

## Starke County Clerk Reminds Residents of Absentee Voting Options for the 2020 Primary Election May 18, 2020

Knox, IN – Bernadette Manuel, Starke County Clerk, reminds Starke County voters that the 2020 Primary Election will be held on **June 2, 2020** we have multiple options for those who would like to vote absentee before Election Day.

No-excuse in-person absentee voting will begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. Voters should watch the Starke County Leader newspaper and listen to WKVI for official announcements including all details for in person absentee voting.

Voters can also vote absentee by mail. Qualifying reasons to vote absentee by mail are:

### **ALL REASONS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THE JUNE 2, 2020 PRIMARY**

The deadline for the Voter Registration Office to receive an application to vote absentee by mail is **Thursday, May 21, 2020** by 11:59 p.m. Applications are accepted by mail, (if mailed the application must be to the Clerks Office by the 21<sup>st</sup>. Post marked does not apply) by fax to (574) 772-9169 timed stamped before 11:59 p.m., by email to [electionmail@co.starke.in.us](mailto:electionmail@co.starke.in.us) timed stamped before 11:59 p.m., or filling out the application on line at [www.IndianaVoters.in.gov](http://www.IndianaVoters.in.gov) before 11:59 p.m. or by hand-delivery to the Clerk's Office, Courthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 53 East Washington Street.

In addition to in-person absentee voting starting in the Clerk's Office on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. till Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Absentee by mail, a voter is qualified to vote by travel board if they are confined, ill, or have been injured; if they are caring for a confined person, or if they are a voter with disabilities and believe the available polling places on Election Day is not accessible to them. To vote absentee by travel board, a voter can contact the Starke County Clerk's office at (574) 772-9160 to request the absentee travel board. The deadline to request the travel board is Monday, June 1, 2020 **BY NOON**, but can be submitted at any earlier time. Remember, the earlier the request is received, the more successful the process will be.

The Clerk's office will make contact with the voter to schedule a date and time that a bi-partisan absentee travel board can visit the voter to assist them with casting their ballot. Absentee voting by travel board begins on Thursday, May 19, 2020

Voters can view the candidates that will be on their ballot by providing basic information at [www.Indianavoters.in.gov](http://www.Indianavoters.in.gov)

Finally, and possibly most importantly, the Starke County Clerk's Office and

Election Board is well aware of the uneasy feelings of voters when it comes to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its presence in the United States. In conjunction with the Starke County Health Department, the Starke County Emergency Management Office, and the Starke County Commissioners, the Clerk's Office will have policies, procedures, and practices in place to help alleviate the possibility of transmission within our absentee and Election Day voting locations. Should any voter still feel uneasy about visiting voting locations, the Clerk's Office is recommending that those voters elect to cast their ballot by mail using the information set out in this release.

On Election Day voting will take place at the following places

**WE ARE STILL PRECINCT BASED SO YOU MUST GO TO THE POLLING LOCATION YOUR PRECINCT HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED WITH.**

California Township Fire Department: California1, California 2, North Bend

Washington Township Community Building: Washington 1, Washington 2

Koontz Lake Property Owners Association Building: Oregon 2, Oregon 3

Hamlet James R Hardesty Community Center: Davis, Oregon1, Center 6

Knox Nancy Dembowski Community Center, Center 1, Center 2, Center 3, Center 4, Center 5, Jackson

North Judson Wayne Township Fire Station: Wayne 1, Wayne 2, Wayne 3, Wayne 4,

San Pierre Fire Department: Railroad

Remember, the Starke County Clerk's Office is here to help. Please contact us if you have questions about voting absentee or voting on Election Day.

Respectively Submitted by: Bernadette Manuel, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Election Board Secretary