



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2021

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 February 2nd, 2021 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 43 new registrations and 37 removals in February. Of the 37 removals, 12 were voters who transferred to other counties in Maryland and 10 were due to deceased voters.

Steve has all the post-election maintenance completed with the exception of the Electronic Pollbooks and printers which he is correctly working on. Glen Tilley from ES&S will be coming to the office on March 4th to perform any repairs needed on the equipment.

The budget for fiscal year 2022 has been submitted for approval.

The staff will continue to telework and will report to the office when needed.

At the Directors meeting last week the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) was discussed. It is a multi-state center that monitors voter registration between states that are members. There are currently 35 states participating including Maryland.

Candidacy Filing for the 2022 Gubernatorial Election cycle opened on February 23rd. Following is a list of candidates that have filed to date:

- County Commissioners: Paul Edwards and Larry Tichnell
- Clerk of Courts: Brian Schlossnagle

Steve discussed some Proposed Legislation with the Board:

- HB655-Voters would only vote for candidates in their Commissioner district.
- HB206-Early Voting hours would be 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. except for the Presidential General Election which would be 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- HB1249/SB766-A county executive would appoint Board members instead of the Governor.
- HB1165-Manual Audit to be performed before the election is certified.
- SB838-Requiring an Election Judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a certain proof of identity.
- HB1020-Voters with a disability, are pregnant or otherwise authorized by SBE will be able to participate in curbside voting.
- HB1192-Would require signature verification of absentee ballots.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Manual Audit results were submitted to the State Board of Elections.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve was forwarded a letter that the Maryland Election Administrator, Linda Lamone received from the Garrett County Democratic Committee. The appreciation letter stated how effective Steve and the staff of the Garrett County Board of Elections are.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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


Lois Martin, Board President