Marion County Election Board
VOTER EXPERIENCE PROJECT

ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR ROUNDTABLE & COST DISCUSSION

AGENDA
1. WELCOME
2. FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST MEETING
3. ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR ROUNDTABLE
4. COST DISCUSSION

June 24, 2013 | Module 6

Welcome

MARION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
MARION COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
MARION COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY
MARION COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION
INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL
MARION COUNTY OFFICE OF FINANCE & MANAGEMENT
MARION COUNTY INFORMATION SERVICES AGENCY
GREATER INDIANAPOLIS NAACP
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF INDIANAPOLIS
CENTRAL INDIANA COUNCIL ON AGING
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY BOWEN CENTER ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Follow-Up from Last Meeting

Combination Systems

- Combination systems improve upon direct recording electronic technology by making a hard paper trail possible

Combination Systems

- Systems vary depending on manufacturer
  - Some exclusively use touch-screen technology for every voter to mark a virtual ballot, which is then printed in hard form for their review and then tabulated by a scanner system
  - Others have a touch-screen component built into the voting system to meet accessibility needs but use a paper ballot that can be printed on demand or pre-printed
  - Still others use the touch-screen feature and ballots are tabulated electronically though in addition to the electronic image, a hard copy is printed and stored in the machine

Election Administrator Roundtable

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
MR. MICHAEL WINN, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

FLOYD COUNTY
HONORABLE LINDA MOELLER, CLERK

TIPPECANOE COUNTY
HONORABLE CHRISTA COFFEY, CLERK
County Background

- Population
  - Tippecanoe County, IN: 172,780
  - Floyd County, IN: 74,378
  - Marion County, IN: 918,977
  - Travis County, TX: 1,024,266

- Registered Voters
  - Tippecanoe County, IN: 595,269
  - Floyd County, IN: 55,966
  - Marion County, IN: 640,675
  - Travis County, TX: 595,269

- Precincts
  - Tippecanoe County, IN: 116
  - Floyd County, IN: 60
  - Marion County, IN: 600
  - Travis County, TX: 210

- Vote Center Transition Year
  - Tippecanoe County, IN: 2006/07
  - Floyd County, IN: 2013
  - Marion County, IN: n/a
  - Travis County, TX: 2012

- Number of Vote Centers:
  - Tippecanoe County, IN: 19
  - Floyd County, IN: 10
  - Marion County, IN: n/a
  - Travis County, TX: 157

- Number of Staff at Each Vote Center:
  - Tippecanoe County, IN: 3-10 based on size of center
  - Floyd County, IN: 5
  - Marion County, IN: n/a (5 poll workers at each precinct)
  - Travis County, TX: 8

- Voting Equipment
  - Tippecanoe County, IN: Direct Recording Electronic
  - Floyd County, IN: Combination System
  - Marion County, IN: Direct Recording Electronic & Optical Scan
  - Travis County, TX: Direct Recording Electronic
  - Travis County is also exploring building their own combination voting system

Absentee Voters in 2012 Presidential Election

- Tippecanoe County, IN: 21,238
- Floyd County, IN: 5,187
- Marion County, IN: 59,036
- Travis County, TX: 237,419

2002 Equipment Purchase

- Election Environment
  - Precincts: 917
  - Polling Locations: 315

- Voting System Purchase
  - 937 Optical Scan Machines (ES&S M100)
  - 615 Touch Screen Machines (ES&S IVotronics)

- Total Bond Issue
  - $11.1 million
Moving Forward

- Voting Equipment
  - Current System
    - Not sustainable for the long term
    - Not adaptable for future business needs
  - Future System
    - Must Have:
      - Secure
      - Accurate
      - Work in a central count environment for absentee ballots
      - Easy to set up and tear down for poll workers
      - Easy for voters to use
      - ADA compliant

- Ballot Printing
  - Choices:
    - Optical scan or combination system
      - Pre-print ballots
        - Cost is about $0.32 per ballot
        - Less flexible
      - Ballot on demand
        - Printed on site
        - Greater flexibility
      - Direct Recording Electronic
        - No ballot printing
          - Many jurisdictions will print some paper ballots for back-up but still need for absentee ballot voting
        - No "hard copy" paper trail

- Poll Book
  - Choices:
    - Print poll book for each precinct
    - Current cost to print a poll book per election: $45,000
    - Practical only in a precinct-based election
    - Purchase ePollbook (electronic poll book)
    - Option for all counties regardless of Election Day voting method
    - Required in a vote center model
    - Connect to central server or not?
      - Central server connectivity would require wireless service in polling sites or air cards and allow for real-time updating
      - Networked machines can communicate to each other in the same polling site, but no real-time updating to central server
    - Both options may help voter registration officials update their records after Election Day, however

- Poll Workers
  - Precinct-Based Elections
    - Number Needed: 600 precincts x 5 poll workers = 3,000
    - Pay: $390 per precinct x 600 precincts = $234,000 per election
    - $110 earned by Inspector; other poll workers earn $70
    - County executive determines poll worker pay rate
  - Vote Center Elections
    - Number Needed: Unknown
    - Does not eliminate the need for party-appointed poll workers
    - Type of voting system will drive the division of labor
    - Pay: Unknown
    - Would require more sophisticated staff to handle technology

- Support Staff
  - Hotline Operators & Dispatch Center (mechanics & supply runners)
    - Choices:
      - Centralize operations
        - One central dispatch works best for precinct-based elections
      - Regionalize operations
        - May be more practical to station supply runners, hotline staff and mechanics at a vote center, though would likely increase staffing requirements due to volume
        - Less efficient
        - More difficult to ensure consistency in communications with problem solvers assigned to each site
Next Meeting

REPORT DISCUSSION & RATIFICATION
Mond, July 15 | 5:30 PM
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ROOM
CITY-COUNTY BUILDING

Next Meeting

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Voter Experience
Group Members:
Deadline to submit additional comments is Friday, June 28
Email: myla.eldridge@indy.gov

• Final Report
  o Minority reports and/or additional comments must be submitted by Friday, June 28
  o Draft report circulated to group members week of July 1
  o Be prepared to discuss content of report and suggest changes at July 15 meeting

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