



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING—May 2, 2017

ATTENDING: Lois A. Martin, Board President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
Paul Kolb, Board Member
Randy Glotfelty, Substitute Board Member
Connie Meyers, Substitute Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: None

5:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the April 4, 2017 meeting was approved on a motion made by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Paul Kolb and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 63 new registrations and 75 removals in April.

Steve attended a Directors Meeting on April 20th that was held via a conference call. The State has elected not to upgrade the Express Votes to version 5.2.2.0., mainly due to the cost of the upgrade. The CMOS batteries will be replaced in all pollbooks after the update is installed in late summer. The old touch screen voting equipment is now listed on an auction site. Bidding closes on the equipment on May 3rd.

The Directors Meeting also included a few changes to legislation. Sixteen year olds may now serve as Election Judges; SBE/LBE must provide notice on their websites when they make changes in administrative policies affecting voting rights; campaign signs may now be placed outside a polling place beginning a 5:00 PM on the day prior to Election Day or the day before Early Voting begins; candidates for Circuit Court Judge who are defeated in the Primary Election are prohibited from appearing on the ballot in the next General Election.

Paul Edwards and Jim Hinebaugh has filed for County Commissioner in the 2018 Election.

All employee leave scheduled for the upcoming month was discussed with the Board.

The office will be closed on May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

June 6th through June 9th the office will be closed for the staff to attend the annual MAEO conference.

On June 20th an inventory team from SBE will be confirming inventory on all State owned and leased equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve discussed, with the Board, travel and hotel arrangements for the MAEO conference. Lois Martin has agreed to get a centerpiece and silent auction basket for MAEO.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve received the 2016 Presidential Election Procedures and Operations Audit. Steve discussed with the Board a couple of things that needed addressed. He will respond in writing by May 26th with the acknowledgment of the Board President.

ADJOURNMENT:

The June meeting is canceled due to the MAEO conference being held. The next board meeting is scheduled for July 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM on a motion by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois A. Martin, Board President