

MINUTES

August 10, 2016

MEETING OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 701 Kelly Road, Room 213, Cumberland, Maryland

Present: Richard DeVore, President
Ronald Levasseur, Member
Georgia Martin, Member
JoAnn Spiker, Member
John T. Stakem, Member
Diane Loibel, Election Administrator

Absent: Armand Pannone, Board Attorney

Call to Order:

Mr. DeVore called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., at which time a quorum was established.

Minutes:

Mr. DeVore called for alterations, corrections, and/or approval of the minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Spiker motioned to accept the minutes of July 6, 2016 as written.

SECOND: Mrs. Martin

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.

Additions: None

Attorney's Report: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Voter Outreach Events: Voter outreach events scheduled include:

Farmers Market - August 6th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 30th
Queen City Towers - September 1st
Frostburg State University - September 13th

Women's Civic Club - September 15th
Valley View Apartments - September 20th
John F Kennedy Homes - September 21st
HRDC Fall Fling - September 23rd
Farmers Market - September 24th, 27th, 29th, and 30th
Western Maryland Consortium - October 4th
Frostburg State University - October 18th
Jane Frazier Village - October 26th

Post-Election Maintenance: PEM has been completed on all of the DS200s, Expressvotes, Pollbook Printers and all Pollbooks with the exception of those used during early voting. We still need to clear all of the memory sticks, CF Cards, and complete maintenance on the duplicator. I hope to have everything completed by the end of next week. We have also gone through all of the voting booths to check for damage as well as the black transfer carts. It looks like we have nine booths that have broken bungees and one transfer cart needs to have the locks repaired.

Election Judge Training Schedule: Judges training is set to begin on September 6th at 5:30 pm at the fairgrounds. We are looking to have more hands on training and will need the help of the board members to accommodate this. Please let Mrs. Loibel know what days you are available to help.

Election Judge Recruitment - Open House: The open house brought in 18 potential election judges for the general election. Since SBE has mandated that we have a provisional ballot judge in every polling place we are still in need of roughly 20 more judges.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Ballot Questions: Allegany County and the City of Cumberland will not have a local ballot question on the upcoming ballot.

Election Judge Notices: Election judge notices for training went out last week.

Nursing Homes: Nursing home letters are going out this week. Tentatively, we are looking at the weeks of October 10th and 17th to conduct absentee voting at the nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As soon as we know how many residents will be participating, I will make up the schedule and pass it on. Please do not schedule anything during these weeks.

Part-Time Help: Rosie is set to begin on August 29th and work through November 18, 2016.

County Tech: Jay is set to attend county tech training beginning the week of September 6th and will be in the office the week of September 12th.

New Changes for the 2016 General Election: SBE has given permission to use the BMD for duplicating during the canvass. There will be a Provisional Ballot Judge in every polling place. Some of the polling places near the colleges will have two judges. The wording on the Provisional VAC has had some changes. Chief judges must escort voters to the provisional ballot table. We will be using a pouch on the front of the privacy sleeve for the VAC. Voting judges should never touch the voter's ballot. They should walk away and let the voter scan the ballot in private. The ballot certificate now has a place to put the tamper tape from the blue ballot bins.

Registration Statistics: Statistics as of July 31, 2016 were as follows: Total Active Registration 42,515 – 14,641 Democrat, 20,408 Republican, 113 Green, 230 Libertarian, 6,781 Unaffiliated, and 342 Others.

Board Members Report: None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on September 9, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Mr. DeVore adjourned the meeting at 9:55 A.M.

MOTION: Mrs. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mrs. Spiker

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.