



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2023

ATTENDING: Connie Meyers, Board President
Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
James Moore, Board Secretary
Carla Tesar, Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: None

4:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Connie Meyers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the October 3rd, 2023 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 61 new voter registrations and 43 removals in October. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 3,676, Republican – 13,756, Libertarian – 114, Unaffiliated – 2,987, and all other parties – 199, for a total of 20,732.

The Board and Staff attended the BIENNIAL Conference on October 19th. A survey was emailed to all attendees concerning the conference.

Steve told the Board that at a later date they would discuss doing some public outreach concerning voting and the election process.

The Annual Christmas Party was discussed as to where and when to have it. No definite plans have been set.

A newsletter was mailed out to all Election Judges in October. To date, only 4 Judges have contacted the office to let us know that would be resigning, and 2 others have taken positions that would exclude them from serving as an Election Judge. Steve is working on Election Judge training dates and the election schedule. He will have more information at the next board meeting.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

- On Friday, November 10th the office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.
- Steve has a Directors Meeting on October 16th in Annapolis.
- The office will be closed on November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The State Board requires a GIS (Geographic Information System) of each polling place depicting the No Electioneering Zone. Steve and Chrissy worked with Siera Wigfield, Planning and Land Development, to develop a map program showing the No Electioneering Zone at each polling place.

Steve has been evaluating each polling place. He discussed with the Board each polling place concerning handicap accessibility, size, parking, etc.

Steve surveyed the Crellin Elementary School and presented to the Board all of the specifics in potentially moving the Crellin precinct from the Community Center back to the Crellin Elementary School. A motion was made to accept Crellin Elementary School as the new polling location for Crellin, 14-2, by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

Carla Tesar made a motion to approve the polling places that have been reviewed, with the contingency that the Pleasant Valley Community Center and Bittinger Fire Hall need to have steps taken to make them handicap accessible or clearly mark them as non-accessible. Randy Glotfelty seconded the motion and it was made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.



Connie Meyers, Board President