by providing convenient and flexible voting options for the voters of Starke County.

July 20, 2020

VOTE CENTERS, FINAL APPROVAL

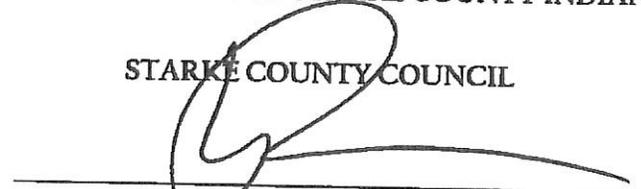
The Council hereby approves and adopts the Vote Center Plan and respectfully requests that the CEB take all necessary steps for approval by the Indiana State Board of Elections to achieve full implementation of Vote Centers throughout Starke County by and before the November 3, 2020 general election.

ALL OF WHICH IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the COUNTY COUNCIL OF STARKE COUNTY, and approved on this 20 day of July 2020, by the following vote:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF STARKE COUNTY INDIANA

STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL

VOTE



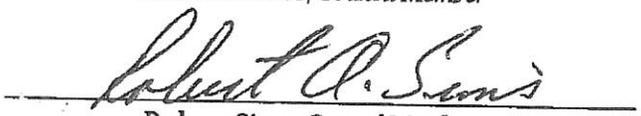
David Pearman, President



Brad Hazelton, Vice President

Absent

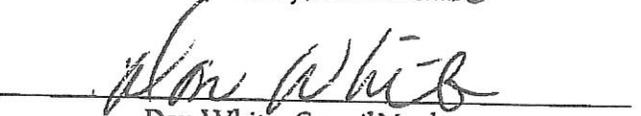
Freddie Baker, Council Member



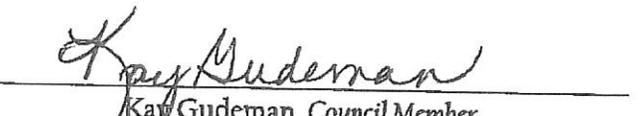
Robert Sims, Council Member



Howard Bailey, Council Member



Don White, Council Member



Kay Gudeman, Council Member

July 20, 2020

VOTE CENTERS, FINAL APPROVAL

ATTEST:



Rachel Osterreich, Auditor
Of Starke County Indiana

**STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2020- 017**

**APPROVAL OF VOTE CENTER PLAN AND FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF VOTE CENTERS**

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA (the "Commissioners") are informed that pursuant to Ind. Code Chapter 3-11-18.1, counties in Indiana may adopt and implement a vote center model ("Vote Centers") for elections held in the county; and,

WHEREAS, on or about August 5, 2019 pursuant to Commissioners' Resolution 2019-16 the Commissioners recommended to the Election Board of Starke County (the "CEB") that the CEB commence the process necessary for adoption and implementation of Vote Centers in Starke County; and,

WHEREAS, the CEB has informed the Commissioners that it has carried out all preparatory steps necessary for adoption and implementation of Vote Centers in compliance with I.C. § 3-11-18.1-3 and all other relevant statutes, rules, regulations and practices, including the development of a Vote Center Plan, which is hereby filed of record with the Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, at their public meeting on April 8th 2020 the CEB voted unanimously to adopt the Vote Center Plan and to implement Vote Centers as shown by the minutes of their meeting now filed of record with the Commissioners;

NOW THEREFORE, the Commissioners find that Vote Centers as described in the Vote Center Plan will facilitate, streamline and modernize voting in Starke County and serve the

interests and provide convenience and flexible voting options for the voting public of Starke County.

The Commissioners hereby approve and adopt the Vote Center Plan and respectfully request that the CEB take all necessary steps for approval by the Indiana State Board of Elections to achieve full implementation of Vote Centers throughout Starke County by and before the November 3, 2020 general election.

ALL OF WHICH IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STARKE COUNTY, and approved on this 6th day of July 2020, by the following vote:

Board of Commissioners of Starke County, Indiana

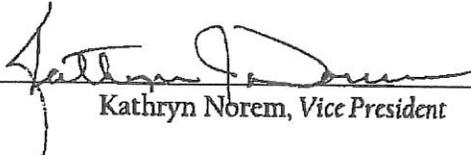
VOTE

yes



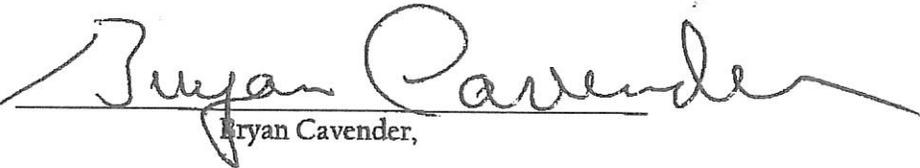
Charles Chesak, *President*

yes



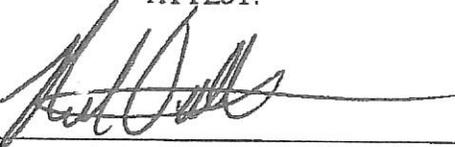
Kathryn Norem, *Vice President*

YES



Bryan Cavender,

ATTEST:



Rachel Osterreich, *Auditor*
Of Starke County Indiana

Starke County Voter Statistics

Precinct	Active	Inactive	Total	Pending
California 1	639	105	744	0
California 2	744	79	823	0
Center 1	751	133	884	0
Center 2	467	64	531	0
Center 3	266	74	340	0
Center 4	695	125	820	0
Center 5	1079	143	1222	0
Center 6	537	79	616	0
Davis	536	100	636	0
Jackson	357	45	402	0
North Bend	976	110	1086	0
Oregon 1	897	106	1003	0
Oregon 2	776	109	885	0
Oregon 3	445	51	496	0
Railroad	832	125	957	0
Washington 1	793	66	859	0
Washington 2	1060	115	1175	0
Wayne 1	626	95	721	0
Wayne 2	531	98	629	0
Wayne 3	940	111	1051	0
Wayne 4	748	85	833	0
TOTALS	14695	2018	16713	0

ORDER 2020-12
STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING VOTE CENTERS AND SATELLITE
EARLY VOTE CENTERS AS ACCESSIBLE UNDER I.C. 3-11-18.1**

WHEREAS, Indiana code 3-11-18.1-4(14) requires certification that vote centers and satellite early vote centers are accessible,

WHEREAS, the Starke County Election Board unanimously certifies that all voting sites are accessible under Indiana Code 3-11-18.1

BE IT SO RESOLVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE STARKE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

ADOPTED THIS 22 DAY OF July, 2020

“AYES”



Marcia Bedrock - President



Colleen Hodge – Board Member



Bernadette Manuel – County Clerk/
Election Board Secretary

“NAYS”

Marcia Bedrock- President

Colleen Hodge – Board Member

Bernadette Manuel – County Clerk/
Election Board Secretary

ADA CHECKLIST FOR POLLING PLACES — 2018

Ward: _____ Precinct: _____ Staff: _____ Date: 11/13/19 Time: 11:30am
Address: 7225 U.S. 35 Location name: Bass Lake California
Knott, IN Fire Department.

Parking, Accessible Route and Entrance to the Facility

1. Does the parking area have sufficient disabled parking spaces in proportion to the total number of parking spaces? (One accessible space must be provided for every 25 parking spaces, and one of every eight should be van accessible, with minimum of one van accessible space. Appropriate access aisles shall be provided, which are eight feet wide for van accessible spaces and five feet wide for auto accessible spaces.)
 YES NO
2. Does a sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility mark accessible parking spaces and the accessible entrance?
 YES NO
3. Is the route from the parking area to the entrance paved? (The route must be at least 36 inches wide and at least 80 inches above the surface of the walkway, and free from barriers that would interfere with a person with disabilities entering or exiting.)
 YES NO
4. Is the entrance ramp a minimum of 36 inches in width between the handrails with a slip-resistant surface? (Ramps shall have a slope no greater than 1 inch per foot. If the ramp has a projection of over 6 feet, handrails are required on each side of the ramp.)
 YES NO N/A
5. Does the entrance have a level landing measuring a minimum of five feet by five feet with a minimum of 18 inches of pull-side clearance at the door itself?
 YES NO
6. Do all doors, entrances, and exits necessary to enter or leave have a minimum opening of 32 inches?
 YES NO

7. Do all the doors that are used by voters to access the polling areas either have lever handles, left open or attended for assistance?
 YES NO
8. Does the polling place have a paved, accessible parking aisle that is attached to the accessible route to the entrance?
 YES NO

Voting Area Access

1. If a polling location facility has an entrance level below the level where voting occurs, do voters have access to an elevator with an opening width of at least 32 inches to access the voting level?
 YES NO N/A
2. Is there a touch screen voting unit that is accessible from 28 inches to 34 inches above the ground, or placed on a table with seating for a voter in a wheelchair or one who has difficulty standing?
 YES NO
3. Are magnifying devices available to voters upon request?
 YES NO
4. If a restroom is available at the facility, is it ADA compliant?
 YES NO
5. If an ADA restroom is not available for public use, are poll workers allowing disabled voters to vote immediately upon arrival?
 YES NO N/A

ADA CHECKLIST FOR POLLING PLACES — 2018

Ward: _____ Precinct: _____ Staff: _____ Date: 11-13-19 Time: 12 pm

Address: 209 Lunken St Location name: North Judson Wayne Twp
North Judson, IN Fire Dept.

Parking, Accessible Route and Entrance to the Facility

1. Does the parking area have sufficient disabled parking spaces in proportion to the total number of parking spaces? (One accessible space must be provided for every 25 parking spaces, and one of every eight should be van accessible, with minimum of one van accessible space. Appropriate access aisles shall be provided, which are eight feet wide for van accessible spaces and five feet wide for auto accessible spaces.)
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 YES NO

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ADA CHECKLIST FOR POLLING PLACES — 2018

Ward: _____ Precinct: _____ Staff: _____ Date: 11-13-19 Time: 12:30 pm

Address: 102 Fisher St. Location name: San Pierre Railroad + Sr
San Pierre, IN Fire Department.

Parking, Accessible Route and Entrance to the Facility

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 YES NO
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7. Do all the doors that are used by voters to access the polling areas either have lever handles, left open or attended for assistance?

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ADA CHECKLIST FOR POLLING PLACES — 2018

Ward: _____ Precinct: _____ Staff: _____ Date: 11-4-19 Time: 9:30am

Address: 55 East Lake St. Location name: Knox Nancy Dembaski
Knox, IN Community Center

Parking, Accessible Route and Entrance to the Facility

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ADA CHECKLIST FOR POLLING PLACES — 2018

Ward: _____ Precinct: _____ Staff: _____ Date: 11-14-19 Time: 10 AM

Address: 0020 N. St. Rd 23 Location name: Washington Twp.
Knox, IN Community Building

Parking, Accessible Route and Entrance to the Facility

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ADA CHECKLIST FOR POLLING PLACES — 2018

Ward: _____ Precinct: _____ Staff: _____ Date: 11-14-17 Time: 10:30am

Address: _____ Location name: Koontz Lake Property Owners Building

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ADA CHECKLIST FOR POLLING PLACES — 2018

Ward: _____ Precinct: _____ Staff: _____ Date: 11-14-19 Time: 11 am

Address: 15 W. Indiana St Location name: Hamlet James Hardisty
Hamlet. Community Building

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