

MINUTES OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

10:38 AM in the Lafayette Public Meeting Room, 2 West Main Street, Suite 111

Uniontown, PA 15401

SILENT PRAYER OR MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Chairman Scott Dunn. A moment was taken for reflection or silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Election Board Members as follows:

Scott Dunn, Election Board Chair
Vincent Vicites, Election Board Member
Harry Kaufman, Election Board Member

Also present were:

Sheryl Heid, Fayette County Solicitor
Marybeth Kuznik, Director of Elections
Melissa Rexrode, Assistant Director of Elections
Rose Nypaver of Election Bureau
Members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Daugherty, Judge of Elections for German 3, stated he was not opposed to the move of the German 3 Precinct to the McClellandtown Fireman's Social Hall for the November 4, 2025 Election.

Two emails were presented from Tamara Todak and Robin Mihalsky opposing the German 3 relocation to McClellandtown.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2024

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2025

A motion to approve these minutes was made by Vincent Vicites and seconded by Harry Kaufman. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

Director of Elections Marybeth Kuznik reported that the county is on schedule and in excellent shape for the November 4, 2025 Election. We have requests for approximately 7,800 mail-in ballots at this time, with the first mailing to be sent out during the first full week of October. Logic and Accuracy testing is ready to start on October 6, 2025.

Mr. Vicites requested information on the court case regarding mail-in and absentee ballots and asked if it was adjudicated.

Ms. Kuznik stated that the court case was decided within the last week with a ruling from the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court. Basically they are requiring us to allow anybody whose mail-in or absentee ballot is received with deficiencies to go to the polls and vote a provisional ballot. Fayette County traditionally already allowed voters to do a provisional ballot if there is a mistake with their mail ballot, so this ruling is not a big change for Fayette County.

CONSIDERATION OF MOVING THE POLLING PLACES:

GERMAN 3

In German Township 3, the Footedale Fire Department does not want voting in their social hall anymore. In the past, one of the pollworkers made a proposal to go to the St. Francis church nearby, however after speaking with Solicitor Purcell who is familiar with the area, and Ms. Kuznik going back to look at the area, it appears that the entry and exit from the church parking is on a curve in the road that might be dangerous to voters. This is especially concerning during a November election when it is dark in the morning and evening, and possibly slippery if the weather is cold.

Ms. Kuznik surveyed the McClellandtown Fireman's Social Hall where German 1 votes. It meets accessibility requirements. They have a very large hall that could accommodate two precincts. Board members looked at pictures of said building.

A motion was made by Vincent Vicites to move German 3 to the McClellandtown Fire Hall. It was seconded Harry Kaufman. The motion carried 3-0.

HENRY CLAY TOWNSHIP

The second precinct that must move is Henry Clay Township. The AJ McMullen School has been closed and sold. The logical place to move would be Marclay Middle School. Ms. Kuznik did the ADA survey at Marclay and found that the all-purpose room is big, very accessible, and has handicap parking space near the door.

A motion was made by Vincent Vicites to move Henry Clay Township to Marclay Middle School. It was seconded by Harry Kaufman. The motion carried 3-0.

The third precinct seeking a change is Point Marion Borough. The current building is called the Old Scout Hall. It is very small and pollworkers have to go to a neighboring house to find a restroom. The Point Marion Fire Hall is available as a replacement. Ms. Kuznik conducted the ADA survey at the Point Marion VFD and found that the hall is big and accessible, with ample parking and rest rooms.

A motion was made by Harry Kaufman to move Point Marion to the Point Marion Fire Hall. It was seconded Vincent Vicites. The motion carried 3-0.

The fourth precinct under consideration is Saltlick. We had had some reports that the municipal building has a small parking area for larger elections. Ms. Kuznik did the ADA survey at both the municipal building and the Saltlick Fire Department. Either building meets requirements for a polling place. At the firehall there is a large parking area. But because they cannot leave the trucks out all day due to possible water freezing in the tanks in November, there would be a very narrow area to set up tables for fall elections. The municipal building's voting room is approximately 26 by 27 feet, and there is paved parking, however there are fewer parking spaces than the firehall. After consultation with the Saltlick Township Judge of

Elections, the Election Bureau recommended not moving at this time.

A motion to keep the polling place for Saltlick Township at the Municipal Building at this time was made by Vincent Vicites. It was seconded Harry Kaufman. The motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Harry Kaufman and seconded by Vincent Vicites. The motion passed unanimously and the Election Board adjourned at 10:56 a.m.