



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 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 March 5th, 2024 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 83 new voter registrations and 42 removals in March. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democratic- 3,536, Republican- 13,710, No Labels Maryland- 0, Libertarian- 110, Unaffiliated- 3,090, and all other parties- 207, for a total of 20,653.

Steve has completed replacing all of the CMOS batteries in the pollbooks.

On March 22nd, Steve received the Election Judge Training Evaluation Summary from the State Board of Elections. Crystal McGinn, Election Management and Reform, performed the evaluation. She stated "Overall, Garrett County's Election Judge Training was very effective".

Our supply of the 2024 Presidential Primary ballots were received on March 25th.

The ballot drop boxes at the Oakland Community Center and Grantsville Fire Department were delivered and opened on March 28th.

Mail-In Ballots were mailed to voters who requested them on April 1st.

Steve submitted the Sample and Practice Ballot verbiage and layout. He received approval from the State Board of Elections. The mailing date is proposed for April 17th.

The Crellin polling place has been relocated from the Crellin Community Center to the Crellin Elementary School. The polling place change notices are scheduled to be mailed out the week of April 8th.

Steve and Chrissy have started Logic and Accuracy on the Ballot Marking Devices.

The revised By-Laws were approved on March 22nd at the State Board Meeting.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

- a) On April 16th at 9:00 a.m. Logic and Accuracy for the DS200's will begin.
- b) On April 17th we will have one final Election Judge Training for any Judges who could not attend the previous sessions. It will begin at 6 p.m. at Garrett College.
- c) On April 19th at 9:00 a.m. a Public Demonstration of the tested voting equipment will be held at the office.
- d) May 2nd through May 9th will be Early Voting.
- e) On May 7th before the monthly board meeting begins, Bill Bittinger, Clerk of Court, will be here to perform Swearing-In of the Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

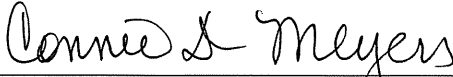
NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Pre-Election Canvass Exemption
 - In the regulations from the 2023 Legislation, it states that the Mail-In Canvass must begin 8 days prior to the election. The date for this would be April 22nd for the Primary Election. For this election only, SBE will entertain requests for a county to be exempt from conducting a early canvass. A motion was made by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Carla Tesar and made unanimous by Connie Meyers to request an exemption.
2. Polling Place Evaluation
 - There are new procedures and evaluation forms. The new procedures state that we have to evaluate all polling places within a 4-year cycle, therefore each election we would have to evaluate 4 polling places and both early vote centers. The new procedures started in 2022 and we evaluated all locations, so we will also evaluate all of them again.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May, 7th, 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