



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2024

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
Betty Pritt, Visitor

ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the December 5th, 2023 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by James Moore, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers. The January meeting was canceled as there was no business to discuss.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

The State Board of Elections has announced that after testing the hardware and software on the new pollbooks the contract is under review.

Retention of the 2020 ballots and paperwork is still in effect because of the continuing lawsuit. The State requirement is normally 22 months retention.

Steve reminded the Board that anyone who has not yet filed their 2023 Ethics have until April to file them.

On January 31st, Steve and Chrissy attended a virtual mandatory training of the PIA (Public Information Act).

Steve submitted a request to be exempt from having a greeter judge at the early vote centers. It is written in regulations therefore the State Board of Elections will have to approve the request for us to be exempt.

We have received 1,625 Primary mail-in ballot applications to date, with 1,447 of those being permanent mail-in ballot applications.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

- On February 8th, Steve and Chrissy will virtually attend a mandatory training on the updates of the E40 Report. This report reveals any voters that have attempted to vote twice in the State. It is generated on the day following the election and before canvass has begun.
- February 9th is the last day to file for candidacy. The office will remain open until 9:00 pm. The only candidate that has currently filed is Matthew Trezise for the Board of Education.
- On February 15th, Steve has a Directors Meeting at the Anne Arundel Board of Elections in Glen Burnie.
- On February 19th the office will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.
- Steve has a meeting on February 20th with Geneva Green, Project Director of Signature Space, the contractor that transports the election equipment.
- On February 21st Chrissy will be meeting with the Garrett County Republican Party. She will explain the process to be a volunteer to distribute voter registration applications and certify any member interested in becoming a volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The State Board of Elections was in contact with Steve to change some verbiage of our Bylaws to be more closely related to their model. Steve submitted the revised Bylaws to the Board for discussion and approval. A motion was made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Connie Meyers to approve the revised Bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

Connie Meyers, Board President