



MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

October 6, 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:

Kevin Tucker, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Jerry DeWolf, Chairman, Republican Central Committee

Seth Wilson, Republican Central Committee

Peter Perini, Democratic Central Committee

Matt Breeding, Republican Club

President Marty Lumm called the meeting to order at 3:05PM at the Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740. There was a quorum present.

Kevin Tucker, Clerk of the Circuit Court, swore in the Board of Canvassers.

Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2020:

Jim Schultheis moved to accept the minutes as amended for September 8, 2020, Tammy Downin seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

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

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New Business, add:

IV. Sample Ballot

V. Town of Williamsport

Correspondence:

- I. SBE Press Release regarding the USPS Postcard emailed to the Board Kaye Robucci reported that there was some misleading and inconsistent information in the USPS postcard, and SBE sent out a press release clarifying the information.
- II. SBE Press Release regarding the Early Voting and Election Day Vote Centers emailed to the Board

Reports:

- I. Election Director
 - A. Personnel -
 1. Election Judges working temporarily to assist staff with workload.
 - B. Meetings -
 1. Director's Meeting: Weekly meetings. Next meeting 10/8/20
 - C. Trainings: Just completed training our election judges (44 classes) for the General Election
 - D. Registration Statistics for September 2020
 - E. Voting System Activities:
 1. Logic and Accuracy testing coming up.
 - F. Candidate Information: Jaqueline Fisher resigned from the Board of Education.
 - G. Projects:
 1. Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing
 2. Specimen Ballot Mailer
 3. Disaster Recovery Plan – sent to the SBE
- II. Attorney
 - A. LBE counsels have been having regular conference calls to discuss legal issues related to elections. Most important discussions have been focused on regulation changes.
 - B. NFB litigation is still ongoing. Current regulation is at least 5 voters must use BMD by 1:00PM.
 - C. LBE counsel's presence during canvassing. How much should counsel be present, based on the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)? SBE will address the regulation.
 - D. Next Board Counsel call is scheduled for October 14.

Old Business:

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- I. Virginia Avenue
 - A. HVAC bid will be awarded on October 20th.
 - B. Roof replacement bid will be awarded on October 20th.
 - C. Cameras have been installed
 - D. Access card readers installed
 - E. Remaining interior doors are delivered and will be installed in the next two weeks.
 - F. Front building sign will be moving forward.
 - G. Partitions in Election Center will be installed October 9-10.
- II. 2020 General Election
 - A. Election Calendar – Kaye Robucci reviewed the updated calendar with the Board
 1. Marty Lumm assigned the following vote centers for the Board members to visit and evaluate:
 - a) Bill Blazes
 - (1) Boonsboro High
 - (2) Pleasant Valley Elementary
 - b) Tammy Downin
 - (1) North Hagerstown High
 - (2) Smithsburg Middle
 - c) Jim Schultheis
 - (1) South Hagerstown High
 - (2) Williamsport High
 - d) Connie Mozingo and Brian Kane
 - (1) Girls, Inc.
 - (2) Bester Elementary
 - e) Marty Lumm
 - (1) Clear Spring High
 - (2) Hancock Middle/Senior High
 - B. Election Judges – Kaye Robucci presented the list of election judges for the Board’s approval. Jim Schultheis moved to approve the list of election judges, Connie Mozingo seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
 - C. Election Judge Training - Completed
 - D. Security at Vote Centers – Kaye Robucci reported that Sherrif’s deputies will be onsite at vote centers outside Hagerstown. Hagerstown police will not be onsite, but they will be nearby.
 - III. Canvass Process
 - A. October 8 and October 10 canvass dates are cancelled. First date will be October 12.
 - B. Quorum is required, Board Attorney, must attend all Board reviews, virtual attendance is acceptable.
 - IV. Fire Police during Early Voting – Barry Jackson will contact fire police to schedule their participation.

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New Business:

- I. Grant Award – Kaye Robucci reported that we were awarded a \$90,512 grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life. Ms. Robucci recognized the help of Susan Buchanan, Director of Grant Management in getting the award.
- II. Election Worker Pickup, October 31, 2020 – Kaye Robucci said that help from Board members would be appreciated.
- III. Election Night Process – covered in Election Calendar discussion.
- IV. Sample Ballot – in final draft, will go out week of October 12.
- V. Town of Williamsport requested the approval to use electronic voting equipment in their municipal election in March 2021. The Board will discuss further in the November Board meeting.

Members Remarks:

No remarks from members. Marty Lumm opened the floor for comments/questions from visitors.

Seth Wilson asked if Board minutes are publicly available. Yes.

Seth asked about L&A for canvass equipment.

Seth wanted clarification on accepting mail in ballots vs. provisional ballots.

Seth brought up precinct results and how they're tabulated.

Seth asked about the canvass process and uploading results. Who has access to the results prior to Election Day?

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 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.

Distributed Information:

- I. September Registration Statistics

Future Events

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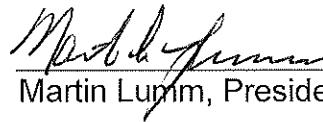
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Adjournment:

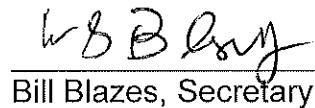
There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Marty Lumm called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. At 4:52PM, Tammy Downin made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Bill Blazes seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Compiled by Barry Jackson
Deputy Election Director II

Respectfully Submitted,


Martin Lumm, President

11/17/2020
Date


Bill Blazes, Secretary

11-17-20
Date