ELECTION BOARD
October 26, 2026

Present at the meeting were: Brenda L. Watson
William G. Lyons
R. Franklin Campbell
Sarah Geesaman
Shannon Hines

Present from the Public: None

The Election Board met on Monday, October 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that all notices to Penn Township registered voters, regarding the temporary polling location change, had gone out. She also said that the information was posted on the County website and in the local newspapers several times. She commented that signage would be posted at both buildings on election day as well. She noted that quite a lot of the notices did come back in the mail as undeliverable.

Ms. Geesaman said that both County Party Chairs had been given the watcher and election night return guidelines. She commented that the Perry County Republican Committee had provided their list of watchers, and certificates were ready for pick up. She stated that the PA Democrats had provided a watcher list as well. She also said that the County Party Chairs had provided the names of the individuals who would be on site during returns on election night. The following individuals were provided:

- Democrats – Diane Bowman Shank and Jerry Philpott
- Republicans – Don McClure and Bill Wallenmeyer

Sarah Geesaman said the PA Democrats had also provided an individual for the position of Lt. Governor.

Ms. Geesaman stated that the extended office hours were going well and said on Saturday eight voters came in.

Sarah Geesaman said signature books would start to be assembled on Wednesday.

Ms. Geesaman provided the following ballot numbers:

- 2,849 mail in / absentee ballots mailed out
- 2,031 mail in / absentee ballots received back

Sarah Geesaman said on October 27 the Election Office would be open until 6:00 p.m. She also stated that 5:00 p.m. on the same date was the deadline to apply for a mail in / absentee ballot or receive a ballot on demand.

Solicitor Bunt asked for clarification on the ballot on demand process versus ballots coming back in the mail or dropped off at the Election Office. He questioned the work schedule for Election Day.

Sarah Geesaman said she was working on the work schedule and would be providing it later in the week. She also commented that individuals that are assigned to outside duties on election night should dress visibly and she would be contacting the Prothonotary's Office for swearing in.

Commissioner Watson asked if constables would be at the polling locations. Ms. Geesaman said there will be constables at several locations and noted that a roving constable would cover Tyrone Township. Sarah Geesaman further stated that she worked with EMA/911 Director, Wes Smith, on emergency procedures.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.