

Bear Creek Township Election Commission Meeting
November 8, 2019

- I. Time: 9:08 a.m.
- II. Roll Call: Keiser, Golding, Kendziorski
- III. Consolidating Precincts and Creating an AVCB
 - a. Kendziorski explained the process of precinct consolidation and the paperwork needed to comply with state law. She explained that a resolution would need to be passed to consolidate precincts permanently and to create an AV Counting Board. These can be done in one resolution.
- IV. **Motion** by Keiser to make a resolution to permanently consolidate precincts and create an absent voter counting board. 2nd by Golding.
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Yes- Keiser, Golding, Kendziorski **Passed**
- V. The Resolution is as follows:
 - a. RESOLUTION TO PERMANENTLY CONSOLIDATE PRECINCTS AND CREATE AN ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD
 - i. WHEREAS, Act 116 of 1954, as amended, being MCL 168.658, allows a municipal election commission to consolidate precincts when there are not more than 2,999 active registered electors in that jurisdiction; and
 - ii. WHEREAS, Bear Creek Township has 5352 individuals registered (active and inactive) in three (3) precincts that reside in Bear Creek Township in Emmet County; 2846 in Precinct 3, 1936 in Precinct 2, and 570 in Precinct 1 currently and
 - iii. WHEREAS, with the passage of Proposal 3 during the November 6, 2018 General Election all voters may now request an absent voter ballot; and
 - iv. WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Elections it appears that voters are taking advantage of this option, and are increasingly choosing to vote by absentee ballot rather than in the precinct on election day; and
 - v. WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Bear Creek Township Clerk to permanently consolidate the three (3) precincts into two (2) precincts and create an Absentee Voter Counting Board.
 - vi. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the three (3) precincts in Bear Creek Township be permanently consolidated into two (2) precincts and an Absentee Voter Counting Board be created.
 - vii. Adopted this 8th day of November 2019, by the Bear Creek Township Election Commission.

BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION

Emma Kendziorski

Emma Kendziorski, Township Clerk

Dennis Keiser

Dennis Keiser, Township Supervisor

Connie Golding

Connie Golding, Township Treasurer

- VI. Adjournment: 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emma Kendziorski

Emma Kendziorski, BCT Clerk