

ELECTION BOARD
May 17, 2021

Present at the meeting were:

Brian Allen
Gary Eby
Brenda Watson
Bill Bunt
Bonnie Delancey
Shannon Hines

Present from the Public via Phone/In Person: Karen Anderson, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Rich Fultz, Kim McMullen, Ann Miller, and Wes Smith

The Election Board met on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted via WebEx video/telephone conference and in person in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Karen Anderson thanked the Election Board for the public notice that was posted.

Approval of the Minutes: Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Election Day Procedures: A discussion occurred regarding naked ballots and whether they should be counted. Solicitor Bunt stated that the Supreme Court had ruled last fall that naked ballots do not count.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to not recognize naked ballots as a valid vote. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Discussion occurred regarding the date or lack of date on a ballot outer envelope. Election Director, Bonnie Delancey had previously reached out to the Department of State for guidance on this issue but had not received a response back. Solicitor Bunt recommended that ballots not be opened or counted that do not have a date on the envelope, subject to revision if the Department of State provides guidance on the issue. Further discussion occurred regarding what date on the envelop should be acceptable as well, as the ballot

Commissioner Allen made a motion to not accept ballots without a date or those that have a date not in April or May of 2021, subject to revision should the Department of State provide guidance. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bonnie Delancey provided an update the poll supply pickup. She also stated that the Republican Party chair would be unable to be in attendance on election night, but an alternate had been identified.

Solicitor Bunt stated that ballot processing would begin at 8:00 a.m. on election day and ballot envelopes may be opened at 7:30 a.m. that day.

Public Comments: Kim McMullen stated that the Department of State website indicates that a missing date on the outer ballot envelope is not a valid ballot.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.