WRITE-IN RECOUNT

For the first time in twenty years, the Election Commission conducted a recount following the 2016 General Primary Election. Due to two (2) separate filings for six (6) races, including a Countywide, the Election Commission was ordered by the Circuit Court to oversee bi-partisan teams of Election Judges as they re-tallied ballots containing write-in votes.

As a result, two Precinct Committeeman in Wayne Township were elected and a candidate for DuPage County Recorder received enough votes to gain the nomination to appear on the ballot in November. While many of the Write-In Tally Sheets were signed, the votes were never tallied. In one Precinct, the tally sheet did not reflect the 22 votes cast for a particular candidate.

This is an important reminder to everyone. When votes cast for a valid write-in candidate are not correctly tallied, not only have we failed in the duty we are sworn to uphold, but may also prevent a candidate’s election or nomination in addition to allowing the voices of the voters to be heard.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

James Lowe, Vice Chair

Appointed last November, Jamie brings to the Election Commission a wealth of experience in both local and township government. As the former Vice President of the Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District, Jamie received the Fire Chief’s “Shield for Service” award and the “2015 Woodridge Outstanding Commissioner of the Year” award. He also served on the board of the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts and the Executive Committee of the DuPage Public Safety Communications Agency. Jamie is the former Chairman of the Lisle Township Republican Organization and a former member of the DuPage County Republican Central Committee.

John Boske, Secretary

Appointed in April, John brings a long and deserved reputation as one of Illinois’ top labor leaders to the Election Commission. John served five years as president of the DuPage County Building Trades Council. He also spent seven years as the president and business manager of Sheet Metal Workers Local 265 in Carol Stream. Appointed by former Governor Pat Quinn, John also served on the Elgin-O’Hare Western Access Advisory Committee from 2010 and 2012.
On behalf of the DuPage County Election Commissioners, I wish to thank all of the Judges of Election for your service as a Judge in DuPage County, especially those who, during Early Voting and on Election Day, participated in the March 15 2016, Presidential Primary Election. Dedicated, civic minded individuals such as you have led to the success of every election in DuPage County. Your contribution on Election Day is immeasurable and is what makes the electoral process special in DuPage County.

With the implementation of Early Voting and Election Day Registration at the polling place, this Election posed many challenges for you at the voting location. Despite these challenges, because of your time, knowledge and experience, you were able to overcome them and focus on our shared mission, to allow every eligible voter to vote and some register and vote.

As November draws near, it is because of you and your determination to maintain the integrity of the electoral process in the polling place that I believe we will be able to run a successful Presidential Election.

We at the Election Commission are working non-stop to implement improvements and additional tools to assist you during the voting and registration process. While we are working to recruit more Judges of Election to better equip each polling place with adequate resources, we hope that you will be eager to continue to be involved in elections and that you encourage others to follow in your footsteps.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Robert T. Saar
Executive Director
2016 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Historically, a Presidential Primary Election has boasted a larger voter turnout than the gubernatorial primary election. By more than doubling the 110,696 ballots cast in the 2014 Primary, this Primary Election was no exception.

In the 2016 General Primary Election, we observed 270,795 ballots cast, the largest in any Primary Election. With a 49.8% turnout, this was the second highest turnout percentage in DuPage County (1992).

Along with Same Day Registration which is sure to boost voter turnout, we expect this trend to continue as we head into a contentious 2016 Presidential Election.

VOTING BY THE NUMBERS

Now with more options than ever to register and vote, we are seeing more and more voters taking advantage of alternate methods of voting other than the polling place on Election Day.

In the 2016 General Primary Election, DuPage County counted 30,728 Early Voting Ballots. In comparison, nearly twice the 17,000 early ballots cast in the last non-incumbent Presidential Election in 2008, and three times the 10,350 in the 2012 election.

**Registration:** The numbers indicate that voters overwhelmingly chose to register at the polling place on Election Day during the “Grace Period” (after registration closes) than during Early Voting. With the ability to participate by registering and voting in their polling place an astounding 84% of “Grace Period” voters did so on Election Day. In one polling place in Naperville Township, nearly 10% of all voters processed were “Grace Period” voters.

**BILINGUAL JUDGES NEEDED**

Based on the 2010 census data, the Department of Justice informed the DuPage County Election Commission that future elections must be conducted in Spanish as well as English. To fulfill this requirement, DuPage County is in need of qualified English/Spanish speaking individuals who are interested in serving as election judges.

For more information, please visit our website at: [http://www.dupageco.org/election/Workers/37071/](http://www.dupageco.org/election/Workers/37071/) or complete the Application to be a Judge of Election on page 9 and return to the Election Commission.
Any Voter processed through the ePollBook will be marked as voted in every ePollBook throughout DuPage County.

The ability to create a Voter Access Card for voting on the TSX directly from the ePollBook.

Replaces both the AskEd handheld device and the ExpressPoll from every polling place.

Voters arriving at the wrong polling place can be handed a label with their correct polling place information.

Immediate update of a voter’s history following the Election.

The ability to process a registration or transfer and determine the correct ballot style.

Judge of Election oath and certification on screen.

Interactive Official Ballot Record.

When the ePollBook is fully implemented, here are just a few benefits of using it in the polling place:

- Logic for every voter scenario built in to every ePollBook.
- Automated registration process by scanning the Voter’s Driver’s License barcode to populate data.
- A list of voters for the entire County in near real time on each device. *No more “A-H” lines!*
- Near real time voting status of every voter in the County. *No more green labels!*

Although processing voter applications in the ePollBook will not be implemented countywide immediately, it will be an essential tool for Judges of Election in the polling place.

1. A voter walks into a polling place, they will now approach the ePollBook Judges at Station One
2. Judge of Election asks for the Voter’s name and Date of Birth
3. Judge of Election enters the Voter’s name then presses the Search button.
4. Judge of Election identifies the Voter record using the Date of Birth (DOB) field then presses the onscreen View button
5. Following the prompt, Judge must verify the voter’s registered address
6. The ePollBook will guide the Judge of Election through the Ballot Entitlement process until the voter is posted.
7. After posting the voter, the label is printed (*see example*) containing the election, voter, and ballot information and placed on the
The DuPage County Election Commission would like to thank all of those who submitted comments following the General Primary Election regarding the ePollBook.

Here are answers and updates to a few of your submissions:

**Enable ability to verify voter in correct precinct before registration...**
After observing the General Primary Election data and reviewing suggestions and comments from you, we have modified the registration process to validate the voter’s address first prior to entering in additional data. This will ensure you don’t spend unnecessary time on a voter who needs to be redirected to another polling location.

**Please remove the address code requirement...**
The address code is a necessary part of adding an address that is currently not on the Election Commission address file. While it is possible that a new address will have to be added, it should be quite rare.

We have determined that the previous search criteria for the address was too strict resulting in a significant amount of false positives. We have modified the address search to mimic the main search bar allowing a more forgiving search.

**Please clarify acceptable IDs and when needed, especially for younger voters...**
We are adding information to the ePollBook specifying identification requirements. In addition, we are including an additional Registration Information poster to be placed at the inside entrance of the voting area. It will indicate what forms of identification are acceptable, along with a link which will allow voters to use their smartphone to verify their voter status and correct voting location.

**The user name and password should be easier...**
We agree! While the ePollBook login will remain election specific, it will be much simpler to enter.

**We would like more explicit instructions in manual, especially for troubleshooting...**
Staff is working hard to add additional instruction to the ePollBook manual and specifically the troubleshooting section.

Additionally, we will include a quick start guide to correctly set up the Verizon Mi-Fi Jetpack device.

We are also making sure to incorporate the equipment into the voting process in the existing Judges of Election Manual as well.

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We would like the ability to edit incorrect online applications...
We are working with the developers to add two categories in updating a voter record.

1. “Grace Period” Registration. For example, if a voter changes their name due to marriage, they would have to complete the “Grace Period” Registration process.

2. Data entry error. For example, “Jhon Smith”, which should be “John Smith”, would be considered a data entry error. Without access to the registration card, the scope in making the determination of a data entry error is very small.

Scan license consistency...
A lack of lighting, or glare, will have a negative effect on the cameras ability to focus on the bar code.

Illinois Driver’s License bar codes appear in several formats depending on when it was created. The software developers are working to ensure as many formats as possible can be read by the ePollBook. Also, staff at the Election Commission has designed a card holder that would mount on the back of the screen to place the License in the proper position for scanning.

We would like to be able to correct the party selected after the voter had already posted...
In the past election it was possible to “unpost” a regular voter and “re-post” them with another party but not with a new registration. While this will not be an issue until the 2018 General Primary, the ePollBook will allow for this change in the future.

We would like more detailed training. Consider cross training all judges in the event of absence or drop out...
As we move towards increased implementation, it is our intention to have every Judge trained to use the ePollBook.

For the upcoming training calendar we will include content regarding the ePollBook in the Biennial Class for every Judge, increase the amount of time devoted to the ePollBook in the Technical Judge Training, and increase the number of Registration Officers assigned at each location.

We will also continue to have the 2 ½ hour hands-on Registration Officer training using the ePollBook, but move it closer to the Election.

Thank you

Your feedback will be vital in ensuring the success of the future elections in DuPage County!
Hi, my name is Kathy Vana, and I am the Supervisor of Election Judges.

Now that the March Election is behind us, we can concentrate on the November Election.

I would like to thank all of the Election Judges who worked the March Election. Although it was a bit hectic at times as a result of the new registration process on Election Day, everyone did a great job.

This year all judges have to be re-certified (tested). We will be providing in-person training and online training. A letter will be sent providing detailed information regarding the training.

We are currently in the process of purchasing additional ePollBooks for the November Election. Additional judges will be trained on the ePollBooks which will provide more trained judges at the polling places.

The layout map of your location will include the area where the ePollBooks are to be located in order to have a flow that, hopefully, will not interfere with the voters already registered.

For now, enjoy the rest of the summer and I will be contacting you about working the November Election soon.

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**TRAINING**

- **Biennial Judge Training and Testing**
  August 22, 2016 through August 31, 2016

- **Technical Judge Training**
  September 19, 2016 through October 03, 2016

- **Healthcare Judge Training**
  September 8, 2016 through September 12, 2016

- **Early Voting Training**
  October 17, 2016 through October 19, 2016

All Sessions will be held in the JTK Administration Building Auditorium, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

- **Electronic Poll book Training**
  Mandatory training will be conducted for the new electronic poll book system.
  October 11, 2016 through October 15, 2016

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**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT CHANGES**

Due to the implementation of a new Countywide ERP system, Judges and election workers may be receiving a separate mileage reimbursement paycheck.

So please keep in mind if your mileage does not appear on your Judges paycheck you’ll be receiving a second!

We'll keep you posted.

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**ELECTION JUDGES & WORKERS TAX RULES**

Tax withholdings according to the IRS Publication 15; Section 15 is as follows:

- Election Workers/Judges who earn under $600 for the calendar year will not have taxes deducted and the County is not required to report earnings to the IRS.
- Election Workers/Judges who earn between $600 - $1,599.99 will not have taxes deducted and will receive a W-2.
- Election Workers and Judges who earn $1,600 or more will have taxes deducted and will receive a W-2.

Until an Election Worker/Judge reaches the $1,600.00 limit taxes are not deducted; however, once the $1,600.00 limit is reached taxes are withheld on that check plus back taxes for previous earnings for the calendar year. Therefore, you will notice a large amount of taxes deducted from the first paycheck that reaches $1,600.00. Each check thereafter will continue to have taxes withheld for the calendar year.
In the last election, why did my polling place not receive any Federal Ballots?

With the passage of Election Day Registration, the circumstances in which a voter would require a Federal Ballot is significantly reduced if not eliminated. Because of this, the Election Commission had determined to have all Federal Ballots cast on the Touchscreen. For the General Primary Election only, this eliminated the need for the printing and dissemination of 44,615 ballots to the polling place.

Why doesn’t the Election Kit come with a tape measure for determining 100 feet from the polling place?

In addition to the updated floorplans, we are now including overhead maps of each location indicating the placement of each sign or cone. This should take the burden off of you, and should there be any dispute with a Pollwatcher following the viewing of the overhead map, they can be directed to this office.

Will there be more ePollBook classes prior to the General Election?

Yes. Moving forward the ePollBook will have a growing presence in not only the Technical Judge Training, but the Biennial Training as well. In addition, the Registration Officer Training will be moved closer to the Election in order to ensure the information is still fresh. Keep in mind, the intention of the ePollBook is to take the place of the Pre-printed applications as well so it will be important that all Judges of Election become familiar with this technology.

Will we always have one Touch screen machine (TSX) in our polling place?

Yes. Paper ballots are still the primary voting method in DuPage County. One TSX is supplied to each voting location to comply with Federal ADA regulations. Individuals with disabilities should be afforded the opportunity to vote on the touch screen voting machine unassisted.

Will there be valid write-in candidates in the upcoming elections?

It is very likely that every precinct will have valid write-in candidates. It is important to record all votes for valid write-in candidates on the tally sheet provided.

Do we still have to count Write-In Votes if the candidate is running unopposed or did not get enough votes?

Yes. By Law, Judges of Election are responsible for a correct and accurate tally of all valid votes, including Write-In Votes. When you sign the bottom of the Write-In Tally Sheet, you, as Judges of Election in that polling place, are attesting that the totals listed on the Tally Sheet are a true and correct count of the returns. Additionally, many offices require a minimum number of votes for nomination or election even when running unopposed.

When are paychecks mailed?

Paychecks are mailed 4 to 6 weeks after an election.

HOW MAY I ASSIST YOU?

As we move into a Presidential General Election it is important to remember that you, as Judges of Election, are the cornerstone of the election process. In each of the polling places within DuPage County, you play a vital role in upholding the laws of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Illinois.

It is also important to remember that we provide excellent customer service. Correctly done, a voter seeking help will not only feel that they have been treated well in the polling place, it will reflect favorably on the electoral process itself. Properly valuing and acknowledging a voter issue can decrease the chance of voter confusion and reduce possible mistakes making closing the polls easier.

That’s all there is to it. Remember, have a great Summer and we’ll see you soon!

Some key tips to providing help to voters:

⇒ Always listen to the voter
⇒ Identify the problem
⇒ Be Patient!
⇒ Attitude, attitude, attitude! Service with a smile
⇒ Always look for ways to help
⇒ Give the voter the benefit of the doubt
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Samantha Concepcion
Vote by Mail Coordinator

Sam is one of the Election Commission’s newer employees and is eager to assist DuPage County voters in Healthcare Voting and Voting by Mail.

Sam began with the Election Commission as a Registration Analyst in June of 2015, and quickly picked up the process. Her talents and background in statistics were noticed quickly and she was placed in her new role as Vote by Mail Coordinator as of May 2016. Sam earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Statistics from Northwestern and enjoys applying that knowledge to meet the challenge of her new role.

If you have any questions about Vote by Mail, there’s a good chance you’ll talk to Sam. Now you can put a face with the voice!

CONTACT US

The staff at the DuPage County Election Commission is here to serve you. Please use the following list as an aide in locating whatever information you require.

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JUDGE OF ELECTION ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

For the first time ever, the Election Commission partnered with many of you to assist in conducting the Logic & Accuracy testing of the voting equipment and pre-election production prior to the 2016 General Primary Election.

As part of the new Judge of Election Engagement Program, 16 Judges of Election participated, most working from February 16th all the way through March 12th.

Here is just some of the feedback we received:

“This is a really good idea...I was impressed with the DuPage Election Commission and what they were all doing to get ready for an election...how it all runs, comes together.”
- Patricia Howe

“People need to know what it takes to make things run smoothly on Election Day...its hard work but very necessary. I have pride in doing a good job and helping out the team.”
- Robert Jancius

“[This] would help [other Election Judges] get a better understanding of why they do the steps they do on Election Day”
- Mary Marquez

“It takes a lot to run an Election. Being an Election Judge just scratches the surface of what goes on.”
- Alfred Reiman
TAKE A PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN...AND GET PAID!

A successful election is the culmination of efforts from thousands of civic minded people to ensure everyone in DuPage County can freely exercise their right to vote. Did you know that long before Judges of Election perform their official duties in the polling place, individuals throughout the County are involved in the election preparation process?

Included among the many functions required to administer a successful election, Vote by Mail Judges must validate Vote by Mail applications, Touchscreen (TSX) and Optical Scan (OS) Testers must perform Logic and Accuracy testing, and Election Production Workers must prepare the supplies necessary for Judges of Election to perform their duties.

We invite you to take a look at how an election is administered by submitting an application to serve in the many capacities available. If you wish to do so, please begin by completing the above form letting us know which position(s) you are interested in and sending it back to the Commission.

We will contact you with further information as we near the next election.

For more information, go to the Commission website at: www.dupageco.org/election/48695.
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