



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING—February 6, 2017

ATTENDING: Lois A. Martin, Board President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
Paul Kolb, Board Member
Randy Glotfelty, Substitute Board Member
Connie Meyers, Substitute Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: None

5:05 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the December 13, 2016 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Paul Kolb and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

There was no new business in January, therefore the January meeting was canceled.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 73 new registrations and 159 removals in January. Confirmation notices was the reason for most of the 159 removals. Registered Voters are as follows: Democrat - 4399, Republican - 12755, Green - 41, Libertarian - 100, Unaffiliated - 2399 and Others - 148 for a total of 19842 Registered Voters.

In accordance to the State of Maryland's Post Election Maintenance Plan, the staff has charged all of the election equipment January 10th through the 20th.

On February 2nd ES&S came to the office and preformed repairs on 4) DS200's that malfunctioned during the election.

All employee leave scheduled for the upcoming month was discussed with the Board.

On February 9th Steve and Chrissy are scheduled to attend Candidacy Filing Training in Annapolis. Candidacy Filing opens March 1st.

The office will be closed on February 20th in observance of Presidents Day.

On March 1st Steve is tentatively scheduled to conduct an election briefing for the town of Friendsville.

The Garrett County Salary Review Committee recommended to the Commissioners to increase the Boards election day salary \$100 and increase canvass participation \$25 for each canvass. The approval of the committee's recommendation is scheduled at the Commissioners meeting on February 7, 2017.

Steve is working on the 2018 fiscal year budget that begins on July 1, 2017. Budget submission deadline is February 23, 2017.

The State has mandated that all County Boards are required to post the agenda and minutes on the LBE's website monthly.

There has been Bills introduced into the House and Senate for Baltimore County to increase the amount that election judges get paid for working election day. MAEO would like to have the same legislation introduced for all Counties.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve informed the Board of the correspondence from the Board of Education's Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Bill Swift. Mr. Swift would like to discuss using the schools as polling places and the compensation of custodial services performed during this past election. After a lengthy discussion, the Board Members encouraged Steve to contact Mr. Swift and other Board Officials to arrange a meeting to discuss the importance of using the schools as polling places.

Steve proposed to the Board to increase election judge salary for election day only. After discussion Paul Kolb made a motion to increase the Chief Election Judges salary to \$230 and Machine Judges salary to \$200. Chuck Nolan seconded the motion and Lois Martin made it unanimous.

Steve also informed the Board that he spoke briefly with County Administrator Kevin Null about the concept of granting administrative leave to any County employees that serves as an election judge. The Board encouraged Steve to continue correspondence with Mr. Null and the Commissioners.

Steve informed the Board that rooms have been booked at the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City the MAEO Conference which will be held June 6th through 9th. Each county is to donate one silent auction basket. Each county may also donate a centerpiece for competition if they would like.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM on a motion by Paul Kolb, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois A. Martin, Board President