

ELECTION BOARD

December 2, 2024

Present at the meeting were:

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

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

The Election Board met on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 11:09 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 and Jed Nessinger.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson stated that the election was a big topic of discussion at the State Conference the Commissioners attended last week. She said based on what she heard at the conference, Perry County ran a very good election. Commissioner Watson thanked Sarah Geesaman and her team for the job they did. She said other counties look to Perry County for guidance and further noted other counties said we did a fantastic job.

Commissioner Campbell said he agreed and visitors during the election also agreed.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that she received positive comments on the transparency and gave credit to her team.

Commissioner Lyons said he spoke to the representative from Washington D.C. and he said the cooperation and smoothness during the recount was one of the best he had seen.

Solicitor Bunt commented there were representatives from both political parties and the ACLU and all complimented Perry County on how we did. He said it was remarkable based on the strong opinions during the recent election. He further stated that Director Geesaman did an exceptional job, and also credited her team for their work.

Sarah Geesaman said the recount occurred. She stated that on November 20th the mail in, absentee, provisional, military, and overseas ballots were processed using the small scanner. She commented that it went smoothly. Ms. Geesaman stated the election district ballots were recounted on November 21st and the process was completed by 4:00 p.m. She said the observers had positive feedback on the recount process and it went well. Solicitor Bunt stated that recount information was put on a large screen for all to see and observers received copies of each precinct. Ms. Geesaman said Perry County was one of five counties that completed the recount

and then Casey conceded. She further said there will be a reimbursement regarding the recount and a survey had been completed to ascertain costs.

Ms. Geesaman said poll worker and constable pay was just completed. She commented that signature books are still being processed from the election.

Sarah Geesaman said poll workers will be up for reelection on the 2025 municipal ballot. She commented that some had alerted her they will not run again. She explained the process for poll workers to be back on the ballot but noted she was awaiting dates from the Department of State.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.