



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 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 September 10th, 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 132 new voter registrations and 21 removals in September. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democratic-3,475, Republican-13,859, No Labels Maryland-22, Libertarian-111, Green-20, Unaffiliated-3,061 and all other parties-186, for a total of 20,734.

On October 18th the Mail-In Ballot Drop Boxes were delivered and opened to accept ballots. Mail-In Ballot recipients began receiving ballots September 19th.

Steve attended a virtual Directors Meeting on September 19th. Topics discussed were compliance, upcoming election dates, deadlines and office procedures.

The Election Judge Refresher Training was held on September 21st at Garrett College. Guest speakers were County Commissioner, Paul Edwards and Sheriff Bryson Meyers. A round table discussion was held and was very informative and well received with the Elections Judges, Board of Directors and Staff.

On September 26th, Steve attended the first security briefing with the Department of Emergency Management. MCAC (Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center) does not currently have any information indicating a specific, credible threat to election security.

On September 27th, Steve approved the specimen ballots for printing. Once printed they will be submitted for mailing which should be within the next week.

Steve and Sharon Slovak, County Technician, completed the Ballot Marking Device, Logic and Accuracy test on September 27th. ES&S made any necessary Ballot Marking Device repairs. October 1st.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

- October 7th – Logic and Accuracy of the DS200 Scanners for Early Voting and Canvasses began.
- October 14th – This office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.
- October 15th – Voter registration closes. The office is open until 5 p.m.
- October 15th – Logic and Accuracy Testing for the DS200 scanners for Election Day begins at 8:30 a.m.
- October 15th – The Mail-In Ballot Pre-Election Canvass is at 10:00 a.m.
- October 18th – A public demonstration of the Logic and Accuracy results will be held.
- October 24th thru October 31st – Early Voting will be held at Oakland Community Center and Grantsville Fire Hall, daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Election day precincts to be evaluated for the 2024 General Presidential Election were selected. A motion was made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Connie Meyers to evaluate the following precincts; Accident, Bloomington, Crellin, East & West Oakland, and Ryan's Glade & Red House.

A motion was made by Carla Tesar, seconded by James Moore and made unanimous by Connie Meyers, to select precincts Kitzmiller and Sang Run for Voting Supply and Checklist Certification.

The Board discussed assigning officers for the Board of Canvassers and elected Connie Meyers as Chairman, Randy Glotfelty as Vice Chairman and James Moore as Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.



Connie Meyers, Board President