

MINUTES

November 2, 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. JoAnn Spiker motioned to accept the October 5, 2016 minutes as written.

SECOND: Mrs. Georgia Martin

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.

Additions: None

Attorney's Report: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Logic and Accuracy – Pollbooks and Printers: L&A on the pollbooks and printers has been completed. The next phase will be completing the bulk update once early voting has been completed.

Public Education Plan for Early Voting: All radio ads began airing on October 26th and will run for 8 days. The newspaper ad for early voting was in the Sunday, October 23rd newspaper. Posters have been distributed to all libraries and senior citizen centers.

Election Eve and Election Day Schedules: Schedules were given out at the October 5th board meeting. No changes have been made to the schedules. Mrs. Loibel asked all members if they know where they are to be on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. All members acknowledged that they know where to start on Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Canvass Dates: A schedule with all mandatory canvass dates was placed in the board member folders for their review. Members were reminded to be available for the entire day on days of canvass. This includes going into the evening as late as 9:00 PM.

Verification of Supplies: JoAnn and Georgia will be verifying the supplies for both Early Voting and Election Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – Board of Canvassers: Mr. John Stakem made a motion to nominate Mrs. Georgia Martin as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers. The motion was seconded by Mrs. JoAnn Spiker. The vote was unanimous. Mrs. Georgia Martin made a motion to nominate Mr. Ronald Levasseur as Secretary of the Board of Canvassers. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Stakem. The vote was unanimous.

Absentee Deadlines: Mrs. Loibel explained that the deadline to receive an absentee ballot by mail was on November 1st. The deadline to receive an absentee ballot posted to the State's website is November 5th.

Notice of Canvass: Canvass notices were sent out to the local central committees, SBE, all candidates not represented by a party, and the City of Cumberland.

Bulk Update - Pollbooks: We are hoping to receive the bulk update sometime Friday afternoon. Jay will be driving to Hagerstown to pick the CF Cards. We intend to work late on Friday evening to finish this task.

SWEM Update: SBE will be sending someone here today to perform updates to the network.

Clear Ballot: Clear Ballot was selected as the vendor performing the ballot tabulation audit. We will be transferring the ballot images and cast vote records on an external hard drive.

Registration Statistics: Statistics as of October 31, 2016 were as follows: Total Active Registration 43,483 – 14,574 Democrat, 21,270 Republican, 119 Green, 250 Libertarian, 6,947 Unaffiliated, and 323 Others.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on December 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Mr. DeVore adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M.

MOTION: Mrs. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Stakem

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.

Presiding Officer