

# Between the Ovals

*A Johnson County Election Official Newsletter*



Above: Tom Travis and Chuck Murphy moving equipment to our new building.

## CHANGES FOR SCHOOL ELECTION

In addition to the new voting equipment, there will be another big change at the precincts this fall. Over the past two years, we have been using laser printers at select precincts, but starting this fall, we will be using them at every precinct for every election.

Since most of you have not worked with the laser printers, you may be a little hesitant about this move. That's okay – we think you will quickly realize how efficient the new printers are. Instead of digging around for the right form or making sure labels are in the right spots, Precinct Atlas will print the correct form with information already filled in.

The downside to using laser printers is they take up a lot more space than the label printers. But don't worry – we are not expecting anyone to haul around a carload of

computer equipment. In fact, chairs will no longer be hauling around ANY equipment. We have purchased custom-made carts to house the laser printers, along with laptops and other precinct supplies. These carts will be delivered to the precincts before election day, along with the voting equipment. Chairs will now pick up a covered clipboard with PEO information, precinct information, etc. (much like the current clipboard) at training. On the night before the election, the chair will pick up the master laptop and supplemental registers. Everything else will be waiting at the precinct!

This is a big change for us, and for you, but we hope it will make it less complicated and more efficient. Please let us know if you have any feedback about this process after working this fall. We are always looking for ways to improve and value your input.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**July 24-27th**  
Johnson County Fair

**September 12th**  
School Election

**October 10th**  
City Primary

**November 7th**  
City Election

## We're coming to a town near you...

Johnson County is the proud owner of new voting equipment! We are very excited and are eager to show it off to our PEOs and to the public. Later this summer, we are having a series of open houses for you to get a good look at the new equipment– and even a little hands-on practice, if you wish. The schedule of open houses is as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
TUES, JULY 18	HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER MAIN ROOM	110 MAIN ST HILLS
WED, JULY 19	TIFFIN CITY HALL CHAMBERS	300 RAILROAD ST TIFFIN
THURS, JULY 20	KIRKWOOD REGIONAL CENTER ATRIUM	2301 OAKDALE BLVD CORALVILLE
TUES, AUG 1	SOLON PUBLIC LIBRARY WEST SIDE MTG ROOM	320 W MAIN ST SOLON,
WED, AUG 2	JOHNSON COUNTY HHS BUILDING ROOM 203 B/C	855 S DUBUQUE ST IOWA CITY

Each open house will be from 5PM – 7PM. The first hour is open to the public, and the second hour will be reserved for PEOs. If you cannot make it between 6PM – 7PM, please feel free to come earlier. Attendance at the open house is voluntary, and no compensation will be provided. We hope to see all of you there!

## Check Out Our Website

We updated the Elections page on our website, and included a page exclusively for Precinct Election Officials. You can view the site by clicking [here](#).

On this page you can find past newsletters, and any training or volunteer sign-ups. Also, we hope to include the training materials for the new equipment on this site.

Know someone interested in being a PEO? Direct them to this page and they can apply online!

**Starting July 1st,  
Precinct Election  
Officials will earn  
\$13.00 per hour**

## UPDATE ON ELECTION LAWS

This was a busy year for elections in the legislature. Secretary of State Paul Pate introduced a comprehensive election bill in the early weeks of the session. The final bill passed and signed into law by the governor contained many additions, deletions and changes. You may have read or heard about some of the provisions in the last few months and are wondering what these law changes mean for you as a Precinct Election Official.

The good news is most of the big changes will not go into effect until after the school and city elections this fall. The most-talked-about part of the new law is the voter ID requirement. This will be phased in beginning on January 1, 2018, with voters who do not have ID being able to sign an oath throughout 2018. As of January 1, 2019, anyone who is unable to present proper ID will need to vote a provisional ballot. We will provide information later this year as details are finalized.

Another law passed this session combines the school and city elections. In November 2019, both the school and city offices and public measures will be

on the same ballot. There are logistics that still need to be worked out with the process, but for this year, it will remain the same.

The smaller changes that go into effect for this fall's elections:

- Polling place selfies will be allowed, so long as they do not fall under the category of electioneering.
- Military Veteran's ID will now be accepted for ID purposes.
- Proof of residence documents must now be dated within 45 days or describe current residency to include election day (i.e. a lease).
- EDR voters must be verified against a felon list or else vote a provisional ballot. Precinct Atlas uses our felon database, so unless computers are down, this will not affect us.

We ask you to be patient with us as we navigate these new laws. There are numerous questions that still need answered, and we will do everything in our power to make sure you have all the information you need to be successful in your precinct on Election Day!



Above: Mike Callahan, along with Tony & Ruth Kellems work the Mock Election at the fair.

## FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Johnson County Fair will be held July 24 - July 27. The Auditor's Office will have a booth at the fair, showing off our new equipment and having a Mock Election. Election staff will be present throughout the day, however, we are in need of volunteer PEOs to help us out.

Volunteers help fairgoers vote in our Mock Election and assist in voter registrations. While we can't offer monetary compensation for your time, it is a fun way to visit with the public about the election process.

Interested in signing up? We've created an online signup sheet for more convenience and to save money. We also want to test the online signup so we can use it for future election training schedules.

Shifts run about two hours from 10am - 8pm. To sign up go to the link posted in this email or click here → [SIGN UP](#)

Click on your desired date/time in the red Sign Up box then click "Submit and Sign Up" You will then be directed to a new page.

Need to sign up your spouse or friend also? Just pick 2 under Qty and add the name of other person in the comments.

Don't have a computer, or having trouble signing up for your desired date/time? Don't worry! Just call Krista at the Auditor's Office, 319-356-6004 and she can quickly sign you up for your preferred date and time.

