

ELECTION BOARD

April 8, 2024

Present at the meeting were:

Brenda Watson
William Lyons
R. Franklin Campbell
Bill Bunt
Sarah Geesaman
Shannon Hines

Present from the Public: Jeff Garman, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Wes Smith

The Election Board met on Monday, April 8, 2024 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: Jeff Garman asked for paper ballots and hand counting.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that ballots arrived on April 4th and started to go out in the mail on April 5th and will continue to go out. She said she has helpers in the Voter Office assisting with getting ballots out in the mail.

Ms. Geesaman said the voter helpers are in the process of getting SURE system access to assist with looking up voter information to answer general questions during busy times in the office. She commented that their access will not allow them to make any edits to the system.

Sarah Geesaman stated ballot drop boxes are located in the Freedom Building and in the entrance of the Courthouse. She said that ballots will be collected each day from the drop boxes. She noted that the boxes are under security camera coverage. Ms. Geesaman said the only place to vote is in her office.

Ms. Geesaman said constable training was taking place later in the week. Wes Smith stated that he had received three RSVPs to date. She stated that training would include information on roving patrols, their responsibilities, and required documentation such as mileage forms. Commissioner Watson asked if the constable training was mandatory. She commented that only those constables that participate in the training may rove from polling location to polling location, but constables are able to stay at one location without attending the training.

Ms. Geesaman said mandatory poll training occurred last week. She said 84 poll workers attended, and noted that all 31 Judges attended. She said the training covered emergency and security topics and it went very well.

Sarah Geesaman commented her office is receiving a lot of phone call regarding a mass mailer that went out regarding voting by mail. She said voters are confused by the mailer and it is

causing duplicate mail-in ballot applications which is causing extra work for her staff. She noted that the mailer did not come from the Election Office.

Solicitor Bunt asked if there are any questions on the ballot and Ms. Geesaman confirmed there are not. Solicitor Bunt reminded attendees that as there are no questions on the ballot, those registered as independents will be unable to vote in the upcoming Pennsylvania primary.

Further discussion occurred regarding the mass mailer.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.