

GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING – May 6, 2019

ATTENDING: Charles Nolan, Board Member

Paul Kolb, Board Member

Randy Glotfelty, Substitute Board Member Connie Meyers, Substitute Board Member

Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT:

Lois A. Martin, Board President

5:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Connie Meyers, Substitute Board Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the April 2nd, 2019 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Paul Kolb and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 91 new registrations and 41 removals in April.

Pollbook battery testing has been completed in the State with only a 3% failure rating. To pass the test the batteries must last a minimum of 2 hours. We tested 20 pollbooks from 8 precincts and 1 early voting center. All of Garrett's batteries lasted a minimum of 3 hours with over 1800 cards being auto-ran on each pollbook.

Steve received instructions from Paul Aumayr at SBE in regards to internet capabilities during election day. Steve contacted the polling places which were held in schools, Garrett College and Oakland Community Center to discuss internet capabilities, bandwidth, Wi-Fi, and permission to hook-up to the internet on election day. All of the facilities Steve has spoken with do have access to the internet, however the remaining polling place facilities will have to gain access through cell service, similar to the way it was during early voting.

Steve has completed the inventory with 100% of items being accounted for.

Legislation has passed requiring local boards to establish a separate precinct on any campus of a public or private institution or higher education of at least 500 students. If there is a polling place within ½ mile of a campus a separate precinct is not required. Steve spoke with SBE concerning Garrett College and was informed that a separate

precinct for the students at Garrett College is not needed since Precinct 6 is already located in the Special Events Center at the College.

The proposed dates for the BIENNIAL will be September 25th, 26th, or 27th, October 17th or 18th.

The Primary Election with be held on April 28th, 2020 with the General Election being held on November 3rd, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve discussed travel arrangements and the agenda for the MAEO conference with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4th at 5:00 PM with the following to take place:

- Commissions received.
- Election of President and Secretary.
- Approval of Bylaws.

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

Connie Meyers, Board Member

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