

**ELECTION BOARD**  
**May 1, 2023**

**Present at the meeting were:**

Larry Reisinger  
Shannon Hines  
David Lanza  
Bill Bunt  
Sarah Geesaman

**Present from the Public via Phone/In Person:** Dr. Pat Gutheil, Dave Pundock, and Faith Pundock

The Election Board met on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted virtually via WebEx video/telephone conference and in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of the Minutes:** David Lanza made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 meeting. Shannon Hines seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Reisinger again thanked Director, Sarah Geesaman, for the Judge of Election training she conducted recently. He said he had received more positive feedback.

Sarah Geesaman, Director of Election/Voter Registration, stated that today was the last day to register to vote or change your political party. She said if something is postmarked with a May 1 date it would be processed.

She said that ballots had arrived on April 25<sup>th</sup> and started to be mailed out on April 26<sup>th</sup>. She further commented that all ballots had been mailed out by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Geesaman thanked Michelle Thebes for her help in getting the ballots out. She stated that additional voters have been in to her office to apply for mail-in or absentee ballots. She said some take their ballot with them and others vote in the office.

Ms. Geesaman stated that printing of the signature books for the polling locations would begin on May 10<sup>th</sup>. She reminded the Board that poll workers would be picking up polling information and equipment on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

She provided the following information:

- 1,664 total ballots mailed out in the last primary election
- 1,556 mail-in and 149 absentee ballots mailed out for the upcoming May 2023 primary

Solicitor Bunt asked if any precinct election boards have vacancies and Ms. Geesaman confirmed they are all full.

Shannon Hines said that the Election Board will meet on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Solicitor Bunt stated that he has not seen an updates from the Department of State to report.

Ms. Geesaman confirmed that the first day anyone could have a ballot would be April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed the logistics of pre-canvassing and canvassing on election day. Ms. Geesaman said she has not received any responses from the County party chairs regarding who will be representing each party on election night.

**Public Comments:** Dr. Pat Gutheil asked if additional help from the townships was needed on election day.

Faith Pundock asked if Ms. Geesaman needed to know who the watchers would be on election day.

David Lanza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. Shannon Hines seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.