



# GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2022

**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 October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting was approved on a motion made by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

### ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Voter Registration closed on October 18<sup>th</sup>. There were 71 new voter registrations and 38 removals in October prior to close of registration. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 3,737, Republican – 13,744, Green Party – 25, Libertarian – 106, Working Class Party – 20, Unaffiliated – 2,851, and other parties – 159, for a total of 20,642.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the US Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), completed the Security Assessment at First Entry at the office. Al Frenette, Protective Security Advisor and John Reginaldi, MEMA Western Regional Liaison Officer, spent 2 hours touring the facility and reviewing our contingency plans. Steve received the completed report on October 21<sup>st</sup>. A summarization of the security improvements are as follows: additional lighting in the parking lot; additional exterior cameras; protected enclosed foyer with interactive intercom system; desk activation access buttons and a barrier system for the doors and windows. The team also encouraged us to develop a written security plan and distribute it to the local law enforcement agencies and emergency services.

A reminder was received from the State Board of Elections for all staff members to be diligent in the handling of e-mails and social media. There have been election related hackers and spammers trying to disrupt the election process.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The 2022 Gubernatorial General Election update is as follows:

- a) All election day equipment has been tested. The supplies have all been compiled and are ready to be shipped to the polling locations on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Steve has reserved U-Hauls for election eve and election day.
- c) To date we have received 1523 Mail-in ballots. There are 700 requested Mail-in ballots that have yet to be returned. Of the 1523 returned 337 were put in the 3 Ballot drop boxes.
- d) There were a total of 1296 ballots cast for early voting from October 27<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Early voting will end on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- e) Upcoming Schedule
  - Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – The Board Members will deliver supplies to the polling places. Steve distributed schedules to the Board.
  - Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – Gubernatorial General Election Day. Steve discussed with the Board their schedule for election day.
  - Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Mail-In Ballot Canvass 1 at 10:00.
  - Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – Provisional Canvass at 10:00.
  - Friday, November 18 – Mail-In Ballot Canvass 2 at 10:00.

**NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Steve shared with the Board an article printed in the Washington Post by Maryland Governor, Larry Hogan, dated October 27, 2022. He spoke on election integrity in Maryland.

Steve discussed with the Board the Annual Christmas Dinner. Each Board and Staff member were given a ballot to vote for the venue for the dinner out of 5 choices. The final arrangements will be announced at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

  
Lois Martin, Board President