

ELECTION BOARD
September 26, 2022

Present at the meeting were: Brenda Watson
Brian Allen
Gary Eby
Bill Bunt via WebEx
Shannon Hines

Present from the Public via Phone/In Person: Bonnie Delancey, Sarah Geesaman, Dr. Pat Gutheil, and Deb Shrawder

The Election Board met on Monday, September 26, 2022 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: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Election Updates: Bonnie Delancey, Director of Election/Voter Registration, stated that poll worker training would be taking place on September 29th in the Annex Conference Room. She commented that three training sessions were being offered and said the first would begin at 8:30 a.m., another at 10:00 a.m., and the last session would begin at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Eby questioned if an evening training session had been considered and a discussion occurred. The Board concluded that an evening training would be offered in the future to accommodate poll workers that are not available during the day. The Board also discussed the importance of the training and said that each precinct should be represented at the poll worker training and stressed the importance of communicating this to each precinct.

Ms. Delancey stated that to date 2,050 mail-in ballots had been requested and 115 absentee ballots. Solicitor Bunt questioned how those amounts compared to the spring election, as it would help determine the staffing needs for the upcoming election. He also commented that next year's election would involve the County Elected Officials.

Ms. Delancey commented that the ballots are currently being printed by the print vendor but no delivery date to the County had been provided. She said that the ballots should be delivered to the new building location.

A discussion occurred regarding the new location of the Election/Voter Registration Department. Commissioner Watson commented that an update would be provided by the Maintenance Director later in the day which would solidify a timeline on moving staff and materials to the new building.

The Board discussed the placement of the ballot drop box. It was decided that the drop box would be located in the Commissioners' Office reception area similar to previous years.

Commissioner Watson stated that once the Election/Voter Registration staff is moved into the new building, the drop box would be housed in the new building.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.