PRE-ELECTION MEETING OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS September 11, 2023

Present:

Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair, Delaware County Board of Elections
John P. McBlain, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Scott Alberts, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Jim Allen, Director of Elections
Manly Parks, Solicitor
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration
Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance
Pamela Lairdieson, Poll Worker Coordinator
Public Comment:
Joy Schwartz, Drexel Hill

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Ms. Lunkenheimer led a moment of silence to reflect on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Alberts moved and Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded a motion to approve the July 25, 2023 minutes. Motion passed 2-0. (Mr. McBlain then joined the meeting.)

Mr. Allen reviewed the agenda. Mr. Allen stated that item 3 of the polling place changes will not be discussed as there is not yet bipartisan agreement on the proposed location change.

Public Comment. Ms. Schwartz spoke on items regarding transparency and a polling place change item on the agenda. Mr. Parks and Mr. Allen stated that the Upper Darby 3-3 is a typographical error and should have been listed as Upper Darby 3-10.

Mr. McBlain moved and Mr. Alberts seconded a motion to amend the agenda to change it from Upper Darby 3-3 to Upper Darby 3-10. Motion carried 3-0.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen spoke on election preparations in detail including size and additional graphics on ballot. Mr. Allen spoke to the Provisional Ballots will be printed on the Touch Writer. Pamela Lairdieson spoke on the process of printing Provisional ballots from the Touch Writer. Board discussion followed. Mr. Allen spoke on a visit from Al Schmidt, Secretary of the Commonwealth. Mr. Allen also spoke on the final 3 items of precinct consolidation, drop box reductions and acquisition of KNOWiNK Poll Pads.

Solicitor Report. Mr. Parks reported that there were no matters of litigation to report.

Polling Place Changes. Ms. Dunn recommended moving polling places for: Darby Borough 2-2; Upper Darby 1-1, 1-2, 1-9 & 3-10; Edgmont Twp. 2; Middletown 3-1; and, Thornbury Twp. 5 as each move had bipartisan agreement from local leaders. Mr. McBlain moved and Mr. Alberts seconded a motion to approve the polling place changes. Motion carried 3-0. A motion was made by Mr. McBlain and seconded by Mr. Alberts to table the polling place change for Upper Darby 1-5 & 3-5. Motion to table carried 3-0.

Campaign Finance. Ms. Jackson presented requests for campaign-finance penalty waivers. The requests were from (Candidate) Joseph Baiocco and Ruth Baiocco. Both had written that they were unaware of the need to file. Ms. Jackson said each involved a first-time offense. Mr. Alberts moved and Mr. McBlain seconded the motion to waive the penalties. Motion passed 3-0.

Next meeting date was discussed and is tentatively scheduled for September 26, 2023, or upon call of the Chair.

Meeting Adjourned.