

GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2023

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

ABSENT:

None

4:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Connie Meyers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the September 5th, 2023 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Carla Tesar, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

The voter registration activity report was unavailable for the October meeting.

Chrissy Sharpless attended the List Maintenance training at Washington County Board of Elections, in Hagerstown, on September 14th.

The State mandates that all state employees and board members attend a sexual discrimination training every two years. The office staff attended the required training today, October 3rd, via Google Meet. All board members will receive the training at the BIENNIAL Conference.

State Board of Elections has announced that the new pollbooks will not be utilized until the 2026 election cycle. The pollbooks and printers have all been charged. We will begin loading the software on them starting next week.

The Grantsville Fire Hall notified Steve that they voted on and approved the use of their facilities for the upcoming 2024 election cycle. The firehall is used for early voting, election day, as well as a ballot drop box location. Steve discussed with the firehall members about relocating the drop box to a more convenient and visible location on the firehall property for ease of voters. This was approved as long as the location of the drop box did not interfere with the fireman traffic or hydrant locations.

Steve informed the State Board of Elections that we will use a County Technician for the upcoming election cycle.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

- On October 5th Jared DeMarinis, State Board of Elections new Administrator, will be visiting our office. The new Deputy Administrator, Katie Berry, is planning to visit the office on November 9th or 16th.
- On October 9th the office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.
- October 19th is the BIENNIAL in Annapolis. The office will remain open.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The BIENNIAL will be held at the DoubleTree in Annapolis on October 19th. Steve went over the agenda and travel with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

Connie Meyers, Board President