

LAWRENCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Monday, November 27, 2023

The Lawrence County Election Board Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Lawrence County Election Board Meeting of Monday, November 27, 2023, was called to order by **Commissioner Brian D. Burick**, at 10:01 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Kristine Venasco called the roll. Those in attendance were **Frank Piccari, Tim Germani, Susan Kite, John Manna, Debbie Wachter, New Castle News**. It was stated for the record that the meeting is being taped. Those wishing to speak shall be given five minutes. If they need more time, they are to see the Deputy Chief Clerk at another time, and she will arrange for them to meet with the Commissioners. Those speaking are to state for the record their names, addresses and the nature of their business.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of November 6, 2023, will be added to the next meeting along with the minutes of today's meeting.

Mr. Germani gave the Election Director's Report. He stated that the election was very successful. He thanked everyone in the courthouse along with his staff. He stated that there were a couple of complaints that will need to be reviewed with the board.

Mr. Burick stated that he would like to thank the Maintenance Department, Mike and Becky and staff from voters, and all of the workers.

Commissioner Burick read the first complaint from Ms. DelGatto (attached). Mr. Burick stated that nothing illegal took place. He suggested that prior to the next election, Director Germani should hold a sensitivity training for poll workers. Mr. Piccari agreed.

The second complaint was concerning five negative text messages. These messages were trying to influence voters to vote against Chris Santo; however, it does not state who paid for them. This is a violation of the Election Law. Frank Piccari made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burick, to forward this complaint to the District Attorney for investigation. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Piccari commented that Mr. Germani and his staff did an excellent job for the election.

New Business

Mr. Burick recessed the Election board meeting at 10:25 AM to get further guidance from Solicitor Medure regarding certifying the Election results regarding the ruling concerning counting the ballots that are undated. The board will reconvene in 15 minutes.

The Election Board reconvened at 11:00 AM. Solicitor Medure advised certifying the results including the four (4) undated ballots. These ballots were timely but not dated.

RESOLUTION

R-2023-08

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Election Code, the Lawrence County Board of Elections is required to certify the results of the General Election held on November 7, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Tim, Germani the Lawrence County Elections Director, provided to the Board that all votes have been counted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lawrence County Board of Elections does hereby certify the results of the General Election held on November 7, 2023.

APPROVED this 27th day of November 2023

VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____

CERTIFIED this 27th day of November 2023

Motion made by Mr. Piccari, seconded by Mr. Burick to approve said resolution. Motion carried 2-0.

Motion to recess to adjourn at 11:05 am by Mr. Piccari, seconded by Mr. Burick. Motion carried 2-0.