



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building  
420 Holmes Street, Room 146  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 11:09 AM by Chair of the Board of Elections, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator Margaret Gray, Director of Elections Joyce McKinley and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### III. MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the Board of Elections Meeting held on Tuesday, July 7.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Director of Elections Joyce McKinley provided an overview of Act 35 of 2020 – Primary Election Reporting. The County will be required to respond no later than 60 days after the 2020 General Primary Election and the Department of State (DPS) shall issue a report on implementation of the election. The report shall include, relating to the administration of the election by the DOS, a county board of elections or registration commission.

### V. ACTION ITEMS

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. An election complaint was received following the June Primary Election and discussed at the Board of Elections Meeting on June 16, 2020. Following the Board's discussion, Jodi Nedd retrieved the report tape from the voting machine to view the time of opening and closing that day. The machine was opened at 6:48 AM and closed at 8:11 PM. Commissioner Dershem asked that when training is being completed in the fall, this be reviewed and the importance of opening and closing on time be emphasized.
- B. Commissioner Dershem reported that the county has been faced with a number of legal challenges regarding complaints from representatives in different levels of government. On Thursday, the Board of Commissioners will take action and assign

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legal counsel to represent the county in those discussions. All 67 counties of the Commonwealth are named in these legal matters, one being in the Federal Court and the other being in the Commonwealth Court.

VII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday, August 3, 2020**

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.

**Monday, August 10, 2020**

Last day to withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.

Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary.

**Monday, October 19, 2020**

Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie Smith  
Executive Office Supervisor