



BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 11:02 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, Elections Coordinator Jodi Nedd, Voter Registration Latisha Stefanko, and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

Representatives from the news media included Evan Hinkley, Gary Sinderson, and Marley Parish.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. MINUTES

Board will consider approving the minutes of the Board of Elections Meeting held on Thursday, September 17. This item will be considered at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Temporary Change of Polling Location

Jodi asked for the Board's approval to change the following temporary polling locations and to send notification to voters within each precinct.

- i. Precinct 11 Philipsburg #2 from First Lutheran Church to Hope Fire Company, 500 N. Sixth St, Philipsburg. *Same temporary location used in Primary.
- ii. Precinct 20 State College S2 from Foxdale to State College Assembly of God, 2201 University Dr, State College. *Same temporary location used in Primary.
- iii. Precinct 48 Ferguson N2 from Elmcroft to Good Shepherd Evangelical Church, 851 Science Park Rd, State College. *This would be a different location than used in Primary.

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- iv. Precinct 53 Gregg Township from Penns Valley EMS to New Hope Lutheran Church, 119 Cobblestone Ct, Spring Mills. *Same temporary location used in Primary.
- v. Precinct 24 and Precinct 44-2 from the HUB Robeson Center to the Bryce Joran Center, 127 Bryce Jordan Centre, University Park, PA 16802. *This would be a different location than used in the Primary.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve temporary change of polling locations.*

- B. Amending the ballot counts for in-house absentee and mail-in ballots.
 - i. Commissioner Pipe discussed the need to increase the amount of ballot stock. The Board received this recommendation from former Director of Elections Joyce McKinley to increase the stock for Precincts 24 and 44-2. In these precincts there has been a large number of mail in ballots requested. To meet the requirements of the Elections Code, the County will need to increase the number of ballots available and physically on hand.
 - ii. On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to increase the stock for Precinct 24 to 4,000 ballots total and to double the number ordered for 44-2.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ballot Certification and Printing Update

Last Thursday, the Department of State provided their certification of the ballot. Jodi has completed the required testing and samples have been submitted to the Department of State for their approval. Once that is received the official ballots can be printed.

B. Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant Plan Update

Commissioner Pipe announced that the County was awarded 863,828.50 through the Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant. Once the grant agreement is approved by the Board of Commissioners and signed, the funding will be transmitted to the County within 2-4 days. A sample agreement from Philadelphia County was sent to Solicitor Betsy Dupuis for her review. This is a philanthropic grant in the amount of \$250 million donated to the Center for Tech and Civic Life by Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan, it is not funded by tax payer funding. Commissioner Pipe hopes that by Thursday, the County can begin to make equipment purchases.

C. Satellite County Elections Office

Penn State has provided an agreement for use of the Bryce Jordan Center on Election Day and to serve as a Satellite Election Office. To date, the County has received three applications from individuals to work in the satellite office. In preparation, Chad and RBA are working Penn State University to make technology arrangements for the necessary equipment and systems.

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VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie Smith
Executive Office Supervisor