

Election Board Meeting

June 17, 2020

Commissioner Mike Belding called to order the June 17, 2020 Election Board meeting. Attending the meeting, in addition to Commissioner Belding were Commissioner Betsy McClure, Commissioner Blair Zimmerman, Election Director Tina Kiger, Chief Clerk Jeff Marshall, Assistant Chief Clerk Sarah Penich, County Solicitor Gene Grimm, and members of the general public.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner McClure made the motion to accept the meeting minutes from the May 21, 2020 & June 8, 2020 Meetings. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

General Primary Election – June 2, 2020:

Director Kiger informed the Board of the total votes cast in the June Primary:

	<u>Ballots Sent</u>	<u>Ballots Returned/Recorded</u>
Absentee Ballots	847	704
Mail-In	2948	2531
Military	12	5
Civilian Overseas	3	2
<u>Federal</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	3811	3243

- Election Day
 - 4,530 Ballots Cast
- Provisional Ballots
 - 109 Ballots Cast
- Total Ballots Cast
 - 7882/40.25%

Director Kiger informed the board of the following:

- Election went fairly well considering the circumstances.
- Temporary Polling locations worked out well – no complaints.

Certifications

- The board signed the State and County Certifications

Director Kiger asked the Board to make a motion to approve the certifications to close out the General Primary 2020 Election. Commissioner McClure made the motion to approve the County and State Certifications. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded that motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Kiger thanked the Absentee/Mail-in Canvass Board for their canvassing of the Absentee/Mail – In ballots.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Kiger stated she will be preparing for the November Election. Making sure to have all the Election supplies, PPE supplies, back up polling locations on stand by in case they are needed and working on Poll worker recruitment.

Commissioner Belding agreed this is a valid concern and we learned a lot having an election during a pandemic, but now we know how hard it is. And for anyone who is apprehensive of going out to vote there is an alternative, Absentee/Mail-in Ballots. He said there is no alternative to gain Poll Workers who must go out, and many of them are in the most vulnerable group, retired and elderly. So, we struggle to find the help needed.

Commissioner Zimmerman thanked everyone who was involved for a great job.

County Solicitor Gene Grimm, stated that there are provisions to allow 17-year-olds to act as poll workers, you have to get parents permission and the school permission. They are not an at-risk group and you may find help there. Director Kiger informed him that students usually work, but with the schools being closed we could not go through that way. We did have two students willing to work. Director Kiger contacted the schools and sent the forms for permission.

Commissioner McClure suggested using college students who will be here in the fall and possibly going into the classes that teach this and recruiting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Scull thanked Director Kiger and her organization stating they did a very good job. There was a lot of hard work, planning and it went really smooth.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

TBA

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner McClure, Vice Chairman, made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m., Commissioner Zimmerman, Secretary, seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Kiger
Director of Elections