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February 21, 2018

Co-Directors  
Indiana Election Division  
302 West Washington Street  
Room E204  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Fountain County Vote Center Plan


Dear Directors:

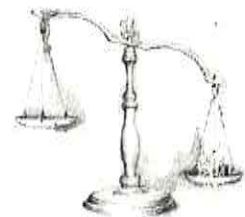
Please accept the following vote center plan on behalf of the Fountain County Board of Election. It means a great deal to the Board and to myself to be involved in this innovative, progressive change for our county.

It is our intention to continuously modify this plan to fit current Indiana legislation and also to revise based on our experiences with vote centers and the needs of our voters.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding any of our documentation.

Warmest regards,

  
Paula K. Copenhaver  
Fountain County Clerk



## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNTAIN COUNTY CLERK

Citizens of Fountain County,

Since the vote center concept became a reality in Indiana elections in 2007, leaders in Fountain 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 Fountain County. The vote center concept gives any voter in Fountain 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 Fountain 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Fountain County should be proud of its community leaders who work together for what will be best for all citizens. To all the churches, community centers, schools, and businesses that have willingly allowed us to use their facilities as vote centers, we are forever grateful.

Warmest regards,



Paula Copenhaver  
Fountain County Circuit Court Clerk

## FOUNTAIN COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN

In Compliance with IC 3-11-18-1-4, the Fountain County Election Board proposes to adopt a plan for the establishment of Voting Centers in Fountain County, to provide more convenient, efficient, cost effective voting access, and procedures for all Fountain County voters. We would like to have this plan go into effect for the 2018 Primary Election.

Fountain County plans to utilize 5 vote center locations. Indiana Code 3-11-18.1-6 only requires one vote center per 10,000 active voters, but the Fountain County Election Board plans to provide one vote center per roughly 2,094 active voters

As of November, 2017:

- (A) Total number of registered voters within Fountain County – 11,051
- (B) Total number of active voters within Fountain County – 10,469
- (C) Total number of inactive voters in Fountain County – 582

1. 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)
  - A. Attica High School – 211 E Sycamore St., Attica, IN 47918
  - B. Covington High School – 601 Market Street, Covington, IN 47932
  - C. Veedersburg Fire Station – Community Room – 100 S Main St., Veedersburg, IN 47987
  - D. Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene – 453 S SR 341, Hillsboro, IN 47949
  - E. Kingman American Legion – 251 W State St., Kingman, IN 47952
2. The following is the suggested satellite vote center location to be open for Early Voting the two Saturdays prior to the election:  
(The following location will be reviewed and may be amended prior to each election cycle)
  - A. Fountain County Clerk's Office, 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington, IN 47932All vote center locations meet the accessibility requirements under IC 3-11-8.
3. Each Vote Center will have one Inspector, two Judges, and four Clerks. At least one Judge will be from the opposite party as the Inspector. 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.
4. Every Ballot type for each precinct, applicable school board elections and party in primary elections shall be available, electronically, at each Vote Center.
5. Fountain County will continue to use the AccuVote TSX touch screen machines. Because the AccuVote TSX is Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) touch screen machine, 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. The voting machines are at no point ever hooked up to the internet. Attached is the TSX diagram.

6. An Electronic Poll Book will be used in order for voters to go to any location that they choose to vote. Fountain County has decided 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 Fountain County Clerk's Office 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. A minimum of two electronic poll books will be available at each Voting Center.

NOTE: Voters from every precinct may vote at any vote center location or satellite vote center location. Every ballot style for each precinct in Fountain 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 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.

7. 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 e-poll book application software runs on the Apple iPad tablet. This system is certified by the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. The Poll Pad system interfaces with Quest Voter Registration System as part of the certified system. See attached for detailed information.  
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 Fountain County Security Plan will go into effect with instructions from the Fountain County Clerk, Fountain County Election Board, Fountain County EMA, and the Fountain County Sheriff.
8. Fountain 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.fountaincounty.net](http://www.fountaincounty.net) to prepare Fountain 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. The Clerk and/or her staff will also be available to attend community events and speak about the change.

Resolution 2017-30

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF FOUNTAIN 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 Council of Fountain County approves the designation of Fountain County as vote center county and,

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

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

COUNTY COUNCIL OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY

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Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Fountain County Auditor

This instrument prepared by Teryl D. Martin, Fountain County Attorney, Covington, Indiana.

I affirm under the penalties of perjury I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law. /s/Teryl D. Martin



Resolution 2017-30



**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF FOUNTAIN 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 Fountain County approves the designation of Fountain County as vote center county and;

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

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY**

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"NAYS"



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Adopted this August of 7, 2017

ATTEST: Brenda Hardy  
Fountain County Auditor

This instrument prepared by Teryl D. Martin, Fountain County Attorney, Covington, Indiana.

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FOUNTAIN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD ADOPTING  
FOUNTAIN 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 Fountain County Election Board so approves the Fountain County plan for the implementation of vote centers in Fountain County,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE FOUNTAIN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD:

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

ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF February, 2018.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Robert B. Shelly  
ROBERT SHELBY

LISA CRUEA  
Tamara D. Newby  
Tamara D. Newby by proxy

Paula K. Copenhaver  
PAULA K COPENHAVER