

ELECTION BOARD
May 8, 2023

Present at the meeting were:

Larry Reisinger
Shannon Hines
David Lanza
Bill Bunt
Sarah Geesaman

Present from the Public via Phone/In Person: Dana Cotton, Crystal Failor, Dave Pundock, Wes Smith, and Brenda Watson

The Election Board met on Monday, May 8, 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: Shannon Hines made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023 meeting. David Lanza seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Sarah Geesaman, Director of Election/Voter Registration, commented that signature books for the polling locations would start to be printed that day and then her office would start to get equipment and polling bags ready for pick up next week.

She said that each day her office is date stamping, name checking, and updating the SURE system as ballots are received and then filing the ballots in a locked cabinet. Ms. Geesaman further commented that as of the time of the meeting her office had received 494 mail-in and absentee ballots back.

She stated that the proclamation would be published in all three County newspapers, as well as on the County website.

Ms. Geesaman provided the work schedule for election day and final count day. The Board discussed the work flow and schedule for election morning, election night, and final count day.

She said that the second mock election exercise in the SURE portal was taking place later in the day.

Ms. Geesaman provided information regarding a complaint that was received by her office regarding a candidate's spouse. She said that she spoke to Perry County's Department of State liaison and was instructed to refer the complaint to the Ethics Commission. Solicitor Bunt said if the complaint would have been criminal in nature it would have been referred to the District Attorney.

She provided the following information:

- 1,584 mail-in ballots sent out

- 203 absentee ballots sent out

Ms. Geesaman said she has received positive feedback regarding the instructional guide that was included in the mail-in and absentee ballot. She further commented that she has received less ballots with missing dates or not signed than the previous year and attributed this to the pamphlet.

She said that tomorrow is the last day to get a mail-in or absentee ballot application. Ms. Geesaman said her office will be open until 5:00 p.m. to allow voters to stop in to get an application.

Public Comments: Dana Cotton asked how many ballots had been returned and asked for confirmation of the number of ballots mailed out.

David Lanza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Shannon Hines seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.