

Monday, September 23, 2019

A meeting of the Fayette County Election Board was held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Public Service Building, 22 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

In attendance-

Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink, Chairperson
Matthew I. Jaynes, filling in for Dave Lohr who is on the ballot
Mark M. Mehalov, filling in for Vincent A. Vicites who is on the ballot
Sheryl Heid, Fayette County Election Bureau Solicitor
Jack Purcell, Fayette County Solicitor
Larry Blosser, Director of Election Bureau
Billie Guthrie, Election Bureau
Janice Lake, Election Bureau

Meeting called to order by Angela Zimmerlink at 3:05 pm

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public present

Agenda Item:

Approve minutes for the July 22, 2019 meeting

A motion was made by Matthew Jaynes and seconded by Mark Mehalov to approve the minutes of the Election Board Meeting on July 22, 2019

Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes
Matthew Jaynes	yes
Mark Mehalov	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item:

Discuss and recommend the voting machines to equip the polling places in Fayette County beginning with elections in 2020

Discussion on Agenda Item:

Commissioner Zimmerlink said under Section 302(c) of the Election Code said the temporary Election Board has the authorization to make a recommendation for new voting machines that are to be in use for the April 2020 election. (The reason for a temporary board is two County Commissioners are on the ballot).

Mr. Blosser reviewed the Pros and Cons of all five certified vendors: Dominion, ES&S, Clear Ballot, Hart, and Unisyn.

MOVED by Angela Zimmerlink and seconded by Mark Mehalov

WHEREAS, this Board of Elections holds this meeting today under the authority of Section 302(c) of the Election Code;

WHEREAS, there are five certified vendors for voting systems, namely, Unisyn, Hart, Clear Ballot, ES&S, and Dominion;

WHEREAS, this Board of Elections has specifically reviewed four certified voting systems, namely, Dominion, ES&S, Clear Ballot, and Hart;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the issues relating to the staff programming of the voting systems, the ease of use of the judges of elections and the voters on election day, the expected sustainability of the voting systems over the next five-ten years, surveys were completed and assessments were done by the public and the staff of the Fayette County Election Bureau;

WHEREAS, this Board of Elections recommends to the Board of Commissioners to purchase Dominion Voting as the new voting system for Fayette County for the April 2020 election

Angela M. Zimmerlink, Commissioner and Election Board Member	aye
Matthew I. Jaynes, Election Board Member	aye
Mark M. Mehalov, Election Board Member	aye

Motion Passed Unanimously

Discussion:

A Memo signed by all three Election Board members will be sent to the Fayette County Board of Commissioners asking for either a special Commissioners Meeting or placed on the October's Commissioners Meeting Agenda to enter into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems. A copy of the Resolution will be attached to the Memo.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Matthew Jaynes and seconded by Mark Mehalov to adjourn meeting at 4:15 pm

Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes
Matthew Jaynes	yes
Mark Mehalov	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm