

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request (MI-CHEBOYGAN-21-0916)
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From: Jeff Lawson
To: AO Records
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EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Ms. Wishingrad,

Please find attached additional minutes from the Election Information Sub-Committee.

Thank you.

Jeffery Lawson
Cheboygan County Administrator

**Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners
Election Information Sub-Committee
May 13, 2021**

The Election Information Sub-Committee was called to order via telephonic and in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Richard Sangster at 8:33 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Ellen Tryban, Richard Sangster, and Steve Warfield.

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Administrator Jeff Lawson, IT Director Dave Berg, County Clerk Karen L. Brewster, Stephanie Lambert, Jean Richendollar, Larry Hull, Joe Klein, Beth Bridgman, Vice President of Election Source Steve DeLongchamp, Janet Mleczewski and William Burnell.

Commissioner Warfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Warfield, seconded by Commissioner Tryban to approve the April 14, 2021 minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 3 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/ OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Stephanie Lambert commented that she worked with Attorney Matthew DePerno on some of the election lawsuits and she would be happy to answer any questions that the committee might have. She wanted to inform the committee on their expert findings with the Michigan election equipment. Currently, they have experts continuing to analyze the elections and the data that they have. At this time, they had a number of expert reports, which included a report from Doug Logan where he found software in a SQL data base that should have never been on Michigan election equipment in Antrim County that was essentially not certified and allowed for manipulation with the vote and voter fraud. They had a report from Jeffrey Lendberg who had prepared a series of reports. Mr. Lendberg has found that votes could be flipped, which was very concerning with the Michigan election equipment. He has actually demonstrated on a video where both votes could go in for one party and be flipped to another and for purposes of demonstration he did that with four (4) Trump votes, which flipped to be four (4) Biden votes. What's concerning about this was that it circumvents the canvass process. The canvass process was really the check and balance of the election results immediately after the election and the flipped votes were reflected on the paper tape that prints out of the machine. It matches the electronic management system and, therefore, it can be certified. However, the ballots that were in the container were completely different and didn't reflect what's on the tape or the election management system. This circumvents the canvass process. Mr. Lendberg was in the process of preparing a new report and was currently drafting it regarding how a third party such as Election Source could do this remotely and how it could be done throughout the state. Ben Cotton who was another expert had found Michigan election equipment, communication from Germany and Taiwan communicating with Michigan election equipment. She stated that they have discovered Verizon telephone cards that could be called into, essentially making the election equipment a telephone that the votes could be changed that way, as well. There have been a number of problems that would result in

the following: 1) the election equipment, which should have never been certified, and 2) problems that can take place with this equipment, but the most important finding that they have had this week was Jeffery Lendberg has been able to conclude that the election was subverted in Antrim County, meaning that fraud did take place and it wasn't an accident.

Commissioner Warfield asked her to explain what the free audit that she had proposed at the last meeting would entail and what they were looking at. Ms. Lambert stated that they believed that it was important that all of these local jurisdictions look at their election equipment because they know that they had major problems with the 2020 November election and in her opinion, this was the only time that this could be fixed. If they continue to allow third parties to interfere with our elections, then they didn't have a free country. This was a First Amendment issue, which was a critical amendment that protects the rest of the Constitution. If we didn't have the right to vote and have your vote counted as it's intended to count, then we didn't have a free country and clerks have taken an oath with a duty to the constituents that elected them to hold fair and accurate elections that were separate from state duties or federal duties. Locally, we should make sure that the elections were being appropriately run, where every vote voted counted as it was intended. There was a forensic team that they could send in at no cost to Cheboygan County. The forensic team would take an image of the election management system (EMS) and any other election equipment that could be imaged. They would not change anything, they would not install anything, and they would not make any changes to the Cheboygan election equipment. They would merely analyze what took place in the November 2020 election at no cost and provide a report.

Commissioner Warfield stated that it was his understanding that they would be looking for connectivity between their tabulator computer and any outside entities. Ms. Lambert stated that they could look at anything that they wanted, but what the team would like to look at would be any communication with any foreign countries with the Michigan election equipment. The team could look at to see if the tapes matched the EMS, which should match the ballots. There were a number of things that could be looked at to satisfy Cheboygan as to how the election was run to see if everyone's vote as it was intended to count. The team was very-very qualified and you could look at the reports in their curriculum. The team would be able to see if any files had been deleted remotely or locally. There were so many things that could be looked at, but one of the critical pieces that they would want to look at was if there was a foreign entity communicating with the Michigan election equipment.

Commissioner Warfield stated that she referred to looking at the tapes and he questioned what she was talking about. Ms. Lambert stated that she didn't believe that it could actually be described any longer as the actual vote count, because of what Jeffery Lendberg was able to demonstrate. She explained that the tabulator when the election was closed, prints a tape and the tape reflects how many votes the presidential candidates received and it goes down the ballot separating all of the races and gives the number of votes that each candidate received. Then you look at the election management system, the computer that was also recording this and they should match. If there was a discrepancy, the canvass process would go back and figure out why. Was a ballot spoiled? Was there an explanation in the book? This was supposed to be the process to make sure that everything was done with integrity. The problem was that they showed in Antrim County that the section was subverted. The paper ballots were capable of not matching at all, if there was vote flipping that took place, from what was printed out on the tape that comes out of the tabulator. There was actually a video that Jeffery Lendberg created that was taken and put on OEN News where he put in seven (7) ballots as a test with four (4) for Trump, two (2) for Biden and one (1) for Jorgenson. Trump's votes went to Biden and the tape printed out the votes for Biden that also matched the EMS. What Mr. Lenberg has also been able to demonstrate was that

this could be done remotely from a contractor such as Election Source. Election Source was the contractor of Dominion that serviced a number of counties in Michigan and it didn't even need to be Election Source. A third party could do this remotely with the connectivity of the internet, which creates a number of security problems. On the database in Antrim County, there was the SQL where Microsoft SQL should have never been there and it was not certified and this was sort of the vehicle that allowed for the subversion to happen.

Commissioner Warfield stated that he was concerned with the tapes as they were not looking at the individual votes, but just looking at a tape that included all vote totals. Ms. Lambert stated that the identity of the voter was not revealed. The forensic team had no way of knowing who voted for which person. There was no record of that on the EMS. This audit could be done in stages. They could do all of the forensic imaging, prepare the report, and then based upon the report; the committee could decide to take the next step.

Commissioner Warfield stated that he had the opportunity to review Mr. Lenberg's video and he had hoped that they could present this on the screen for those in attendance here today, but they were unable to do that. He encouraged anyone who hasn't seen it to watch it. Its powerful actions, speak louder than words when you watch this happen and it was disturbing.

Commissioner Sangster commented on the outline to Commissioner Warfield's point a little more and asked what they were asking for from the sub-committee in a formal so that they had something they could bring to the full Board. Ms. Lambert stated it was something that was available to the committee should they want it. She was not necessarily asking, but was encouraging local officials to carefully look at the election that took place on November 3, 2020 because their experts have found problems; foreign entities communicating with Michigan election equipment; software on the databases that were not certified; the potential for a vote flipping from a third party contractor; wireless communications and telephone communications with the equipment. She was encouraging that this was carefully analyzed and was concerned about a number of companies that the Secretary of State recommended that were actually part of the problem. Her experts were experts with excellent credentials. She stated that their director have been experts for the majority of their careers. One of their directors was counter terrorism intelligence, former NSA, and former Sandia Labs, which were very highly qualified firms with integrity that could image everything in a transparent way. If the committee wanted to observe the process, they could arrange for that to happen, as well and they would be able to arrange because they cared about showing the people what happened with the election. Maybe Cheboygan County have didn't have any problems, but they would take a look as that for them. She was offering at no cost to Cheboygan County for experts to come in to proceed with a very transparent process. Commissioner Sangster asked Commissioner Warfield to draft an overview of what Ms. Lambert's verbal proposal so they had something for the full Board.

Beth Bridgman, citizen of the City of Cheboygan questioned what Ms. Lambert mentioned about the circumventing of the canvass board and the numbers. She stated that she tried to reconcile the numbers from her FOIA request a couple of different ways and they didn't match up. Was this part of the problem? Ms. Lambert explained what the experts have discovered was that it's possible to put the votes in the machine and the paper tape result to print out flipping the votes. The vote totals on the paper tape does not match the ballots in the can. It was capable of matching what's in the EMS. They also have run testing, which they were able to flip it remotely with the EMS. These vote flips can happen in a number of different ways remotely. With respect to Antrim County, they have determined that it wasn't just mere negligence or an accident, but actually subverted. In some jurisdictions, throughout the United States, citizens were not entitled to look at the paper ballots unless the elections were very close, which makes the perfect fraudulent

scheme and was another reason supporting why they were interested in telling the American people about what's happening.

Commissioner Sangster commented on a resolution that Commissioner Warfield shared with him. He found it very interesting that the Attorney for Antrim County wrote this in December of 2020 and he was also the head of the Grand Traverse County Republican Committee. Basically, the Republican Committee demands that the Michigan Legislature immediately initiate and conduct a third party forensic audit of all ballots with the purpose of ensuring transparency of the 2020 November Election. He questioned what had changed today. Then Peter Wendling our attorney was the other guy sitting in the front row at Antrim County. This was very fluent with a lot of information to digest and very important. Mr. Sangster stated what keeps raising questions with him was why the resistance because he didn't think that there was any intent at this level, but probably was a message somewhere else. Hopefully, Commissioner Warfield could get something that they were comfortable with for the asking and they would make a continued effort on this. There was stuff coming out every day about this and he didn't think that there was any resolution today for this issue because obviously it was a full Board matter for discussion.

Commissioner Warfield asked for clarification from Attorney Lambert as to if she was willing to do a two (2) or three (3) stage forensic audit where they would come in and check for foreign connectivity to their systems. And then from there the Board could make a decision as to whether they would move forward at that point. He stated that he just wanted to explore what options were open to them as they try to formulate an opinion for the full Board and its entirety. Attorney Stephanie Lambert stated that this was correct and she encouraged some preservation because the clerks have a duty to preserve, but she didn't know of extra measures. They have discovered in Antrim County that the 2020 election was essentially deleted just prior to the audit.

Commissioner Sangster commented that this on a Grand Traverse Republican Party Resolution of December 20th where Haider Kazim was the Attorney for Antrim County and as of yesterday, he stepped down. In her opinion Ms. Lambert stated that when he was representing Antrim County that involved Cheryl Guy. In the lawsuit, they were going to be presenting that Cheryl Guy had deleted some of the data. Either she deleted it or she ordered it to be deleted. There might have been as the Antrim County Attorney some different factors that he had to consider in representing Antrim County outside of was the election fair with the machines and the machines capability.

Steve DeLongchamp, Vice President of Election Source commented there was a lot to unpack here and while he appreciated Ms. Lambert's opinion, in some aspect she was just flat out wrong. A county's election equipment was deemed critical infrastructure by the Federal Government, just like a nuclear power plant would be deemed critical infrastructure. Neither Dominion nor Election Source fears an audit, but they welcome an audit by an accredited EAC, third party. This means someone that knows what they were doing, going into these machines and with someone that can be trusted, not to do anything nefarious. He was going to go through some of these things that Ms. Lambert was a little bit wrong on. For example, the machines were certified through the Federal Government with SQL server installed. This can be found in the EAC documents, which was available online. These machines were also State certified with the same components. Ms. Lambert was also saying that the machines were connected to the internet, which the County's IT person can easily debunk. These machines were not connected to the internet nor did these machines have a modem in it. Ms. Lambert was confusing an ES&S machine, which was Election System and Software that had a modem compared to Dominion machines in Cheboygan County and Antrim County, which did not have a modem. They were completely VOID of the internet and not connected. An audit through the EAC, an accredited auditor such as Pro V&V was the gold standard. He also wanted to remind them on how elections were conducted in Michigan and what

steps were taken to make sure coding was correct. Prior to an election, all clerks in the State of Michigan must conduct logic and an accuracy test, which was set forth in Michigan's promulgated rules where a chart of pre-determined results were made and ballots were marked in accordance to that chart. These ballots were then run through the tabulator and they should already know the outcome because the chart and then those tapes were checked against those pre-determined results. Likewise, this was also done at a public accuracy, which the public can come in and witness that. He highly recommended that the Commissioners attend these, so they could see the accuracy of the machines. After an election, an audit was conducted by the Board of Canvass, there were audits conducted by the Secretary of State and then there were Risk Limiting Audits done. Keep in mind that there were over a thousand hand counts on the Dominion equipment, where the totals from the tapes to the ballots matched. He wasn't sure what the DePerno Law Firm was gaining out of this, but they were flat out wrong.

Ms. Lambert addressed the logic and accuracy testing stating that they had an expert who also reviewed the logic and accuracy testing regarding the machine and the EMS. Matt DePerno's report showed the design of the machines could be subverted where they pass the logic and accuracy testing and then a certain period of time goes by before the fraud begins and the vote flipping starts.

Steve DeLongchamp, Vice President of Election Source commented regarding the custody of the equipment and stated that the sub-committee needed to keep in mind that it was critical infrastructure and it cannot be turned over to an uncredited company.

Larry Hull, citizen of Tuscarora Township thanked the Sub-committee for their due diligence.

Joe Klein, citizen of Benton Township commented that a husband and wife who live in Aloha Township had submitted FOIA requests to the Aloha Township Clerk asking the same questions and received a different answer for question #3, which asked for the number of adjudicated ballots. These FOIA letters were dated the same day, were going to the same home and both of the letters was signed by the same clerk. His question was what should they believe?

Beth Bridgman, citizen of the City of Cheboygan commented about documentation from her presentation, where Dominion talked about all of the machines being required by the State of Michigan to be connected to the internet. She stated that the real hack came in, which probably updated their things on October 23rd on the SQL and put it onto the system, so that they could hack it by cell phones and various other places. The Antrim County audit proved that they had downloaded software on October 23rd and November 5th. This was likely the software that Ms. Lambert was talking about, that enabled the Microsoft site cell phones and hacks to come in. Dominion did have and said that they were required by the State of Michigan to have all of the machines capable of connecting to the internet, but the real connection to the SQL software that they downloaded during that audit came from wireless printers. Dominion certified seven (7) types of wireless printers because they were going to kick out ballots so they had to have a reason to have a wireless printer. These were not always connected to the internet, but that wireless printer in the room had cell phone tower accessibility, and it could draw and access everybody's cell phone in the room that came in to vote and everything else. This was how most of the hack happened. These machines were connected to cell phone towers that had been hacked internationally all over the country. Election System stated that the seven (7) wireless printers, wireless cell tower could access telephones.

Joe Klein, citizen of Benton Township commented that he had an opportunity to talk to Cindy and would like to know if all her people would remain nameless for their own protection from the rest of the people that they were dealing with.

Beth Bridgman, citizen of the City of Cheboygan commented that she still did not have a valid Ballot Summary Report for Inverness Township Absentee Voter Counting Board. No one has been able to produce one. She stated that she has gotten one from the other four (4) Townships, but she did not have anything for Inverness Township that showed the number of absentee ballots processed. None of the numbers matched up to the statement. In May, she voted by absentee ballot or a mail in ballot through the mail, which she voted for Trump. If she hadn't voted for Trump, she was sure that she would not have received a ballot in the mail for the May Election.

County Clerk Karen L. Brewster commented that there was not a Ballot Summary Report for the Inverness Township AVCB because one did not exist. A Ballot Summary Report was generated from a computer/lap top using the State of Michigan Bureau of Election Qualified Voting File Electronic Poll Book software, which was never ever used for an Absentee Voter Counting Board.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Commissioner Sangster commented that they were not here to today to debate these issues, but to just reduce the gathering of information. As soon as the Election Information Sub-committee gets more data, they would be scheduling another meeting in the future.

Motion by Commissioner Warfield, seconded by Commissioner Tryban, to adjourn to the call of the chairperson. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 3 yes, 0 no and 0 absent. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Karen L. Brewster
County Clerk/Register

**Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners
Election Information Sub-Committee
June 2, 2021**

The Election Information Sub-Committee was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Richard Sangster at 9:33 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Ellen Tryban, Richard Sangster, and Steve Warfield.

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance: Administrator Jeff Lawson, County Clerk Karen L. Brewster, Larry Hull, Joe Klein, Beth Bridgman, Missy France, Betsy Gahn, Mark Gahn, Ed. St. Pierre, Owen Goslin and William Burnell.

Commissioner Tryban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE OF MINUTES – Not Approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sangster commented that he has digested a lot of information this week. He has been in contact and will be speaking with Legal Civil Counsel later today regarding provisions of Michigan Election Law which govern electronic voting systems.

Commissioner Warfield commented on the direction that he would like to see this go. It appears that this junction, they need to appeal to the Secretary of State to allow the forensic audit. He handed out a copy of the proposed response to the Secretary of State's letter dated May 20, 2021 to the Cheboygan County Clerk that was received and read it out loud to the public. This was just a starting point and he thought it was a different approach. He stated that it clarifies what they want and it clearly states that the Board would like to conduct a forensic investigation.

Commissioner Sangster commented that connectivity has always been one of his questions and it has been an ongoing question for years by different people on how it all works.

Commissioner Tryban questioned if they need to explore the Election Management System.

Commissioner Warfield gave an example of a card game that he played on Friday nights, which was a complicated game with a lot of attention required as the game goes on. There was a dispute that arose amongst a group of friends and cohorts as to what had gone down. Quickly, they agreed the only way to resolve this was to take their five (5) cards that were in each of their hands and figure out how they got where they got and see if they couldn't find out what happened. They went through that process, which took a number of minutes to accomplish without anyone losing their patience or getting frustrated at one another and came up with the conclusion and all realized what had happened. He admitted that he was the guy that caused it, but to have taken a position in this situation of no they can't go back and look just seemed to him to be the wrong approach from a simple card game to an important issue to where they were today. It was an easy way out

to walk away from this, but it was their obligation to see what happened. What happens if they find out there was connectivity and they were communicating with Twain, unbeknownst to any Township Clerk or the County Clerk within this County? The Sub-Committee really needed to do their job and the full Board of Commissioners to look into this situation.

Commissioner Sangster commented on the grant process where the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #2017-15 on December 20, 2017 to authorize the County Clerk to sign a proposed vendor selection for a state grant application on behalf of the county and the County Clerk selected the Dominion Voting Systems. An example of a software program used on a slot machine that was manipulated was given. He has talked with many of his constituents who had concerns and he would like the election integrity of the County kept.

Commissioner Warfield commented that they were not going to conduct a forensic audit, but what they would be asking for was a limited forensic investigation and defining what it was that they wanted to look at. This was a reasonable change of approach and it was important to reiterate it. They have an excellent working relationship with the County Clerk and the Township Clerks, which feel like they were being attacked and thrown under the bus.

Commissioner Sangster commented that for the record this Board has never done that and the people who have spoken against the Clerks who called them out were only done in public comment. This was done by the other side to divide communities.

Commissioner Warfield stated that it was sad to hear during public comment that they were attacking the clerks. Commissioner Tryban commented that she totally agreed. Commissioner Warfield commented on a survey where 70% of Republicans and 30% of Democrats agreed that there was something not right. This was 50% of the electorate who was walking around with this in their minds and they needed to get to the bottom of this in order to move forward. It was not only for the local government, but also the State government. He wanted to reiterate that it was a limited forensic investigation on one (1) tabulator. If the Board was willing to go down this path, they were to do their due diligence. The whole Board of Commissioners needs to respond to this letter and make a recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Sangster commented that at this level a draft letter would be forwarded to legal counsel and staff would put it on the agenda for the next meeting. This was the next direction and this would shine some light on if they could or if they couldn't. He has had some other communications with other Board of Commissioners from other counties who have had the same concerns. He has found it interesting in the timing in the changings of the law.

Beth Bridgman, citizen of the City of Cheboygan commented that they have started attending some of the Township meetings and talking with the clerks to let them know. It has been encouraging in talking with the various clerks who have been very transparent with them. By asking those questions, they have been able to ascertain how the EMS was working in the ways that they would know.

Larry Hull, citizen of Tuscarora Township commented about how encouraged he was on the direction that the Sub-Committee was taking, how much he appreciated their efforts and the direction that they were taking.

Joe Klein, citizen of Benton Township commented that he had attended a meeting last night and he was very encouraged by the clerk and everyone on the staff who were very forthcoming. It

was a very delightful meeting. He read a prayer out of the “Dailey Bread for Today”. Trusting was what this was about.

Owen Gosling, citizen of the City of Cheboygan commented that he didn’t know if public comments had any service at this point because it seemed that they were pretty well buried into some of the election conspiracies that they had been listening too. No one has provided any evidence of any wrong doing, fraud, and nothing even close in Cheboygan. People were eventually going to find out and they were going to be disappointed that they were spending this time on this kind of business when there was so many other things in Cheboygan County that need to be focused on. This Board was focused on elections integrity, but the County’s reputation was not served by this. The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security has been looking into these rumors and have found nothing. He wasn’t sure what Cheboygan County was going to find by opening up a machine, which they cannot do under the law. This whole exercise was seen as being really pointless and just feeding distrust in the government, which was not healthy. He hoped that they took the advice of their civil counsel.

Mark Gahn, citizen of Benton Township commented regarding to Civil Counsel, which was just an opinion. If everything was black and white, they would be no need for him to interrupt it and the paperwork could stand on its own. The other side of the coin was if they did have something written in the law and it opposes the good will that was something that may be on the books, but it was not correct and it could go against the good will of the people and many times it was void on the surface. Again, their civil counsel was just that, listen to them, use you common sense and move forward. He gave an example of cooking something in an oven and the air pressure in a tire. Don’t listen to somebody who does not want you to double check and don’t keep letting the can get kicked down the road.

Beth Bridgman, citizen of City of Cheboygan commented on how software could be manipulated with the change of a date and things can be wiped out.

William Burnell, citizen of Benton Township commented this was un-American and there shouldn’t be any problem to look at these machines. If they were American, stand up, act like an American and look into this. He prayed over the draft copy of the letter that was going to be sent to the Secretary of State.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Commissioner Sangster commented that from this meeting the Sub-Committee was going to gather what information they received and take it up with legal counsel with the hope of bringing something back to the full Board next week.

Motion by Commissioner Warfield, seconded by Commissioner Tryban, to adjourn to the call of the chair. Motion carried with 3 yes, 0 no and 0 absent. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Karen L. Brewster
County Clerk/Register