Brookings County Finance Office

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Brookings County Commissioners –

Brookings County currently pays deputy poll workers $12.00 per hour and superintendents $12.50 per hour. In addition, we pay a flat rate of $15.00 to attend the Election School – which lasts around 1.5–2 hrs.

Attached is a spreadsheet of the responses that I received from other Counties on what they pay their election workers. As you can see, some Counties pay an hourly rate and some pay a flat rate for Election Day. Brookings County poll workers typically work anywhere from 14 – 16 hours on Election Day. Hours vary due to out of town Vote Centers.

Also, on that spreadsheet is the rate paid by the other Counties to attend Election School. I have done a few calculations on page 2 of the number of hours worked and the increased cost of raising the hourly rate by $1.00 or $2.00 per hour. I have also calculated the cost of our current Election School rate of $15 per worker and what the projected cost would be if we increased that to either $25.00 or even $50.00. I anticipate around 70 workers for each of the 2020 elections.

It would be my recommendation that we increase the hourly rate by $2.00 (moving from $12.00 and $12.50 /hr to $14.00 and $14.50 /hr) and increasing the flat rate for Election School to $25.00.

Thank you,

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County	Hourly Rate	Flat Rate	School
Bon Homme	$13.54		$25.00
Brown		$250.00	$20.00
Brule		$180.00	$15.00
Clark	$11.00		$11.00
Clay		175.00 / 200.00	
Codington		$175.00	$50.00
Corson	12.50 /11.50		$50.00
Dewey		$180.00	$25.00
Grant	$11.05		hrly rate
Hughes	$13.17		hrly rate
Hutchinson		$175.00	$25.00
Hyde	$12.00		hrly rate
Lake		150.00 / 175.00	$25.00
Lawrence		150.00 / 175.00	$20.00
Lyman		$200.00	$30.00
McCook		$200.00	$25.00
Meade		$150.00	$50.00
Minor		$175.00	$30.00
Pennington		$150.00	$50.00
Sully	$13.00		hrly rate
Walworth	15.00 / 17.00		$25.00

Year	# of Hrs Worked	$1.00 increase	$2.00 increase
General 2016	893.25	$893.25	$1,786.50
Primary 2018	715.00	$715.00	$1,430.00
General 2018	808.50	$808.50	$1,617.00

# of workers	Spent Rate $15.00	Up to $25.00	Up to $50.00
66	$990.00	$1,650.00	$3,300.00
53	$795.00	$1,325.00	$2,650.00
58	$870.00	$1,450.00	$2,900.00

Estimated # of workers			
70	$1,050.00	$1,750.00	$3,500.00

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Passed and approved this 7th day of January, 2020.

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Chairperson
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