CBA/Elections Committee Meeting Minutes February 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M.

Members present: Jeremy Ly, Millie Dyer, David Welter.

Members absent: Ralph Wagner, Mike Throneburg.

Also present: Lana Phillips, Shawn Hamilton, Susan Bates, Ron Severson, and John

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A motion was made by Dyer and seconded by Welter to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2012 meeting. The motion carried.

No public comment.

There were no claims presented.

County Clerk Phillips provided an update on the apcoming March primary election. Lana distributed copies of the Democratic, Republican, and Nonpartisan ballots for review. Lana mentioned some upcoming key dates in the election process and stated that those dates are listed on the county web site. Lana will be publishing the ballots in the local paper by February 29 to give individuals enough time to study and review. Lana's office will be open extended hours and on Saturday to accommodate voter registration. She reminded everyone that polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 20. Judges training on procedures and laptop usage has been completed. Lana stated that election judges receive \$140.00 to work the election, and an additional \$40.00 if they completed the optional laptop training. She said Grundy's pay rate for judges is one of the highest in the state and thanked the Board for being proactive with compensation to encourage judge participation. Lana also mentioned that she has a student judge scheduled to be at every precinct.

Ly asked Lana to describe the process when there is a recount. Lana reviewed the process with the committee and mentioned that the county has not had a recount in a few years. Lana also discussed the process for voter re-tabulation as required by the state that happens approximately two weeks after the election. Lana certifies the election on that same day. When asked by local media, Lana estimates an approximate 30% turnout since all County Board members are up for election and the pending state and national races.

There was no executive session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Welter and seconded by Dyer at 8:47 am. Motion carried.