
2026 ADAMS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

MINUTES

APPROVED 2/19/2026

The Adams County Election Board met on Thursday, January 22, 2026 in the Election Room in the basement of the Adams County Courthouse building.

Those present were:

Dean ("J.") Swygart, Democratic Chairman, Member, appointed in August of 2021 and no term limit.
Charles ("Charlie") Tooley, Republican Member, appointed in December of 2026 and no term limit.
Shelly M. Brite, Clerk of Court/Secretary of Election Board, elected 2022 and termed 2026.
Kelli Fuhrmann, Election Deputy
Jennifer Anstett, Asst. Election Deputy

Election Board meeting called to order by J Swygart at 9:00 a.m.

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approved minutes of the August 7, 2025 meeting, seconded by J Swygart motion carried (3-0).

Board Meeting Dates & Times for 2026 @ 9:00 a.m., unless noted

See attached dates

Voting Equipment

The Indiana Secretary of State and VSTOP require the equipment inventory list to be filed with Indiana Election Division and VSTOP. Therefore, a motion is needed to approve the IEC-22.

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approve and sign the **IEC – 22** Form, seconded by J Swygart motion carried (3-0).

Vote Center Plan Discussion

In reviewing Adams County current Vote Center Plan, Clerk is advising Board that the same six (6) vote centers will be used in the 2026 primary and general elections. Voter Centers are as follows:

- Bridge Church of Decatur
- Riverside Center in Decatur
- Monroe Fire Station
- The Missionary Church of Berne
- Bridge Church of Berne
- 100 High Street Building in Geneva

Resolutions

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approve, adopt and sign the **Resolution 2026-1**, proxy designation for initialing ABS ballots, seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approve, adopt and sign the **Resolution 2026-2**, proxy for Key Holder on the ABS ballots storage, seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approve, adopt and sign the **Resolution 2026-3**, authorize Travel Board to complete ABS application and ballot in front of Travel Board, seconded J Swygart, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approve, adopt and sign the **Resolution 2026-4**, authorize Clerk of establishing travel boards, seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approve, adopt and sign the **Resolution 2026-5**, allow unopposed contested Democrat candidates for Precinct Committeeman and Republican and Democrat candidates serve as poll workers, seconded J Swygart, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approve, adopt and sign the **Resolution 2026-6**, to omit precinct election officers, seconded by Shelly Brite, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approve, adopt and sign **Resolution 2026-7** "Establishing Dates and Hours for In-person Absentee Voting," seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approve, adopt and sign **Resolution 2026-8** "Establishing Locations, Dates, and Hours for In-person Absentee Voting at Satellite Offices," seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approve, adopt and sign **Resolution 2026-9** "Approving 16 and 17 Old Students to Work at Vote Centers," seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approve, adopt and sign **Resolution 2026-10** "To Count Absentee Ballots Any time after 6:00 a.m. on Election Day," seconded by J Swygart, motion carried (3-0).

Updated Adams County Election Disaster Emergency Plan

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approve and adopt the updated Adams County Elections Security and Emergency Plan, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried (3-0).

Campaign Finance Reports

January 21, 2026 was the deadline for the 2025 annual campaign finance reports. All reports were filed on time with the Clerk's office.

Candidates that have filed to date

Election Board Comments:

Shelly Brite discussed the candidate list to date. Also, proxy forms will need to be filled out for the year. J Swygart brought up questions regarding legislation on paper ballots and no mail in ballots. I mentioned in was in previous bills but nothing shows at this time for this year's legislation discussion.

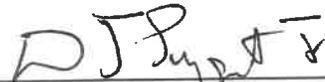
Next meeting shall be on February 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Upon motion by J Swygart to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

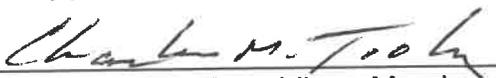
Respectfully submitted

Shelly M. Brite

Shelly M. Brite, Secretary CEB



J Swygart, Democratic Chairman



Charlie Tooley, Republican Member

