



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2021

ATTENDING: Lois A. Martin, Board President
Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
Connie Meyers, Board Secretary
James Moore, Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: None

4:15 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 2nd, 2021 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 76 new registrations and 97 removals in March. Of the 97 removals, 70 were due to the confirmation mail process. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat - 3919, Republican – 13,460, Green Party – 24, Libertarian - 89, Working Class – 15, Bread and Roses – 5, Unaffiliated – 2,647, and other parties 164, for a total of 20,323.

Steve has all the post-election maintenance completed. Glen Tilley from ES&S has performed any repairs needed on the equipment.

The County Commissioners approved the salary recommendation for the Board Members.

The office is now open to the public, however it is recommended that persons filing for office in the 2022 Elections, call and make an appointment.

The staff is currently doing a combination of working from the office and teleworking.

Candidacy Filing for the 2022 Gubernatorial Election cycle opened on February 23rd. Following is a list of candidates that have filed to date:

- County Commissioners: Paul Edwards, Larry Tichnell and Jeremy Whitacre
- Clerk of Courts: Brian Schlossnagle and Bill Bittinger
- Sheriff: Mark Rodeheaver

The MAEO Annual Conference is scheduled for August 23rd through August 27th in Ocean City.

Steve is working on securing a permanent ballot box at the office.

Some Passed Legislation that is waiting for the Governor's signature is as follows:

- HB683-All registered voters must be sent a mail-in ballot application. This bill also authorizes a voter to be entered into a permanent absentee status, therefore once a voter applies for this status they would receive an absentee ballot every election as long as they remain a registered voter in Maryland.
- HB745- New Early Voting Center locations and number of centers required would change depending on number of registered voters in each county.
- HB206/SB596-Early Voting would begin on Thursday and run thru the next Thursday that precedes the election. Hours will be 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

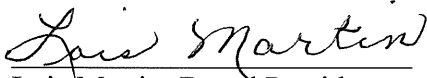
NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve had a discussion with the Board concerning possibly moving one of the early voting centers and several polling places. Steve has been reaching out to some community members concerning some potential sites.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois Martin, Board President