

**PRE-ELECTION MEETING OF THE
DELAWARE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

PRESENT: Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair, Delaware County Board of Elections
John P. McBlain, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Jim Allen, Director of Elections
Manly Parks, Solicitor
Jackie Dunn, Voting Machine Warehouse
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration
Public Comment:
Gloriann Ellis
Marta Driscoll
Ginamarie Ellis
Jean Montgomery
Les Berry
Barry Merlino
Lewis Trauffer
Chris Fabre
Joy Schwartz
Paul Dibitone
Karen Fritz
Laura Lewis
Jody Allen
Colleen Guiney

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes. Mr. McBlain made a motion, and Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion, to approve the Sept. 13, 2022 minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

Consideration of the Agenda. Mr. Allen said that because some in the audience were attending to hear if polling places were going to change that item could immediately follow public comment. The Chair agreed.

Public Comment was made in support and opposition to different changes. Other public comment was heard.

Polling Place Change. Chester Heights Borough. Mr. Allen presented photos of the proposed polling-place change in Chester Heights to 53 W Baltimore Pike. Mr. Allen concluded that while not ideal, the space was workable and would be within the precinct nearer to voters. Mr. Parks suggested a written document of any changes that need to be made be memorialized to accommodate the space for polling place. Mr. McBlain moved, and Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion, to change the polling place if and when staff confirmed the required conditions were met. Motion passed 2-0.

Aston Township 1st Ward and Darby Township 3-1, Mr. Allen stated that there was bi-partisan favor to move both of the aforementioned polling places and stated current location and the suggested locations. Mr. McBlain made a motion on changing Aston Township 1 and Darby Township 3-1 polling places. Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Mr. Allen reported that other polling place changes were still pending.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen informed the board that per the deadline by federal law all the UOCAVA ballots had gone out to the voters with the exception of 3 that were awaiting clarification from the

voters. Mr. Allen then informed the board that the state had recently certified the ballot and the database had been locked down with both election-day-ballot test decks were supplied by Phoenix Graphics, and mail-in-ballot test decks were supplied by Fort Orange Press, and both test decks passed. Mr. Allen then gave the expectation that the first set of ballots should be going out in the mail on or around October 5. Mr. Allen gave the current statistics of applications processed.

Mr. Allen gave a power point presentation on election security in Delaware County. Mr. Allen emphasized that the tapes of election results were printed at the close of polls in the precincts, and V-drives reflect those results. In no instances have there been cases where the precinct tapes differed from the V-drive data uploaded at the Wharf. No ballot equipment is ever connected to the Internet or networked with other servers. Mr. Allen also detailed the mail in/absentee processes for processing applications only from registered voters in the county, verifying identification for each applicant, mailing out only one ballot per applicant, accepting envelopes that must correspond to an application, and then processing only those envelopes that meet standards set by state law and case law.

Solicitor Report. Mr. Parks discussed the guidance document he drafts and some of the changes for the staff use.

Drop Box Status. Mr. Allen stated that there is still being work done on the camera in Marple and Millbourne.

Campaign Finance. No reports at this time.

Mr. Allen answered remaining questions from the Board.

Next meeting date, if needed ahead of the regularly scheduled meeting, would be determined in consultation with the Board within the coming two weeks.

Meeting adjourned.