

Election Board Meeting

April 3, 2019

Jeffry Grimes, Chairman, called the April 3, 2019 Election Board meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. Attending the meeting in addition to Jeffry Grimes, Judge Dave Balint & Judge Farley Toothman were Chief Clerk Jeff Marshall, Director of Elections Tina Kiger, Solicitor Cheryl Cowen, Scott Kelley, Doug Murray, Sarah Mahon (ES&S Representative) and members of the public and news.

MINUTES:

Judge Toothman made the motion and Judge Balint the second to accept the minutes from the March 20th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Voting Equipment:

Mrs. Kiger informed the Board that the New Voting equipment arrived on April 1, 2019. Mr. Grimes asked if we received all necessary equipment, Mrs. Kiger stated yes.

Mr. Grimes asked about training and implementation. Mrs. Kiger stated the Software training was held on the week of (March 25 – March 29). Those trained for the software were Tina Kiger (Elections Director), Rachel Gillispie (Elections Clerk) and Doug Murray (IT Director/Deputy Custodian).

Scott Kelley reaffirmed the equipment arrived on Monday, April 1, 2019. The equipment was unloaded from the trucks and acceptance testing was conducted. Mr. Kelley informed the Board next Tuesday (April 9, 2019) will be the hardware training. Cutter Houck from ES&S will be here to train Doug Murray and Scott Kelley.

Mr. Grimes asked about the contractual aspect of help. Mr. Kelley said he can verify for him, but believes it is 1 week of software training, 1 day of hardware training and ES&S would be here the day before, the day of and the day after the Election. They will also give Post Election help.

Mr. Grimes asked about county training. Mr. Kelley said there will be formal training, five county employees assisted on Monday, April 1st and Tuesday April 2nd with acceptance testing. He informed the Board there are 105 Express Votes (all passed acceptance with the exception of one Express Vote, which is being replaced), and the 44 scanners all passed acceptance testing.

Judge Toothman questioned the proposed roll out of the machines to the public. Whether the public would see the machines prior to Election Day? Judge Toothman asked if there could be demonstrations at the Township Supervisors meetings and Borough meetings? He wanted to know what plans were in place.

Tina Kiger explained she plans on setting up times and locations for the public to see demonstrations. There is a machine setup in the Elections office available to the public during County business hours.

Commissioner Blair Zimmerman, stated the Election poll workers have classes and reviews before every Election, and as a former Board Member, he knows they will assist and explain any questions a voter may have.

Mr. Kelley stated there will not be much of a learning curve for the new machines. The voters have been using touch screen machines since 1999. Dave Balint agreed with Mr. Kelley, he was able to use the machine prior to the meeting and feels it is very similar to the machines we had.

Judge Toothman talked of availability to all voters and public familiarity. He suggested having demonstrations set up at fire departments and township supervisor meetings.

Cheryl Cowen explained that the office planned to utilize Facebook and the Greene County webpage to advertise, as well as placing a notice in the local newspapers. She suggested those who are unable to attend, might be able to attend 1 or 2 evenings (after business hours). Jeff Marshall agreed and suggested if ES&S had Demonstration videos to post on the web page we could make that available and if voters had additional questions, they could call the Elections Office. Mrs. Kiger stated Sarah from ES&S has videos available for Demonstrations.

Mr. Grimes suggested maybe having a few nontraditional demonstrations (after business hours, in the evening)

Judge Toothman spoke to the Deputy Secretary and it was mentioned a few counties will have a demo machine set up on Election Day at the polls. Is this something to consider?

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Kiger informed Judge Toothman we do not have the extra machines available to do this.

Demonstrations (check with)

- Democratic & Republican Parties
- Various locations in the county
- Video from ES&S

Dave Balint made a motion to authorize the Elections Director to continue to contact parties, hold a demonstration in each School District one Saturday and 2 evening hours available to the public. Also, to continue to seek anyone qualified to be a rover. Discussion pursued:

- Judge Toothman expressed the county must supply delivery for demonstrations, 2-3 days with a minimum of two times in each school district.
- Jeffrey Grimes suggested one Saturday with 2 separate time slots.
- Cheryl Cowen suggested evenings, not constricted to Saturday mornings only. Most places will not want to assume the responsibility of the equipment to leave it there for multiple days.

Jeffrey Grimes amended the motion to 2 instances in each School district during off business hours. Dave Balint agreed to amend and include that Rovers can also hold the demonstrations. Judge Toothman added to include contacting parties.

Dave Balint made a motion to hold demonstrations in each School District during non-traditional business hours, also to reach out to civic clubs and parties to offer demonstrations. Judge Toothman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ROVERS

Mrs. Kiger placed an advertisement in 2 local newspapers, web page and on the County Facebook page.

Mr. Kelley said there are currently 9 Rovers interested, 8 county employees and 1 voter. He would ideally like to have 10-12 Rovers total.

Judge Toothman wants the approval by the board for the Rovers. He requested that Mr. Kelley forward his recommendations to the board and they will have final approval.

Judge Toothman made a motion for a meeting date to discuss the Rover issue prior to the Election.

DUNKARD TOWNSHIP MERGE

- Copies of the Court Order were disbursed to each Board member.
- Jeffrey Grimes read the order dated 4-1-2019
- Court will hear the concerns on April 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
- Cheryl Cowen stated at the hearing the court will order where to post notices of the merge.

NEW BUSINESS

Obtained signatures from the Board Members for Election purposes.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

May 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Last day to register or change registration is April 22, 2019
- Poll Worker classes will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds on May 6th, 7th and 8th

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeffry Grimes, Chairman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m., Dave Balint, Vice Chairman seconded. Vote Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Kiger
Director of Elections