

# 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, 1993-2004  
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
1993	73,380	73,460	69,880	1999		76,333	
	9,423	35,027	18,689			18,567	
	12.8	48	26.7			24.3	
1994	67,340		68,871	2000	80,753		85,630
	20,177		37,479		17,467		55,698
	30.0		54.4		21.6		65.4
1995	3,111	68,510	70,314	2001	83,463		86,899
	303	8,486	7,186		6,038		39,080
	9.7	12.4	10.2		7.2		45.0
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	50.200	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

### 2004 Accomplishments →

- Successfully completed the March 16 Primary Election, in which there was a total of 19,228 ballots cast of the 80,330 registered voters, resulting in a 24% participation rate.
- Completed precinct redistricting for the City.
- Successfully completed the November 2 General Election, in which there was a total of 57,905 ballots cast of the 87,937 registered voters, resulting in a 66% participation rate.

### 2005 Goals and Objectives →

- Conduct a February 22<sup>nd</sup> Consolidated Primary Election. Offices to be nominated are: Mayor, Aldermen, Township Supervisor, Town Clerk, Township Assessor, Township Highway Commissioner, and Township Trustees.

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- Conduct an April 5<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Election. Offices to be elected include those listed above, plus Park District Commissioners, Regional Board of School Trustees, School District Board Members, and Community College Trustees.
- Voter ID cards will be mailed to all voters indicating their new ward and precinct. This will spur the mailing of address confirmation cards to all voters whose ID cards were returned by the Post Office.

## **Budget Summary**

<b>BOARD OF ELECTION BUDGET SUMMARY</b>					
	2003	2004	2004	2005	INCREASE
<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>(DECREASE)</u>
PERSONNEL	\$196,176	\$432,051	\$276,818	\$358,118	(\$73,933)
CONTRACTUAL	454,500	250,899	471,123	218,278	(32,621)
SUPPLIES	0	25,900	0	25,900	0
CAPITAL	0	<u>25,000</u>	0	<u>27,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$650,676</u>	<u>\$733,850</u>	<u>\$747,941</u>	<u>\$629,796</u>	<u>(\$104,054)</u>

  

<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>	2004	2004	2005	2005
	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
PROPERTY TAXES				
FRINGE BENEFIT REIMBURSEMENTS	\$29,466	4.0	\$28,320	4.5
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER	328,983	44.8	328,983	52.2
GENERAL REVENUES	<u>375,401</u>	<u>51.2</u>	<u>272,493</u>	<u>43.3</u>
TOTAL	<u>733,850</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>629,796</u>	<u>100.0</u>

## **Budget Analysis**

The 2005 budget is \$629,796, which is a \$104,100 (14.2%) decrease from the 2004 budget. The same number of elections will be conducted in 2005 as were in 2004, but fewer judges will be used in each precinct and reimbursement from the State for those judges, which was suspended, has been reinstated. This difference causes a decrease in personnel expenses of \$73,900, with the largest drop in temporary salaries (\$55,600).

Contractual services also decreased \$32,600 as a result of the difference in elections. Major decreases were in advertising (\$16,000) and printing (\$17,400). Supplies remained stable.

In 2004, the Board of Election Commissioners spent \$747,941, or 101.9% of their allocated budget.

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## Capital Equipment

For 2005, the Board of Election Commissioners has budgeted \$27,500 for the third of five payments on voter registration software.

<b>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2005 BUDGET</b>	
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM	<u>\$27,500</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	<u>\$27,500</u>