



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING – April 3, 2018

ATTENDING: Lois A. Martin, Board President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
Paul Kolb, Board Member
Randy Glotfelty, Substitute Board Member
Connie Meyers, Substitute Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: None

5:05 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 6th, 2018 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Paul Kolb and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 62 new registrations and 82 removals in the month of March. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 4,242, Republican – 12,704, Green – 37, Libertarian – 101, Unaffiliated – 2,470 and 133 others for a total of 19,687 active registered voters.

On March 28th Steve went to Westminster for EQUIP mobile training. This will allow barcodes of all equipment to be scanned to do inventory.

On April 5th Steve will be a guest speaker at the Democratic Club's monthly meeting. The presentation will be on Election Judges responsibility and the year around duties of the Board and office staff.

On April 11th Geneva Brown and the new transportation company that has been contracted thru SBE will be coming to Garrett County to discuss how the voting equipment will be delivered for the 2018 Primary Election.

Steve will have a Directors Meeting by phone on April 12th.

Chrissy and Diana are currently printing the Election Judges Manuals. Judges Training will be April 23rd, 25th, 30th and May 2nd and 3rd beginning at 6:00 PM. Steve is working on the training portfolio which will consist of a PowerPoint presentation and a Mock Election.

Ballots for the 2018 Primary Election have been approved and must be displayed by May 3rd. Garrett County will have 3 ballot styles, Republican, Democrat and Non Partisan. The only contest on the Non Partisan Ballot will be Board of Education, District 3.

Polling Place Evaluation Forms have been updated with a few minor changes. We will do even numbered precincts in the Primary Election and odd numbered precincts in the General Election.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve discussed with the Board the Same Day Registration Overview from SBE.

The various Legislation that will be sent to Governor Hogan for approval are as follows:

- **HB 532** – Passed- This is the same-day registration constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot in the 2018 General Election. This will allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day.
- **SB1048** – Passed- awaiting Governors' signature - Redesignating electronic voter registration agencies as automatic voter registration agencies; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to inform an applicant completing an applicable transaction that the applicant shall be registered to vote or shall have a voter registration record updated unless the applicant declines these services or is not eligible to register to vote; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to implement automatic voter registration by July 1, 2019; etc.
- **SB0333** – Still in House Ways & Means Committee - Altering certain requirements for canvassing provisional ballots when an individual casts more than one ballot for the same election; requiring a local board of elections to review all documents relating to an individual to verify certain ballots if certain ballots are cast in the name of the same individual in the same election; requiring a local board of elections to count a verified ballot and reject an unverified ballot if the local board determines that only one of the ballots was cast by the voter; etc.
- **HB1278** – Has momentum – This bill contains information about Post Election Audits in the 2018 General Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM on a motion by Paul Kolb, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois A. Martin, Board President