

LAWRENCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES OF Monday, November 4, 2024

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 Tuesday, November 4, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 10:01 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Ryan Anderson called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Jason Medure, Tim Germani, Susan Kite, Lynne Ryan, Carrie Hahn and Tim Buck, Paul Boaz, Robert Davies, Chuck Stonning Randy Dufford, Jerry Lombardo, Kevin Miller, Susan Fudurich, Lynn Foltz, Judy Martwinski, Renee Slople, Brad B., Matt Mangino and Debbie Wachter from the New Castle News.** It was stated for the record that the meeting is being taped. Those wishing to speak shall be given five minutes. Those speaking are to state for the record their names, addresses and the nature of their business.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynne Ryan asked if voters who ask for a mail in ballot hasn't been received after it's been mailed in, Carrie Hahn asked for clarification on what those people should do about that. Tim Germani said that you're still able to vote provisionally, and that vote will still count. Dan Vogler said that they will have to request a provisional ballot.

There was a discussion held by Lynne Ryan, Radny Dufford, Paul Dufford, Paul Boaz, Susan Fudurich, Carrie Hahn, Tim Germani, Dan Vogler, Dan Kennedy, Jason Medure and Chris Sainato about General Election questions.

Opening comments:

Commissioner Vogler stated that the meeting was advertised with the legal ad on Friday, November 1, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of September 18, 2024, were approved. Moved by Mr. Kennedey, seconded by Mr. Sainato. Motion carried 3-0.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Germani stated the Voter statistics are as follows:

The voting machines and equipment are out in the field and ready to go for Election Day. He had been receiving phone calls from residents of Union Township asking about the voting poll locations. Mr. Germani reviewed the polling locations for Union Township, New Castle, and Neshannock.

Mr. Germani gave an updated report of the Certified stats as of 6am today it is as follows, 58,470 registered voters in Lawrence County of that Democrats 20,877, Republican 30,132, Libertarian 267, and Other 7,194. Mail in ballots requests in total are 12,046 and the majority have been returned 10,828 not counting today and tomorrow. The count is as follows; Republican at 5,319 sent out and 4,798 returned, Democratic 5611 sent out and 5,116 returned, No Affiliation 795 sent out and 631 returned so far. Mr. Germani went on praising his whole department for their hard work and dedication and thanking all the courthouse for their support.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Germani stated that there is sufficient security provided for election day and there is ample lighting for outside for the safety of everyone. Dan Vogler and Chris Sainato both said that the Lawrence County Sheriffs are doing a wonderful job with keeping everyone safe. Mr. Germani did also notify the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety's Director Chad Strobel, and he will be on high alert.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynne Foltz asked if a family member was in the hospital how they were able to get an absentee ballot, Mr. Germani stated that they can go to the Voters office and ask for an emergency absentee ballot and fill it out accordingly and the Judge will either approve or deny. All three commissioners praised Mr. Germani and the entire department for their hard work all throughout this year to keep everything running smoothly and for their professionalism.

Mr. Germani closed with stating that there will be a lot of watchers tomorrow during pre-canvassing and advised that they stay in a designated area so the workers can complete their designated jobs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to recess to the call of the chair at 10:57 am by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Motion carried 3-0.

