

# **Election Board Meeting**

February 21, 2019

Commissioner Archie Trader, Secretary, called the February 21, 2019 Election Board meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Attending the meeting in addition to Commissioners Blair Zimmerman, Dave Coder and Archie Trader were Chief Clerk Jeff Marshall, Deputy Chief Clerk Charlotte Popielarcheck, Election Director Tina Kiger, It Director Doug Murray and members of the public and press.

## **Meeting Minutes:**

Commissioner Archie Trader made the motion and Commissioner Dave Coder the second to accept the minutes from the October 18 and December 12, 2018 meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Old Business:**

Mrs. Kiger spoke briefly about the Voting machine demonstrations with ES&S, Dominion and Unisyn that the Election Office had set up and was attended by the Commissioners, IT and the Election Office Staff. Commissioner Coder thanked Mrs. Kiger for setting these demonstrations up. The demonstrations went well and were very informative.

Mrs. Kiger reported that three Voting systems were currently Certified to be used by the Federal and State government. These systems are ES&S, Dominion and Unisyn.

## **New Business:**

Mrs. Kiger asked for approval to move forward with the Dunkard Township merge. She informed them it could be done by going down to two precincts or one. Chief Clerk Jeff Marshall informed the Election Board and public that the reason for this was the lack of workers and the selling of the current building for Dunkard–Lower and Dunkard-Upper. He also informed them that we have to conform to the census lines and that would make voters have to drive past the Dunkard - Bobtown precinct to get to the Dunkard – Dilliner precinct. Commissioner Trader made the motion and Commissioner Coder the second to approve moving forward with the process of Merging Dunkard Township down to one precinct.

Mrs. Kiger asked the Board to consider accepting a proposal for the new voting system. Commissioner Zimmerman spoke of the hard decision that they would be making concerning this decision and taking into consideration the cost and simplicity of the new equipment. Mrs. Kiger gave her opinion that ES&S would be the better option, considering it had less equipment for the District Elections Boards (Poll Workers) to handle and maintain during the Elections.

Commissioner Coder made a motion to accept Dominion Voting Systems – this would be the cheaper of the two systems and would save money. Motion failed due to no second.

Commissioner Trader made a motion to accept ES&S Voting Systems – Better Software and less equipment. This would work out better for those who will be using the system. Election Office, IT and Poll Workers. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion to approve ES&S.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked all in agreement for ES&S – Commissioner Zimmerman and Trader – Yay, Commissioner Coder – Nay. The question was posed when the new systems would be used. Mrs. Kiger did not think it would be a good idea to start the New system in the 2020 Presidential Election. The Election Board agreed, but they also did not want to split the voting process up for this year. So it was agreed that the New System would be brought into use in the May 21, 2019 Primary Election.

**Announcements:**

Director Kiger made the following announcements:

- Candidates Informational Class was held on – February 12, 2019
- First day to circulate and file petitions – February 19, 2019
- Last day to circulate and file petitions – March 12, 2019
- Casting of Lots – March 20, 2019

**Next Scheduled Meeting:**

To Be Announced

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjourn:**

Commissioner Trader made the motion and Commissioner Coder the second to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Kiger  
Director of Elections