PRE-ELECTION MEETING OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD OCTOBER 25, 2022

PRESENT: Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair, Delaware County Board of Elections

John P. McBlain, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections

Scott Alberts, Delaware County Board of Elections

Jim Allen, Director of Elections

Manly Parks, Solicitor

Jackie Dunn, Voting Machine Warehouse Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration

Public Comment:

Chris Fabre

Jeanne Montgomery Liz Madeline, Radnor

Joy Schwartz
Colleen Vogel
Colleen Guiney
Martin Curlish
Joanne Stump
Bill Lawrence
Caris Coker

Gregory Stengstrum

Leah Hoopes Kathy Youngman

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Consideration of the Agenda. Mr. Allen stated what was on the agenda as well as any topics that require potential action. Mr. Parks then explained the solicitors report. Mr. Parks then posed the question to the board if Delaware County wishes to follow the practices of other counties in this region of the state to allow time for deficient ballot voters to be notified and offered the chance to cure the deficiencies.

Public Comment was made on various topics. Other public comment was heard.

Solicitor Report. Mr. Parks presented to the board the information regarding the PA Supreme Court ruling on notice and curing practices. A motion was made to direct Mr. Allen to work with the solicitor and the staff to develop a lawful procedures to notify absentee and mail in voters of facial defects with their return ballots such as one sided envelopes, unsealed envelopes, damaged or otherwise uncountable and voters to cure such deficiencies through the issuance and acceptance of a replacement ballot prior ro the close of polls on Election Day so as to not extend beyond the 8 pm cutoff to voting everyone would follow. Motion made by Mr. Alberts and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion carried 3-0.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen went over a few of the changes regarding training pay changes for Judges of Elections only and explained the reasoning behind this change. Mr. McBlain made a motion to approve the change in pay for Judges of Elections training pay regarding in person versus online training and seconded by Mr. Alberts. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made to delegate the director of elections the authority to appoint machine inspectors and other administrative duties on the boards behalf was made by Mr. Alberts and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Allen then informed the board that they will be working with the Judge of Elections on various issues that may possibly arise and the information on how to handle these issues. Mr. McBlain moved that Mr. Allen send advisory information beyond the training and guidance documents on how to handle the issues that may arise and seconded by Mr. Alberts. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Allen gave an update on status of mail in ballots, logic and accuracy testing, tabulation testing as well as training of the poll workers. Mr. Allen went on to explain the current situation of the outreach for Fair Acres to vote. Mr. Allen explained the request to declare November 8, 2022 Poll Worker Appreciation Day. Mr. Alberts moved to declare November 8, 2022 Poll Worker Appreciation Day and Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Drop Box Status. Mr. Allen updated the board of the status of the Swarthmore and Marple drop box.

Polling Place Change. Darby Borough 1-1 Ms. Dunn presented the change to the board which Mr. Alberts made a motion to move the Darby Borough 1-1 polling place and Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Campaign Finance. No reports at this time.

Next meeting date was discussed.

Meeting adjourned.