The regular meeting of the Ingham County Election Commission was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Judge Garcia. The meeting was held virtually in accordance with Executive Order 2020-154.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk  
Richard Garcia, Chief Probate Judge  
Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Noel  
Michael Tanis

Approval of June 4, 2020 Minutes

Moved by Treasurer Eric Schertzing, supported by Clerk Barb Byrum, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 Election Commission Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Invoices from the August 4, 2020 State Primary

Clerk Byrum stated that the bills totaled $55,198.56, for the August 4, 2020 State Primary. She further stated that the reason why the precinct kit invoices looked different was because the County Clerk’s Office was now creating the precinct kits in-house.

Clerk Byrum stated that the County Clerk’s Office utilized the Ingham County Copy Center. She further stated that the Copy Center invoiced the County Clerk’s Office, and then her office put together the precinct kits.

Clerk Byrum stated that there was a lot of waste and inconsistency when the County Clerk’s Office had ordered the precinct kits from the vendor.

Moved by Clerk Byrum, supported by Treasurer Schertzing, to approve the payment of invoices.

Treasurer Schertzing asked if it was cheaper to create the precinct kits in-house.
Clerk Byrum stated that it was cheaper.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election

Clerk Byrum stated that the Election Commission received updated proof ballots earlier today. She further stated that the incumbent and non-incumbent races for the 30th Circuit Court needed to be switched, per specific guidance from the Bureau of Elections.

Clerk Byrum stated that the previous guidance from the Bureau of Elections was confusing. She further stated that the Election Commission members might have received communications from the Libertarian Party, and the party had been correct in terms of the ordering of the political parties on the ballot, and the correct party order had been reflected in both drafts of the proof ballots.

Treasurer Schertzing asked Judge Garcia if his name was accurately reflected on the proof ballots.

Judge Garcia stated that he hoped so.

Moved by Treasurer Schertzing, supported by Judge Garcia, to approve the ballots and to allow the County Clerk to make any changes as required by the State or any typographical errors.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Comment

Treasurer Schertzing asked when the next meeting of the Election Commission would be.

Clerk Byrum stated that the next meeting of the Election Commission would be to approve the bills from the November 3, 2020 General Election and to look toward a possible May election in 2021.

Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:19 p.m.