

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALLENDALE
TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 22, 2021

The Allendale Township Election Commission met at the Allendale Township Hall, located at 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, on Monday November 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. and was called to order at 6:30 by Ms. Hansen.

Present: Ms. Vander Veen; Ms. Kraker; and Ms. Hansen. (3)

Absent: None (0)

Staff and Guest Present: Kevin Yeomans, Assistant Administrator.

EC 21-001 Ms. Vander Veen moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. The motion passed.

EC 21-002 Ms. Kraker moved to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2020, Election Commission meeting. The motion passed.

Action Items

EC 21-003 Ms. Vander Veen moved to approve and authorize the clerk to sign the License Agreement for the Satellite Clerk's Office at Grand Valley State University. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

Ms. Hansen informed the Commission that she has sent out introduction letters to all previous election inspectors. She is excited to report twenty-five (25) inspectors have expressed interest in assisting with elections again in 2022.

Ms. Hansen provided a brief update on the Redistricting Commission's progress on potential district maps. She indicated the Redistricting Committee has narrowed it down to three maps. Two of the three maps group Allendale Township with Kent County. One map keeps all of Ottawa County together. If congressional representation is changed the Clerk will need to invest funds to send out new voter i.d. cards to every voter in Allendale. There are currently over 13,000 registered voters in the township.

Ms. Hansen informed the Commission that with the intense growth rate for Allendale Township, Precinct 3 has exceeded the allotted population limits by approximately 200 voters. She has been working with Ottawa County GIS to determine both long term and short-term solutions. She proposed adding additional precincts in 2023. However, due to budget restraints, she recommends redrawing the precinct lines for Precinct 3, placing the southwest portion of Precinct 3 into Precinct 1. This change will impact approximately 220 voters by moving them into Precinct 1 and the costs associated will be minimal.

Several Commissioner's had questions and comments.

Public Comments and Communications

Comments were received from:

1. Kevin Yeomans, Courtland Township

EC 21-004 Ms. Hansen moved to close public comment. The motion passed.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Vander Veen thanked the clerk for doing a good job.

EC 21-005 Ms. Vander Veen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The motion passed.

Jody L. Hansen, Clerk
Of the Township of Allendale