



## GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2020

**ATTENDING:** Lois A. Martin, Board President  
Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President  
Charles Nolan, Board Member  
Connie Meyers, Board Secretary  
James Moore, Board Member  
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

**ABSENT:** None

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the January 7th, 2020 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 72 new registrations and 45 removals in December.

Steve and Diane Loibel (Allegany County Board of Elections), went to Howard County and observed Chief Election Judge training.

On January 16<sup>th</sup> Steve had a GoTo Directors meeting. The key points of the meeting are as follows:

- There has been no specific threat to any of the country's critical infrastructure however cyber security has been heightened.
- There have been 98 pre-files bills that effect elections in the general assembly. Steve submitted a fiscal impact response for 3 of those bills:
  - **SB22** Which would require us to establish a separate precinct in a nursing home that houses 200 or more residents.
  - **SB362** This would move Absentee Ballot Canvass 1 to Friday immediately following the election.
  - **HB142** Requires a Chief Election Judge to give voting order priority to individuals with mobility problems and individuals accompanied by a young child or a child with a disability.
- It does not matter what jurisdiction the voter is from when dropping off an Absentee Ballot during early voting or election day. The local board would then forward the ballot to the proper county.
- Ballot proofing will begin next week.

- The Working Class Party petition is still ongoing, however there is not enough signatures at this time.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> Steve spoke with the moving company which transports our machines for the election. We will have the same driver as in the 2018 election.

Candidate filing deadline was January 24<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne Sincell, Jason VanSickle and Tom Woods filed for The Board of Education. All 3 will be on the ballot for the General Election.

On January 29<sup>th</sup> all counties in the State tested Election Ware.

February 17<sup>th</sup> the office is closed for Presidents Day.

Steve has a GoTo Directors Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

February 24<sup>th</sup> is the official display of the ballot.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> Chrissy Sharpless and Diana Wilt are going to Garrett College for a voter drive.

Election Judges Training will be held on February 2nd, 7th, 12th, 14th and 19<sup>th</sup> at Garrett College Career Technology Training Center in Accident.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Steve informed the Board their Ethics forms are due April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

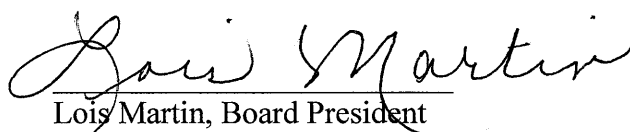
Steve requested and received approval from Linda Lamone for an exemption from the requirement to assign a greeter judge to the early voting centers for the 2020 Primary and General Elections.

Steve recommended that the Board does Polling Place Evaluations on even numbered polling places up to 8-2 for the Primary Election and the remainder of the even numbered polling places in the General Election. This was accepted on motion made by Connie Meyers, seconded by Chuck Nolan and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM on a motion by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

  
Lois Martin, Board President