

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, 1999-2010
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
1999		76,333 18,567 24.32%		2005	84,374 7,092 8.41%	88,781 33,716 37.98%	88,781 33,716 37.98%
2000	80,753 17,467 21.63%		85,630 55,698 65.04%	2006	80,359 21,122 26.28%		82,058 38,224 46.58%
2001	83,463 6,038 7.23%	83,665 37,343 44.63%	86,899 39,080 44.97%	2007		83,070 22,142 26.65%	
2002	83,563 27,639 33.08%		79,624 39,077 49.08%	2008	76,371 29,478 38.60%		85,871 59,609 69.42%
2003		81,366 19,900 24.46%		2009	86,954 3,530 4.06%	87,357 22,408 25.65%	
2004	80,330 19,228 23.94%		87,937 57,905 65.85%	2010	87,357 12,508 14.32%		

2009 Accomplishments →

- Successfully conducted the February 24 Consolidated Primary Election in which there were total of 3,530 ballots cast of the 86,954 registered voters, resulting in a 4.06% participation rate.
- Successfully conducted the April 7 Consolidated Election in which there were a total of 22,408 ballots cast of the 87,357 registered voters, resulting in a 25.65% participation rate.
- Voter Identification cards were printed and mailed to every voter within the City. During the first nine months of 2009, there were a total of 12,124 registrations and changes of addresses.
- Used five Election Judges in each precinct for each of the elections in 2009.

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2010 Goals and Objectives →

- Conduct a General Primary Election on February 2, 2010.
- Conduct the Gubernatorial General Election on November 2, 2010.
- Perform approximately ten four-hour classes for election judges' recertification in 2010.

Budget Summary

BOARD OF ELECTION BUDGET SUMMARY					
APPROPRIATION	2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 <u>BUDGET</u>	2009 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2010 <u>BUDGET</u>	INCREASE <u>(DECREASE)</u>
PERSONNEL	\$371,752	533,205	\$351,160	\$488,397	(\$44,808)
CONTRACTUAL	556,750	331,706	550,533	329,594	(\$2,112)
SUPPLIES	0	51,400	0	81,450	\$30,050
CAPITAL	0	25,000	0	25,000	\$0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	\$0
TOTAL	<u>\$928,502</u>	<u>\$941,311</u>	<u>\$901,693</u>	<u>\$924,441</u>	<u>(\$16,870)</u>

FUNDING SOURCE	2009 <u>AMOUNT</u>	2009 <u>PERCENTAGE</u>	2010 <u>AMOUNT</u>	2010 <u>PERCENTAGE</u>
PROPERTY TAXES				
FRINGE BENEFIT REIMBURSEMENTS	\$0	0.0	\$0	0.0
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER	941,311	100.0	924,441	100.0
GENERAL REVENUES	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	<u>941,311</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>924,441</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Budget Analysis

The 2010 budget is \$924,441, which is a \$16,870 (1.8%) decrease from the 2009 budget. Personnel costs decreased \$44,808 due to a decrease in temporary staff (\$54,000), permanent salaries (\$4,000), health insurance (\$12,000), overtime (\$20,300) and IMRF (\$5,000).

Contractual services decreased \$2,112 due to a decrease in postage expenses (\$22,000). Non-forwardable Voter Identification cards were mailed to all City registrants during 2009. This, in turn, caused the mailing of approximately 12% or 9,600 forwardable, return postage paid confirmation cards, which allowed voters to mail a change of address. Other contractual decreases include building maintenance (\$2,000) and miscellaneous expenses (\$10,000). Increases include printing (\$15,700), telephone (\$2,000), travel (\$1,200), advertising (\$8,400), utilities (\$1,700), microcomputer maintenance (\$1,500), and auditing (\$1,400).

Supplies increased \$30,000. This is due to an increase in general office supplies (\$4,000) and computer/non-capital (\$25,000).

In 2009, the Board of Election Commissioners spent \$901,693, or 95.8% of its budgeted allocation. In the past several years, with the exception of 2006, 98% to 113% of the budget has been spent.

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Capital Equipment

For 2010, the Board of Election Commissioners have budgeted \$25,000 for election equipment.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2010 BUDGET	
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ELECTION EQUIPMENT FUND	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	<u>\$25,000</u>