



BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:30 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 Board of Elections was convened at 10:47 AM by Chair of the Board, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Steven Dershem, Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Administrator John Franek Jr., Human Resources Director Kristen Simkins, Executive Office Supervisor Erin Good, Dave Lomison, Deputy Administrator Natalie Corman, Recorder of Deeds Joe Davidson and Beth Lechman.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

IV. MINUTES

V. PRIMARY ELECTION

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Beth Lechman presented to the Board the estimated use of the funds from the Elections Integrity Grant Program. The grant money would cover costs such as printing ballots, payment to staff, preparation, transportation and storage of equipment.

- A. Act 88 Elections Integrity Grant Program Presentation - Consider recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to apply for the Elections Integrity Grant Program established by Act 88. Centre County will be granted \$540,987.73 and must be used within the guidelines set forth in Act 88.

Commissioner Dershem asked what the impact would be for constant canvassing. Beth stated that as long there is a plan in place to close drop box by end of day Monday, there will be a minimal number of ballots that will have to be canvased on election day.

Commissioner Pipe stated it was safe to estimate two out of the five dollars of the grant would be spent for the Elections staff who make everything happen. As things continue, it will be helpful to get more accurate numbers and allow us to offset significant costs. Commissioner Higgins thanked Beth and her staff for the additional research.

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Action: On a motion by Commissioner Pipe seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to apply for the Elections Integrity Grant Program.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dershem reported there are 105,081 registered voters in Centre County. The Precinct of the week is #70 Potter North. In the last General Primary Election there were 925 registered voters with 425 ballots cast, for a voter turnout of 45.84%.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

X. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XI. ADJOURN

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long
Staff Assistant