



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING—October 3, 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

5:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the October 3rd, 2017 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

There was no new business to be discussed in September, therefore the meeting for September was canceled.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 127 new registrations and 117 removals in August and September combined.

There was one candidacy filing since the previous board meeting. Thomas Carr has registered as a candidate for the Board of Education. The candidacy filing deadline is February 27, 2018.

Steve has replaced and charged all the CMOS batteries in the pollbooks.

Steve attended the monthly directors meeting by phone on Thursday, September 28th. Steve apprised the Board of the following topics:

- Currently, no bids have been received for the contract to mail all State of Maryland absentee ballots as in the past elections. If no vendor submits a bid, the mailing of the absentee ballots will be the responsibility of each local board.
- Several counties discussed issues they are having concerning school usage for polling places during the June primary.
- The State Board will decide in an upcoming meeting, the implementation of the ExpressVote ballot marking device during early voting.

- Finally, the BIENNIAL Conference will serve as the monthly directors meeting for October.

On October 3rd Steve met with Board of Education Administrator Barbara Baker and Director of Facilities Bill Swift to discuss the use of schools as polling places for the upcoming elections. Steve voiced his concerns about the constant inquiries from different education personnel and the importance of using the school facilities as polling places. Barbara and Bill explained that the current Board of Education employee contract mandates that concessions must be paid to any school employee anytime they appear at the facility on a scheduled day off. Steve said that he would talk to county administration about allocating funding for that purpose. Steve felt the meeting was very good as all parties agreed that schools should be part of the election process.

The new internet based map of Garrett County depicting all the voting districts and searchable polling place locations and descriptions has been added to our website.

The dates for the 2018 MEAO Conference will be March 13-March 16, 2018 at the Clarion Fontainebleau in Ocean City.

The office will be closed on October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

On October 24th ES&S will be here for ElectionWare Training.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A recent survey was conducted concerning emergency backup generators for all county Board of Election offices. Steve responded to the request stating that Garrett County has access to a generator. Survey results indicate that 6 have permanent generators, 5 have access to portable generators, and 5 do not have any type of backup.

A newsletter was mailed out last week in addition to a questionnaire for the Election Judges to let us know if they are planning to return for the 2018 Elections.

Steve discussed the agenda and travel arrangements for the BIENNIAL conference. County Attorney, Thomas Dabney, is unable to attend the BIENNIAL conference and will have to be excused. Steve forwarded all papers concerning this to Linda Lamone .

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM on a motion by Paul Kolb, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois A. Martin, Board President