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Kankakee County Consolidated Primary Election February 25, 2025

Summary

On February 25, 2025 voters in the Village of Bourbonnais voted in the Consolidated Election for Mayor. The Kankakee County Auditor’s Office has conducted an election audit for the purposes to be transparent on the process of each election in Kankakee County. In accordance with 55 ILCS 5/3-1005-1006 (Section g), the Kankakee County Auditor’s Office has conducted an independent audit of the election process to ensure transparency, compliance, and accountability in all election-related operations.

Election Workforce Overview

The election process involved multiple categories of workers, each playing a vital role in ensuring the efficiency and integrity of the election.

Election Judges

- **Compensation:** \$225.00 per judge
 - Additional compensation:
 - Pickup duty (one election judge):
 - \$25.00 Bourbonnais
 - Drop-off duty (One Republican and one Democrat election judge):
 - \$12.50 for Bourbonnais
- **Duties:**
 - Pickup and setup of polling places on Monday prior to the election
 - Polling duties on Election Day from 5:00 AM until the conclusion of post-election procedures after 7:00 PM

Type of worker:	Non-County Employee:	County Employee:	Total Election Workers	Total Cost:
Election Judge	30	2	32	\$7,062.50
	Total: 30	Total: 2	Total: 32	Total: \$7,062.50

Polling Place Compensation

Kankakee County utilized a total of 7 polling locations during the February 25, 2025 Consolidated Election in Bourbonnais. These included both government-owned facilities (such as municipal and township buildings, libraries, and schools) and privately owned or non-governmental facilities (such as churches).

Compensation Policy

To ensure fairness and consistency, the County Clerk's Office maintains a standardized reimbursement policy for polling places that are not publicly owned. Under this policy:

- **Non-governmental locations** are eligible to receive a **flat rate of \$125.00** for the use of their space on Election Day. **One location received \$250.00 for having two polling places.*
- **Governmental locations** (city, county, state, or school district-owned properties) are not compensated, as these spaces are made available as a civic duty and public service.

Using government locations helps reduce costs while recognizing the contributions of private entities that support the electoral process.

POLLING PLACE	NUMBER OF POLLING PLACES	TOTAL PAID
Government location	2	\$0.00
Non-governmental location	5*	\$750
	Total polling places: 7	Total Paid: \$750.00

Audit Review and Claim Verification

During the audit, the following verification steps were performed:

- All submitted claims for polling place use were reviewed against the County Clerk's list provided and election judge verification process.
- The names of vendors, addresses, social security numbers, and the amounts claimed were cross-referenced for accuracy and cross referenced in the county's financial accounting system (MIP) to speed up the check process.
- No exceptions were identified. All payments matched the approved reimbursement amount and were supported by proper documentation.
- The Kankakee County Clerk's Office had no early-vote judges, garage workers, or election coordinators. Thus, saving the County thousands of dollars.

One irregularity was noted:

- A payment issued to a non-governmental polling location was voided after it was discovered that the vendor name on the check did not match the registered facility name. The error was promptly identified and corrected.

Conclusion

The Kankakee County Auditor's Office has reviewed and verified all submitted claims, payrolls, and operational procedures associated with the February 25, 2025 Consolidated Election. All records have been found to be accurate, complete, and in accordance with relevant statutes and policies. We extend our sincere appreciation to all election judges and County employees for their dedication and service. Their efforts ensured a smooth, transparent, and fair election for the residents of Bourbonnais.

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