



MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

September 8, 2020

35 W. Washington Street

Hagerstown, MD 21740

240-313-2050

Present:

Board:

Martin Lumm, Board President

Tammy Downin, Board Vice President

Bill Blazes, Board Secretary

Connie Mazingo, Board Assistant Secretary (by phone)

Jim Schultheis, Board Member

Brian Kane, Board Attorney

Staff:

Kaye Robucci, Election Director II

Barry Jackson, Deputy Election Director II

Absent:

Guest:

Dean Robucci, IT Election Services (via teleconference)

Peter Perini, Democratic Central Committee (in person)

Cathy Poropatic (via teleconference)

President Marty Lumm called the meeting to order at 3:06PM at the Washington County Board of Elections Office, 35 W. Washington Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Hagerstown, MD 21740. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2020 and August 25, 2020:

Tammy Downin moved to accept the minutes for August 11, 2020 as presented, Bill Blazes seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. Tammy Downin moved to accept the minutes for August 25, 2020 as presented, Bill Blazes seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

Kaye Robucci requested the following Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

Correspondence, add:

IV. List of Vote Centers in Washington County-distributed to the Board.

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- V. SBE Voter's Guide-distributed to the Board.
- VI. Location of Drop Boxes in Washington County-distributed to the Board.
- VII. Letter from Governor Hogan to MAEO-distributed to the Board.

New Business, add:

- IV. Response to Voter Inquiries
- V. Name for Virginia Avenue Facility

Correspondence:

- I. Press Release regarding the approval of Vote Centers emailed to the Board
- II. Memo from Linda Lamone, SBE, regarding the Ballot Certification.
- III. Map of Vote Centers.
- IV. List of Vote Centers in Washington County
- V. SBE Voter's Guide
- VI. Location of Drop Boxes in Washington County
- VII. Letter from Governor Hogan to MAEO

Reports:

- I. MAEO Meeting Report – the general consensus from the Board was that the meeting was a waste of time.
- II. Election Director
 - A. Personnel -
 - 1. Election Judges working temporarily to assist staff with workload.
 - B. Meetings -
 - 1. Director's Meeting: Weekly meetings. Next meeting 9/10/20
 - C. Trainings: Getting ready for election judge training
 - D. Registration Statistics for August 2020
 - E. Voting System Activities:
 - 1. Moving election judge training equipment to training center on 9/9/20
 - F. Candidate Information: Nothing to report.
 - G. Projects:
 - 1. Contacting Election Workers
 - 2. Election Worker Training
 - 3. Specimen Ballot Mailer
 - 4. Disaster Recovery Plan – ready to be sent to the SBE
- III. Attorney
 - A. SBE considering changes to regulations regarding ballot canvassing.
 - B. LBE counsels have been having regular conference calls to discuss legal issues related to elections.
 - C. LBE counsel's presence during canvassing. How much should counsel be present, based on the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)? Brian Kane will discuss with Andrea Trento, Assistant Attorney General.

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Old Business:

- I. Virginia Avenue
 - A. Picked up furniture from Coldwell Banker.
 - B. Keys to the storage room will be provided to us on September 9th.
 - C. Front bathrooms are done.
 - D. Partition walls will not be ready because the fabric has been discontinued.
- II. 2020 General Election
 - A. Election Calendar – Election Judge training classes will be added to the Google Calendar and on the excel spreadsheet.
 - B. Election Judges – We have over 600 people that have applied to work in the General Election. We only need around 350 for Election Day. Most of the over 600 will be trained.
 - C. Election Judge Training will begin September 10th and run through October 3rd.
 - D. Security at Vote Centers - Kaye Robucci spoke with Mark Knight with Washington County Sheriff's Department. School Resource Officers have been redeployed to the Sheriff's Department and may not be available for Election Day. The Board asked Kaye Robucci to look into a police presence or at least a patrol on Election Day.

New Business:

- I. Canvassing Process
 - A. Kaye Robucci recommended doing the canvass at Tandy Drive, rather than at Virginia Avenue. The Board concurred.
 - B. Kaye Robucci recommended allowing in person public viewing of the canvass, rather than live streaming. The Board consensus was to continue to live stream the canvasses.
 - C. Kaye Robucci asked the Board if having the Board Review sessions at 4:00PM, instead of 5:00PM would be acceptable. As long as the sessions are no more than three times a week, it would be acceptable.
- II. Fire Police during Early Voting – discussed during Old Business.
- III. Confidentiality Request – A voter requested that their voter registration information be made confidential. Connie Mazingo moved to accept the confidentiality request. Jim Schultheis seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- IV. Response to Voter Inquiries – Kaye Robucci asked the Board's opinion on misinformation being sent out, telling voters to vote in person after mailing in a ballot. The staff will utilize all means available (media, internet, social media, etc.) to get the facts of the election out to the public.
- V. Name for Virginia Avenue Facility – Marty Lumm asked if the Virginia Avenue facility should have a more generic name, such as "Election Center," or "Vote

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Center.” Tammy Downin moved to call the facility “Election Center.” Jim Schultheis seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Members Remarks:

Jim Schultheis recommended that we continue to take on election workers; “too many is better than not enough.”

Jim also suggested that we continue to get the message out about the facts of the election to counter the misinformation being spread.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 3:00PM. The location is Washington County Board of Elections Office, 35 W. Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD; as pursuant to the Bylaws of the Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A) 8. The Board of Canvassers will be sworn in at that time.

Distributed Information:

- I. August Registration Statistics

Future Events

- I. September 24, 2020: National Voter Registration Day

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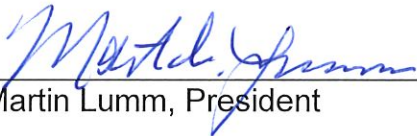
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Adjournment:

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Marty Lumm called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. At 5:15PM, Tammy Downin made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Bill Blazes seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Compiled by Barry Jackson
Deputy Election Director II

Respectfully Submitted,



Martin Lumm, President 10/6/2020
Date



Bill Blazes, Secretary 10-6-2020
Date