

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, 1997-2008
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
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		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	
2002	83,563		79,624	2008	76,371		85,871
	27,639		39,077		29,478		59,609
	33.1		49.1		38.6		69.42

2008 Accomplishments →

- Successfully conducted the February 5 General Primary Election in which there were total of 29,478 ballots cast of the 76,371 registered voters, resulting in a 38.6% participation rate.
- Successfully conducted the November 4th General Election in which there were a total of 59,609 ballots cast of the 85,871 registered voters, resulting in a 69.42% participation rate.

2009 Goals and Objectives →

- Conduct an April Consolidated Election.
- Use five Election Judges in each precinct for each of the elections in 2009.
- Mail out non-forwardable Voter Identification cards to all City registrants.

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Budget Summary

BOARD OF ELECTION BUDGET SUMMARY					
APPROPRIATION	2007 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2008 <u>BUDGET</u>	2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 <u>BUDGET</u>	INCREASE <u>(DECREASE)</u>
PERSONNEL	\$358,060	515,443	\$371,752	\$533,205	\$17,762
CONTRACTUAL	525,161	340,217	556,750	331,706	(\$8,511)
SUPPLIES	0	62,600	0	51,400	(\$11,200)
CAPITAL	0	25,000	0	25,000	\$0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	\$0
TOTAL	<u>\$883,221</u>	<u>\$943,260</u>	<u>\$928,502</u>	<u>\$941,311</u>	<u>(\$1,949)</u>

FUNDING SOURCE	2008 <u>AMOUNT</u>	2008 <u>PERCENTAGE</u>	2009 <u>AMOUNT</u>	2009 <u>PERCENTAGE</u>
PROPERTY TAXES				
FRINGE BENEFIT REIMBURSEMENTS	\$0	0.0	\$0	0.0
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER	943,260	100.0	941,311	100.0
GENERAL REVENUES	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	<u>943,260</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>941,311</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Budget Analysis

The 2009 budget is \$941,311, which is a \$1,949 (0.2%) decrease from the 2008 budget. There were two scheduled elections conducted in 2008, one more than in 2009, explaining much of the general decrease in the budget. Personnel expenditures increase \$17,762, with the largest increases in permanent salaries (\$6,000), health insurance (\$5,000) and temporary salaries (\$4,600). IMRF charges also increased (\$1,500).

Contractual services decreased \$8,511, mainly due to decreased ballot printing and election advertising requirements for the elections from 2008. Printing and publication decreased \$20,900 and advertising increased \$11,700. Supply accounts decreased \$11,200, mainly in computer non-capital (\$11,000), but increased in general office supplies (\$5,000).

Capital for 2009 has stayed the same.

Non-forwardable Voter Identification cards will be mailed to all City registrants during 2009. This, in turn, will cause the mailing of approximately 12% or 9,600 forwardable, return postage paid confirmation cards, which allow voters to mail a change of address.

In 2008, the Board of Election Commissioners spent \$928,502, or 98.4% of its budgeted allocation. In the past several years, with the exception of 2006, 98% to 113% of the budget has been spent.

Capital Equipment

For 2009, the Board of Election Commissioners has budgeted \$25,000 toward a CD for ballot tabulation equipment in the future.

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CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2009 BUDGET	
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ELECTION EQUIPMENT FUND	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	<u>\$25,000</u>