



MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
April 12, 2022
17718 Virginia Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board:

Martin Lumm, Board President
Tammy Downin, Board Vice President
Bill Blazes, Board Secretary
Connie Mazingo, Assistant Board Secretary
Jim Schultheis, Member
Brian Kane, Board Attorney

Staff:

Kaye Robucci, Election Director II
Barry Jackson, Election Deputy Director II
Cory Green, Election Program Assistant I
Teresa Morningstar, Election Supervisor I

Absent:

Guest:

President Martin Lumm called the meeting to order at 3:04 at the Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2022 and March 24, 2022:

Bill Blazes moved to accept the minutes, for March 8, 2022, Jim Schultheis seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Tammy Downin moved to accept the minutes, for March 24, 2022, Bill Blazes seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

None

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Correspondence:

- I. Emailed to Board: Maryland Matters Article, "Furor Over Multi-Member Districts Returns as Legislative Redistricting Trial Wraps Up," March 24, 2022
- II. Emailed to Board: Anne Arundel Circuit Court Memorandum Opinion and Order, March 25, 2022
- III. Emailed to Board: Maryland Matters Article, "Hogan Signs Redrawn Congressional Map; Appeal on Earlier Map To Be Withdrawn," April 4, 2022
- IV. Emailed to Board: Maryland Matters Article, "Special Magistrate Says Court of Appeals Should Deny Challenges to Maryland's State Legislative Map," April 4, 2022.

2 cards were read that thanked the election workers for their job.

Reports:

- I. Election Director
 - A. Personnel – N/A
 - B. Meetings:
 1. Director's Meeting: Highlights from previous meetings
 - a) March 17, 2022:
 - (1) Phone: Language Line Translation Service Available.
 - (2) ADA Tables due to be delivered to LBEs in June
 - (3) Redistricting Discussion:
 - (a) What is the definition of a Precinct Polling Place?
 - (b) MAEO will send survey regarding availability of polling places and early voting sites.
 - b) March 24, 2022:
 - (1) Election Calendar has been updated with Primary Election of July 19.
 - (2) SBE will look into doing a Voter Notification Card (VNC) mass mailing due to redistricting.
 - (3) New printers to be available week of April 11.
 - c) March 31, 2022:
 - (1) Call Center – We will start on May 2
 - (2) Getting an additional Cradlepoint Router for our 2nd Early Voting Site.
 - (3) Include Redistricting Information on our websites
 - (4) Redistricting Discussion:
 - (a) Possibility of changing the date of the election (again) and the impact on all of the deadlines.
 - d) April 5, 2022:
 - (1) Redistricting Discussion:
 - (a) Congressional Map is approved.

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- (b) Legislative Map: Court of Appeals meet on April 13, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.
- (c) Prepare (as much as possible) for implementation and a July 19 Election.
- e) April 7, 2022:
 - (1) Barry and Carl will take the Seiko Printers to SBE Warehouse and pick-up the A40 Printers, PPE, Cradlepoint Router and signs for the black carts.
 - (2) Redistricting Discussion: Have all the work entered and in production by May 1st, 2022.
- f) Next Meeting, April 14, 2022
- 2. Call with USPS, April 6, 2022, discussed upcoming election and future meeting schedule.
- 3. Meeting with Election Judge Training Coordinator and Trainers, April 14, 2022. We have requested 4 Trainers from the State
- 4. Transportation Meeting: May 2, 2022
- C. Correspondence: N/A
- D. Trainings: N/A
- E. Legislative Update – Barry Jackson reported on the following election related bills that passed:
 - 1. SB158/HB035 (Palakovich Carr, MoCo) – 50/50 split for voting equipment and other major purchases has passed. Amendment was voted on and passed the House. Language added to outlaw vote centers for 2022 and mandate the same amount of polling places used in 2018.
 - 2. SB1012 – The new Congressional Redistricting Plan.
 - 3. HB328/SB907 – Removes restriction of having a polling place in an establishment that sells alcohol.
 - 4. SB163 – Allows for canvassing of mail-in ballots 8 business days before Early Voting and gives instruction on acceptance of multiple ballots received by the same voter.
 - 5. HB862 – Also deals with multiple ballots cast by the same voter.
 - 6. SB101/HB291 – Candidate may not request a recount if they lose by more than 5%. Also increases the vote total margin from .1% to .25% in order for a candidate to not be liable for costs of a recount.
- Bills that did not pass:
 - 1. HB113 (Long-Balt Co.) – ID requirement to vote. Hearing on January 25th in Ways and Means Committees, but has not moved out of committee.
 - 2. HB160 (Boyce-Balt City) – Cannot hold elected office and party office at the same time (except delegate to the national convention).

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- Scheduled for a Ways and Means Committee vote on February 8th, but no vote occurred.
3. HB327 (Jones-Anne Arundel) – Establishing a minimum daily stipend of \$200 for election judges. Hearing on February 8th in Ways and Means Committee. Elections Subcommittee discussion was scheduled for February 16th but no further information was provided. MAEO supports
- F. Voter Registration Activities and Statistics:
1. Registration Statistics for March 2022 – included in Board Member Packets.
- G. Candidate Filings:
1. Filing began February 23, 2021. 59 Candidates have filed.
 2. Deadline: Extended to 9 pm on Friday, April 15, 2022
- H. Voting System Activities:
1. Acceptance Testing on A40 Printers
 2. Prepare equipment for Election Judge Training
- I. Projects:
1. Identifying street segments and voters impacted by legislative changes and finish in Sandbox and be ready to implement in Production.
 2. Process Mail-in Ballot Applications. Accepted to date: 6,734
 3. Prepare for Election Judge Training
 4. Continue to recruit Election Workers: 485 or 70% (need 690).
- II. Attorney: Brian Kane. Appeal filed by Mr. Wilson is proceeding in Anne Arundel Circuit Court. Record was filed on March 21, 2022. Notice that all records were accepted by the Circuit Court was sent out on March 23, 2022. Hearing is set for August 15, 2022.

Old Business:

- I. Virginia Avenue Update (HVAC Project)
 - A. HVAC is finished, but there is still some work that needs to be completed repairing walls. Some ceiling tiles have grease and insulation needs to be removed to install new tiles.
 - B. Sign was placed on the front door: "We are Watching" Image is not known.
 - C. Marty Lumm asked when the TV's would be mounted in early voting area. The county maintenance employees are aware of the project and when we need it completed, but no specific date given on when the project could be completed.
- II. 2020 Census and Redistricting – Court of Appeals hearing April 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. SBE believes that a ruling may come down on Thursday. April 19, 2022 is the deadline for the Board to make changes to polling places.
- III. FY23 Draft Budget – County Commissioners are aware that the Board needs \$450,080 due to the election being moved into FY23, and the commissioners

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approved it. Additional staff member request was denied by the personnel committee. Board can still pursue matter with the county commissioners and it will be introduced again in FY24. Jim recommended that we consult with other counties that are similar in size to see what they completed and submitted to their county to hire additional staff. Jim also recommended bringing up the size of the county as an argument for an additional staff member.

- IV. Combine or Consolidate Precincts – A special meeting will be required on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 to approve polling place changes, as a result of redistricting. The list of changes that will be discussed and voted on are as follows:
- A. Change Precinct 02000 to 02001, create a Precinct 02002 (Legislative District 2A), and consolidate with Precinct 02001 (Legislative District 1C), voting at Williamsport High.
 - B. Combine Precinct 03005 with Precinct 03004. Create new Precinct 03005 (Legislative District 1C), due to City of Hagerstown annexation, and consolidate with Precinct 03004 (Legislative District 2B), voting at Girls, Inc.
 - C. Change polling place of Precinct 08000. Pleasant Valley Baptist Church is not available on July 19, 2022. The Board discussed the following possibilities:
 - 1. Jim asked Could Pleasant Valley School be used instead of the fire hall? Possibly rent portable air conditioners if firehall is used.
 - 2. Big Cork Winery is not big enough.
 - 3. Rohrsersville Band room could be looked into?
 - 4. Private Building on Reno Monument Road. The owner is Will Crampton and building is used as a small gymnasium.
 - 5. Possibly have voters go to Boonsboro or Keedysville?
 - D. Create Precinct 10006 (Legislative District 1C) and consolidate with Precinct 10002 (Legislative District 2A), voting at Rockland Woods Elementary.
 - E. Change boundaries of Precinct 13001, change boundaries of Precinct 13002, create Precinct 13003 (Legislative District 2A), and consolidate with Precinct 13002 (Legislative District 1C), voting at Maugansville Ruritan.
 - F. Change polling place of Precinct 14002. Cascade Elementary School is not available on July 19, 2022. Staff Recommends Ft. Ritchie Community Center.
 - G. Change boundaries of Precincts 18001, 18002, and 18003.
 - H. Create Precinct 24002, Legislative District 2B, and consolidate with Precinct 24001, Legislative District 1C.
 - I. Combine Precinct 25003 with Precinct 25002, voting at Western Heights Middle.
 - J. Create Precinct 27003, Legislative District 1C, and consolidate with Precinct 27002, Legislative District 2A, voting at Paramount Elementary.

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Board will Meet on April 19, 2022 @ 1:00 P.M. to vote.

- V. Election Worker Training – Training Begins next Wednesday April 20, 2022. Schedule was emailed to the Board.

New Business:

- I. None

Members Remarks: Bill Blazes and Kaye Robucci's financial disclosures are due by April 30, 2022.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 3:00 PM. The location is Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD; as pursuant to the Bylaws of the Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A) 8. A special meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 1:00 PM to vote on proposed district and precinct consolidations.

Distributed Information:

Revised Election Calendar

Future Events:

Open House in Late Summer/Early Fall.
MAEO September 29, 2022 meeting Virtual/In Person.
2023 MAEO: May 15 through May 19, 2023

Adjournment and Executive Session:

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, President Marty Lumm called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting and move into Executive Session. At 4:31 PM, Connie Mozingo made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting and convene an Executive Session under State Government Article, § 10-508 (a) (7). "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice." Bill Blazes seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. No guests present.

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION HELD ON APRIL 12, 2022

1. Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:

Time of closed session: 4:31 pm.

Place (location) of closed session: Election Center 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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Purpose of the closed session: Case Number C_02_CV_22_000078

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Tammy Downin, Bill Blazes, Connie Mozingo, Jim Schultheis

Members opposed: None

Abstaining: Marty Lumm

3. Statutory authority to close session:

This meeting was closed under the following provisions of General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b):

Topic #1: § 3-305(b) (1) **Topic #2:** § 3-305(b) () **Topic #3:** § 3-305(b) ()
(add others as needed)

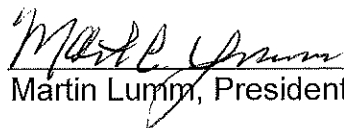
4. Listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken/Each Recorded Vote
#1: Case Number C_02_CV_22_000078	Marty Lumm, Tammy Downin, Connie Mozingo, Jim Schultheis, Brian Kane, Kaye Robucci, Bill Blazes, Barry Jackson, Teresa Morningstar, Cory Green	No vote recorded, informational purposes only.

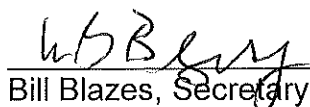
After the discussion was completed, Jim Schultheis made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 5:00 PM. Tammy Downin seconded, and all parties voted aye.

Compiled by Cory Green
Election Program Assistant I

Respectfully Submitted,


 Martin Lumm, President

 5/10/2022
 Date


 Bill Blazes, Secretary

 5-10-22
 Date