

MEMORANDUM

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff
FROM: Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)
DATE: September 26, 2023
SUBJECT: Election Judge Oath Issue
PRESENTER: Gary Kemmetmueller

Introduction

On October, 2022 I received a phone call from Coon Rapids City Clerk/ appointed Election Manager Ms. Joan Lenzmeier's admin, asking me to meet with Ms. Lenzmeier. I agreed to meet at 9:00 AM on 10/21/2022. The subject that I thought that was to be discussed was that of the Election Judges being required to sign the DS200 tabulator strip, under oath, that the ballots and votes were counted accurately. As we all know, there is no way for that to be true since the ballots are entered into the DS200 and the resulting vote counts are never verified by election judges.

At the meeting, Ms. Lenzmeier was apparently trying to intimidate me into saying something about hand counting the votes, since she stated that "hand counting was unlawful", which it was not. This was not a rational meeting but one of intimidation as witnessed by the HR admin taking notes. Ms. Lenzmeier asked me if I was willing to do the duties of an election judge for the up coming General Election. I said that I was and have done so previously, I just couldn't sign the paper tape strip coming out of the DS200 at the close of the polls, under oath, testifying that the vote count was accurate.

After two attempts to intimidate me into saying something I did not understand, I got up to leave and asked, "Am I still an election judge?" Ms. Lenzmeier responded, "I'll let you know after I talk with our attorney".

Some time later, I asked Ms Lenzmeier for a copy of the notes that the HR person had taken. Her response was that she doesn't have any or could not find any but would have someone look for it. I stated that I just wanted a copy of the original notes and not a translated transcript. On November 30, I received an informal typed, wrongly translated, copy of what Ms. Lenzmeier wanted to be released, rather than what I had asked for. Why?

Analysis

This was a meeting of harassment, trying to cancel any integrity I had toward our elections.

I received an email followed up by a USPS mailed letter stating I was not allowed to be an election judge. See attached letter dated October 28, 2022. Also notice that the attached list of meeting notes was dated 10-21-23, the notes Ms. Lenzmeier said she didn't have or couldn't find but sent them on November 30.

Conclusions/Recommendations

Here is the wording from the MN ELECTION JUDGE GUIDE:

We the undersigned election judges hereby certify: ...that the number of ballots entered on this summary statement correctly show the number of votes cast for each candidate.”

This would be a felony misdemeanor to lie under oath and that MN guide is forcing EJs to sign it or not be an EJ.

The Coon Rapids Elections dept needs to be investigated with a thorough observation of what goes on behind those closed doors. The Post Election Review does not and they will not, audit any of the down ballots. There is no transparency, no trust and no reason to vote in Coon Rapids.

Attachments

Letter from Joan Lenzmeier

Typed notes from Joan Lenzmeier wrongly translated

Note: This Memorandum and Report will be emailed to Board Members, County Administrator, PRT Division Head and Elections Manager.