



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 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
Judy Carbone, Visitor

ABSENT: None

4:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the November 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 70 new registrations and 116 removals in November.

Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 3,842, Republican – 13,503, Green Party – 26, Libertarian – 91, Working Class – 17, Bread and Roses – 5, Unaffiliated – 2732, and other parties – 161, for a total of 20,377.

There were 2 Candidacy Filings since the November 2nd meeting. Jeff Hovis filed for the Democratic Central Committee. Michael Smith filed for Commissioner District 3, which brings the total to 4 candidates filing for that race.

Savage Design's finished installing the required details on the new Ballot Drop Box. It is now at The Welding Rod to get a lockable door installed on the front of the box.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve informed the Board information pertaining to the 2022 Gubernatorial Election:

- The Mock Election is completed and went well statewide.
- The new printers have arrived. We will start accepting testing on the printers next week.

- All necessary paperwork has been submitted to the State Board of Elections for the new Early Vote Center at the Grantsville Fire Hall for approval on December 16th.
- Steve is working on the approval and contact information letters which will be sent to all polling places.
- Election Judge Surveys will be sent out after the first of the new year.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

According to Election Law 2-20-C1, the Board of Elections is to evaluate the County Commissioner Districts and determine if the districts are of equitable population after the census data is received from the State. Steve presented to the Board the 2020 Census data broken down by precinct and commissioner district. After discussion the Board agreed that the current numbers all fell within the state guidelines, therefore a motion was made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Connie Meyers and made unanimous to accept and maintain the current boundaries of the 3 Commissioner Districts. The Board President, Lois Martin, drafted the letter to be sent to Maryland Delegation.

Steve discussed with the Board, Precinct Consolidation which would help with equipment, supplies and Election Judge staffing. Precinct consolidation is merely two voting precincts in one facility. The Board agreed with the consolidation. The Precincts to be consolidated are as follows:

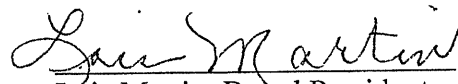
- a) Grantsville and Jennings
- b) Avilton and Elbow
- c) Ryans Glade and Red House
- d) East Oakland and West Oakland

Steve has been negotiating with the County to expand our warehouse and they have agreed to the expansion. Demolition on the previous office space is to begin in January with renovation to have an estimated completion date the beginning of February.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on a motion by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois Martin, Board President