

MINUTES OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Monday, September 16, 2024

10:04 AM in the Election Bureau's Training 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 10:04 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 Member

Vincent Vicites, Election Board Member

Dave Lohr, Election Board Member

Also present were:

Sheryl Heid, Fayette County Solicitor

Jack Purcell, Fayette County Solicitor

Tammy Nedrow, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Dunn

Marybeth Kuznik, Director of Elections

Jessica Zele, Deputy Director of Elections

Emma Santore of Election Bureau

Rose Nypaver of Election Bureau

Members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024 MEETING:

Motion made by Dave Lohr to approve the meeting minutes.

Seconded by Vince Vicites

Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of moving location of Springhill Township polling place to Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2461 Springhill Furnace Road, Lake Lynn, PA 15451

Scott Dunn asked why the polling location should be moved. Marybeth Kuznik related the issues poll workers had with that site in the May 2024 election: a stinging insect hive, sewage problems, difficulties. The new location is 1/8 of a mile away from the original one.

Motion made by Vince Vicites to move the polling precinct

Motion seconded by Dave Lohr

Motion passed unanimously

REPORT ON STATUS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION PREPARATION

Report by Marybeth Kuznik, Director of Elections and Voter Registration.

There are 50 days until the election. Ballot creation is on track except for four cases in court, three have been resolved this past Friday; the fourth is still pending the court's decision. October 4, 2024, is the projected date of sending out the Mail-In ballots.

As of this morning: 9,730 total mail-in/absentee ballots requested, (177 absentee) anticipating going over 10,000 this week.

6582 Democratic ballots, 2583 Republican ballots, the rest are minor parties.

Voter registration statistics in SURE: 79,975 registered voters in Fayette County, 39,265 Republican, 32,170 Democratic, 331 Libertarian, 56 Green, 8153 Independent and minor parties.

Logic & Accuracy testing of all voting machines will begin September 30, 2024. Poll pads' Logic & Accuracy testing will be after the voting machines are tested and prepped for this election.

Polling place supply boxes arrived on Friday & are being labeled and prepared for each precinct.

Poll workers update: 397 poll workers signed up to work including 77 Judges of Election, several student poll workers. We can still use more for the expected turnout.

X number of Dominion ballot boxes need to be repaired (approximately 10% of stock.) They can be repaired with Dominion rivets. Not under warranty.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

As a traffic cone was recently driven away with, the Election Board was informed that more might need to be ordered.

Vince Vicites asked about parking in front of the building where the Fire Lane is currently located. Marybeth Kuznik mentioned to the board that she would like a handicapped spot for the Bureau. Vince Vicites suggested having a conversation with the mayor.

A brief discussion was held about Mail-In/Absentee Ballot curing, with the Board agreeing to keep its current curing policy in place until the Supreme Court makes a final decision.

Motion Seconded by Scott Dunn

Motion passed unanimously.

With no further discussion,

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Lohr

Motion seconded by Vincent Vicites

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.