



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING – March 5, 2019

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

5:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin. There was no business to discuss so the February meeting was canceled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the January 8th, 2019 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 161 new registrations and 343 removals in January and February combined. Of the 343 removals 202 were due to the confirmation mailing process. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 4113, Republican – 12936 – Bread and Roses – 0, Unaffiliated – 2548 and 281 others for a total of 19878.

The Post-Election Maintenance has been completed on all DS200's and Ballot Marking Device. One Ballot Marking Device and 3 DS200's did not pass and ES&S was here on March 5th to repair that equipment. Post-Election Maintenance on the pollbooks and printers will begin next week.

The Manual Audit that we performed in late January is now almost complete in all counties in the State. No discrepancies have been found to date.

The office has received 3 new workstations so we can comply with the mandatory Windows 10 requirement from the State. They will be installed next week.

The room reservations for MAEO has be completed. Garrett, Allegany and Washington are the host counties. The staff from the host counties will be responsible for conference registration and distribution of conference paraphernalia. Chrissy, Diana and Steve will be going to the conference on Monday, May 20th to pack materials. The Board will travel to the conference on Tuesday, May 21st. The travel and agenda will be discussed at the May Board Meeting.

On March 8th Steve went to Glen Burnie for a meeting on Absentee Lessons Learned.

Steve has a Directors Meeting in Annapolis on March 21st.

On April 1st, Steve will begin the Inventory Audit.

A letter was received with the Gubernatorial Appointments from Governor Hogan with Lois Martin, Connie Meyers, Charles Nolan and Randy Glotfelty being reappointed and James Moore being appointed.

The Legislative Update had a total of 97 Bill submitted. The highlights are as follows:

- No longer have substitute Board Members.
- Same Day Registration on Election Day. Passed in the House, being heard in the Senate.
- 2020 Election Calendar – adjusting more realistic dates including offices open until 5:00PM instead of 9:00PM when registration closes and Candidate filing deadline.
- Automatic registration when a person turns 18 unless they opt-out. This passed in the house and is being heard in the Senate.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

2020 Election:

- Primary is April 28th. Judges training will be late January – early February.
- State Board of Elections has the prototype tablet and stand and has started analyzing it to see if it meets all the requirements to replace the current pollbook. There is a good chance the pollbooks will continue to be used for the 2020 Elections.
- If Same Day Registration is implemented on Election Day:
 - Estimates of \$1,000 per polling place for hardware needed, modem, scanner, switch, etc.
 - Network will be a challenge since several polling places do not have good cellular service. The network would need set up on Election Eve and connectivity tested with the State requiring additional personnel to set up the equipment.
 - Additional concern of having enough personnel during Election Day to perform registration and address changes.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 2nd at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Paul Kolb, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois A. Martin, Board President