

GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 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

4:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 13th, 2021 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin. The August meeting was not scheduled because of MAEO. The September meeting was canceled due to no business to discuss.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 191 new registrations and 191 removals in August and September combined. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 3,860, Republican – 13,485, Green Party – 27, Libertarian – 91, Working Class – 16, Bread and Roses – 5, Unaffiliated – 2,713, and other parties 162, for a total of 20,359.

Candidacy Filing for the 2022 Gubernatorial Election to date is as follows:

- State Senator -Legislative District 01: Mike McKay and Jake Shade
- House of Delegates Legislative District 01A: Andy Adams and Tim Thomas
- County Commissioners: Larry Tichnell, Paul Edwards, Jeremy Whitacre, Jay Moyer, James Parsons, and Ryan Savage
- Clerk of Courts: Brian Schlossnagle and Bill Bittinger
- Sheriff: Bryson Meyers. Mark Rodeheaver withdrew his filing for Sheriff.
- Republican Central Committee: Luanne Ruddell, Andy Adams, Becky Heath and Cross Ritchey
- Register of Wills: Rita Watson

On Monday September 27th, Steve was invited by the Democratic Central Committee via Zoom to explain the process to file as a Central Committee Candidate as well as candidates for other offices.

September 28th was National Voter Registration Day. Chrissy and Diana set up a Voter Registration Drive at Garrett College. Handouts were also given to the Outreach Coordinator.

The office will be closed on October 11th in observance of Columbus Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve informed the Board of information pertaining to the 2022 Gubernatorial Election:

- All Democratic and Republican Voters will be sent a Mail-in-Ballot application around the first part of February 2022. If Garrett County has a school board race all other voters will be sent the application after the candidacy deadline at the end of February 2020.
- The office will be conducting a Mock Election beginning November 10th and lasting until November 23rd.
- New poll book printers will be arriving before the end of the year. The pollbook vender has not yet been selected. The existing pollbooks may be used in the upcoming Gubernatorial Election.
- Judges training for the 2022 Primary Gubernatorial Election will be held in late February or March. L&A will be conducted in early June. Steve will distribute a calendar for the Primary Election at a later date.

Census data has been released, however the data for Senatorial, Legislative and Commissioner Districts have not yet been released. Steve will work with Planning and Zoning to evaluate the data at that time.

A Fall Edition of the newsletter, Poll-Ox, was sent to all Election Judges this week.

Steve discussed having a Christmas Party with the Board. The Board decided on Penn Alps. Steve will check on a date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on a motion by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

Lois Martin, Board President