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GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING – February 13, 2018

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 January 2nd, 2018 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 60 new registrations and 82 removals in the month of January. Of the 82 removals 56 were due to the confirmation mailing process.

Steve will submit the FY 2019 budget to Finance on Friday, February 16th.

The office will be closed on February 19th in observance of Presidents Day.

Tuesday February 27th is the Candidate Filing deadline. The office will remain open until 9 PM. The candidates that have filed to date are as follows:

• County Commissioners - District 1 - Larry Tichnell, Judy Carbone

District 2 - Paul Edwards

District 3 - Jim Hinghaugh

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- Clerk of Circuit Court Timothy Miller
- Register of Wills Rita Watson
- Judge of Orphans' Court David Beard, Fred Sanders
- Sheriff Robert Corley
- Democratic Central Committee Stephanie Pack, Robin Bissell, Lindsay Pack, Gary Wakefield, Patrick Hunt
- Republican Central Committee Brian Schlossnagle, Tom Sheahen, Ruth Umbel
- Board of Education District 2 Nathan Sorber

District 3 – Tom Carr, Monica Rinker

Steve discussed the new Senate and House Bills that have been introduced.

Four Election Judges are still needed, a Democrat in Jennings, Kitzmiller, and Mtn. Lake Park and a Republican in Deer Park.

There are a few changes to Provisional Voting.

- Instructions to the voter page of the application was changed to reflect that identification is not needed when a voter changes their address during early voting and they are pre-qualified.
- We will not be sending separate provisional ballots. A ballot will be given to the provisional voter from the check in judge's stock.
- Senate Bill 333 would change current election law to allow Boards to count a provisional ballot if the voter submitted both an absentee and a provisional ballot. Currently both must be rejected.

The transportation contract was approved and awarded to Interstate for the upcoming election.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve informed the Board that their State Ethics forms are due.

Steve meet with Katie Lucas concerning using the Kitzmiller Community Center for the Kitzmiller polling place. Steve informed the Board the site study was performed and the facilities meet all accessible regulations. A motion was made by Paul Kolb, seconded by Chuck Nolan and made unanimous by Lois Martin to accept the Kitzmiller Community Center as the Kitzmiller precinct. Voting was previously held at the Kitzmiller Fire Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM on a motion by Paul Kolb, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

Lois A. Martin, Board President