

ELECTION BOARD
October 10, 2022

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

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

The Election Board met on Monday, October 10, 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: Marty Smith commented that the main front door of the Freedom Building had been installed and noted that the second door was damaged and had to be reordered. He said the second door was schedule to be delivered in November and commented that the doors would be painted in the spring. Mr. Smith stated that the architect was working on the canopy project for the front of the building. He also mentioned that the sign for the building was being designed and samples would be available for review in the next week. He said security cameras were operational in the Freedom Building. Mr. Smith noted that all wall hangings would be addressed at a later time. He said a concern was raised regarding pedestrian foot traffic to the building and the possibility of a crosswalk, stop sign, or speed bump were discussed. Mr. Smith questioned after hour access to the Freedom building and the Board discussed.

Approval of the Minutes: Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Election Updates: Bonnie Delancey, Director of Election/Voter Registration, stated that 223 absentee ballots, 2,190 mail-in ballots, and 3 military ballots had been processed to date.

Solicitor Bunt commented that he had received an email from his County when his ballot had been mailed out and he noted that when he received his ballot, two instructional handouts were included. Ms. Delancey said that previously the Election Office had included a slip of paper in the envelope with mail-in/absentee ballots that indicated the date to return the ballot, but was instructed to no longer include this with the ballots. She said that she would like to start including the information with the ballots moving forward. A discussion occurred regarding the inclusion of information with ballots being mailed to voters, as well as email notifications. Dr. Pat Gutheil commented that the brightly colored informational handouts could be helpful. No action was taken.

Sarah Geesaman commented that poll worker training had occurred last month and the sessions went well. She said Wes Smith provided information on security at the polling locations and the role of constables. Wes Smith, Deputy Director 911/EMA, stated that he had discussed

expectations of the 911 Center with the poll workers at the trainings, as well as the procedures to take in the event of an emergency. He said in the event of a 911 call from a polling location, his staff has been instructed to alert the Voter Registration/Election office as well.

Commissioner Allen questioned how the voter list is culled. Bonnie Delancey stated that obituaries are checked each day and information from the Department of Transportation also alerts the office of changes.

Public Comments: None

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