



BOARD OF ELECTIONS MINUTES

Thursday, May 7, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellefonte, PA 16823

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Elections was convened at 11:00 AM by Chair of the Board of Elections, Commissioner Steven Dershem.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator Margaret Gray, Director of Elections Joyce McKinley, Elections Coordinator Jodi Nedd and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

III. MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Elections meeting held on May 5, 2020.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Polling Places & Poll Workers

Jodi reported seven additional polling places have confirmed since Tuesday, May 5. She is still waiting for confirmation that Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology and the Young Scholars School in Ferguson Township are available.

Commissioner Dershem asked for clarification from the Department of State about the number of poll workers for consolidated precincts. He asked that consolidations be posted on the County website and provided to the municipalities.

On Tuesday the Board will finalize the consolidated polling places.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Joyce requested additional staff to assist with processing absentee ballots. Commissioner Higgins was in support of bringing staff back from furlough to help and Commissioner Pipe agreed. He asked Joyce to work with Margaret to arrange for additional staff. He offered use of the Commissioners' Office for additional space to prepare ballots for mailing. Margaret suggested a conference room that may be a better space as it can be locked. They would not have to pack up their materials at the close of each day.

- B. The Board discussed the donation of face shields. Margaret has provided an estimate of 400 and is waiting for confirmation of the donation. If that would fall through, Joyce has received quotes from two vendors that other counties have been working with.

VI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, May 18, 2020

Last day to REGISTER before the primary.

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

GENERAL PRIMARY

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots.
Must be received by 8PM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie Smith
Executive Office Supervisor