

Board of Election Commissioners

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Board of Election Commissioners to conduct elections and voter registration in the most efficient and accessible manner possible to the public.

Primary Functions → The primary function of the Board of Election Commissioners is to conduct all elections held within the City of Rockford, to provide registration opportunities for City residents, and to maintain a system of permanent registration of voters.

**CITY ELECTIONS, 1996-2007
NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS, ACTUAL VOTERS,
AND PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS TO REGISTERED VOTERS**

	FEBRUARY/ MARCH PRIMARIES	APRIL CONSOLI- DATED	GENERAL/ NON- PARTISAN		FEBRUARY/ MARCH PRIMARIES	APRIL CONSOLI- DATED	GENERAL/ NON- PARTISAN
1996	67,825		75,975	2002	83,563		79,624
	22,722		53,091		27,639		39,077
	33.5		69.9		33.1		49.1
1997	75,025	78,262	75,500	2003		81,366	
	6,909	39,304	19,000			19,900	
	9.2	50.2	25.2			24.5	
1998	77,614		81,027	2004	80,330		87,937
	15,177		36,752		19,228		57,905
	19.3		45.4		23.9		65.8
1999		76,333		2005	84,374		88,781
		18,567			7,092		33,716
		24.3			8.4		38.0
2000	80,753		85,630	2006	80,359		82,058
	17,467.0		55,698		21,122		38,224
	21.6		65.4		26.3		46.6
2001	83,463		86,899	2007		83,070	
	6,038		39,080			22,142	
	7.2		45.0			26.65	

2007 Accomplishments →

- Successfully conducted the April 5 Consolidated Election in which there were total of 22,142 ballots cast of the 83,070 registered voters, resulting in a 27% participation rate.
- Implemented provisions of new state election law, including early voting, grace period registration and voting, redistricting for judicial sub-districts, processing registrations throughout the State from deputy registrars.
- Administered mass mailing of Voter Identification Cards within Rockford City limits.

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- Successfully integrated the City map with ward and precinct boundaries, County Board districts, Judicial Circuit sub-districts, School Board districts, Legislative districts, and Representative districts, along with voter registration figures into GIS files.

2008 Goals and Objectives →

- Conduct a February 5 General Primary (Presidential Preference) Election and a November 4 General Election.
- Continued appointment and training of deputy registrars.
- Conduct a specialized mock election training for all election judges.
- Comply with State legislation to establish two (2) supplemental early voting sites

Budget Summary

BOARD OF ELECTION BUDGET SUMMARY					
APPROPRIATION	2006 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2007 <u>BUDGET</u>	2007 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2008 <u>BUDGET</u>	INCREASE <u>(DECREASE)</u>
PERSONNEL	\$303,745	\$407,975	\$358,060	\$515,443	\$107,468
CONTRACTUAL	397,869	262,610	525,160	340,217	77,607
SUPPLIES	242,570	37,400	0	62,600	25,200
CAPITAL	<u>1,097,418</u>	<u>77,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(52,000)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,041,602</u>	<u>\$784,985</u>	<u>\$883,220</u>	<u>\$943,260</u>	<u>\$158,275</u>

FUNDING SOURCE	2007 <u>AMOUNT</u>	2007 <u>PERCENTAGE</u>	2008 <u>AMOUNT</u>	2008 <u>PERCENTAGE</u>
PROPERTY TAXES				
FRINGE BENEFIT REIMBURSEMENTS	\$0	0.0	\$0	0.0
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER	784,985	100.0	943,260	100.0
GENERAL REVENUES	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	<u>784,985</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>943,260</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Budget Analysis

The 2008 budget is \$943,260, which is a \$158,300 (20.0%) increase from the 2007 budget. There are two scheduled elections to be conducted in 2008, one more than in 2007, explaining much of the general increase in the budget. Personnel expenditures increase \$107,500, with the largest increases in salaries (\$53,900) and temporary salaries (\$27,700). IMRF charges also increased \$7,800 and health insurance went up \$17,900. \$45,000 of the expense is nonrecurring due to having two computer specialists on staff in order to assume a smooth retirement transition.

Contractual services increased \$77,600, mainly due to increased ballot printing and election advertising requirements for the elections. Printing and publication increased \$45,400, advertising increased \$21,000, and miscellaneous contractual increased \$6,900. Supply accounts increased

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\$25,200, mainly in general office supplies (\$5,000), and computer non-capital increased by \$20,200 in order to accommodate the voter registration system.

Capital expenses have decreased \$52,000 from the previous year's budget.

In addition to the \$943,260 budget request submitted to the City, the Election Commission, a quasi-independent entity, has additional expense of \$159,000 for election judges (\$24,000 reimbursed by the State of Illinois) and salaries and retirement (\$135,000) paid directly by Winnebago County for the director, assistant director, and three commissioners). The total program cost is \$1,102,260. Funding will be from the County, \$1,135,000, and the State, \$24,000.

In 2007, the Board of Election Commissioners spent \$883,220, or 112.5% of its budgeted allocation. In the past several years, with the exception of 2006, 99% to 113% of the budget has been spent.

Capital Equipment

For 2008, the Board of Election Commissioners has budgeted \$25,000 for payment on voter registration software.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2008 BUDGET	
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ELECTION EQUIPMENT FUND	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	<u>\$25,000</u>