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GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING – January 8, 2019

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-The Board of Canvassers convened to render a decision on one ballot that was received late and to approve the canvas minutes. The ballot that was received late was rejected on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin. The approval of minutes was accepted on a motion made by Paul Kolb, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin. The Board of Canvassers meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Paul Kolb and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

5:05 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin. The December meeting was canceled due to the weather.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the November 6th, 2018 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

The following are events happening in the next few weeks:

- January 14th Steve is going to Carroll County to assist with their Manual Ballot Audit.
- January 17th Steve has a Directors Meeting via the phone.
- January 21st the office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

There was 100% Board attendance for all scheduled board meeting for the 2018 calendar year. Two meetings were canceled in 2018.

Steve reminded the Board that their ethics forms need to be submitted by April 1st. He explained to the Board that submission of the forms now has a new process and has to be submitted on-line.

Our newsletter, The PollOx, was recently mailed out to all Election Judges.

Three new workstations were ordered for the office. All computers must operate on Windows 10 by the end of December 2019 to access SBE systems. The computers currently being used are 6 years old.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

General Election Overview:

- ➤ Voter turnout for Garrett County was 57.01%.
- ➤ Election results were audited by Clear Ballot. Absentee and provisional ballots had an error rate of .015 while Election Day had an error rate of .013. The State Requirement is .5% or less.
- Our Manual Ballot Tabulation is scheduled for January 23rd at 9:00 AM.

Steve reached out to Attorney Amanda Mattingly concerning retaining her for our Board Attorney.

Steve spoke with both Central Committees concerning the upcoming Board Term Renewal. Each board member who would like to continue on the Board as well as anyone else who would like to be considered for a position on the Board must submit a resume and letter of interest to their affiliated Central Committees.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 5th at 5:00 PM.

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

Lois A. Martin, Board President