

LAWRENCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES OF Tuesday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2024, was called to order by **Commissioner Dan Vogler**, at 9:30 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Deputy Chief Clerk, Vanessa Bayless called the roll. Those in attendance were **Commissioner Chris Sainato, Commissioner Dan Kennedy, Jason Medure, Tim Germani, Susan Kite, Judy Martwinski, Lynne Ryan, Carrie Hahn and Tim Buck**. 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

Opening comments:

Commissioner Vogler stated that the meeting was advertised with the legal ad on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of May 13, 2024 will be approved at the next meeting, they were not in the packet today.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Germani stated the Voter statistics are as follows:

28,606 Republican and 20,728 Democrat, with 5,089 with no affiliation. Tim has received 5,296 mail in ballots with more to process, with 3,407 Democratic requests, 1,567 Republican requests and 204 no affiliation requests. Mr. Germani stated the new envelopes will have the full year printed on them. They can continue to use the old envelopes that can be stamped per the rules from the State. The last day to register to vote is October 21, 2024 and the last day to apply for an absentee ballot is October 19, 2024. Lastly, Mr. Germani stated Croton Church has been sold to Cornerstone Church and it will remain a polling location for New Castle 3-1.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION R-2024-13
COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, in the Township of Neshannock, Seventh District, the polling place was located at The Meadow Apartments, 3506 Meadowview Blvd, New Castle, PA 16105; and

WHEREAS, The Meadow Apartments will no longer be available to be a polling site due to permission being denied; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Elections has received permission to vote at the Hutchison Community Center, Pearson Park, located 293 Pearson Park Drive, New Castle, PA 16105; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, that:

1. The polling place for Neshannock Township, Seventh District shall be moved from The Meadow Apartments to Hutchison Community Center, Pearson Park, located at 293 Pearson Park Drive, New Castle, PA 16105; and
2. **NOTICE** of this change has been duly completed per Election Code Statute 25 PS 2726.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sainato to approve said resolution.
Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION R-2024-14
COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, in the Township of Union, Second District, the polling place was located at the Union Township Building, 1910 Municipal Drive, New Castle, PA 16101; and

WHEREAS, The Union Township Building will no longer be available to be a polling site due to permission being denied; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Elections has received permission to vote at the Union Township Fire Department, located 304 S. Scotland Lane, New Castle, PA 16101; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, that:

1. The polling place for Union Township, Second District shall be moved from Union Township Building to Union Township Fire Department, located at 304 S. Scotland Lane, New Castle, PA 16101; and

2. **NOTICE** of this change has been duly completed per Election Code Statute 25 PS 2726.

Moved by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve said Resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carrie Hahn asked when can people vote in person at the Courthouse? Mr. Germani said he is waiting on the State to certify ballots, perhaps in the middle of September. He will notify the parties when voters can vote. She asked where the agenda is located on the website, as she could find it. Eric Pastore stated where it is located on the website.

Lynne Ryan asked if there will be early or extended voting hours or Saturdays when you could vote, for people that work during the day? Mr. Germani stated there will not be. She also asked about watermarks being printed on the ballots. Mr. Germani stated there will not be anything printed on the ballots unless advised from the State. Solicitor Medure concurred. .

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 am by Mr. Sainato, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Motion carried 3-0.