

LAWRENCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 1 , 2022

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, February 1, 2022, was called to order by **Commissioner Morgan Boyd**, at 9:00 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Kristine Venasco called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Daniel Vogler, Morgan Boyd, Susan Kite, Frank Piccari, Maintenance, and 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

The minutes of Wednesday Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

Moved by Mr. Vogler, seconded by Mr. Boyd to accept and file the minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boyd stated that there was a voter complaint of inappropriate conduct by a member of the judge of elections at 8-1. This complaint was investigated by the Department of Voter Services. They deemed it a credible complaint. Mr. Boyd made a motion to refer the complaint to the District Attorney for investigation. Seconded by Mr. Vogler. Motion carries 2-0. Mr. Vogler also expressed his concern with Mr. Bean using his cell phone to take a picture and that may not be appropriate. Director Germani agreed.

Director Germani informed the board that he is looking for a voting place in 5-2, New Castle, currently it is Vo-Tech. Vo-Tech expressed that they would like it to no longer be a polling place. Director Germani stated that once the polling place changes, every voter will be notified, and they will receive a new card. Director Germani addressed the Commonwealth ruling on mail-in voting. He stated that as of now, nothing has changed. Mr. Vogler stated that Act 77 has double or tripled the work for the Voter Departments. Mr. Vogler asked that voters please do not take frustrations out on the workers at the polls or in the elections offices since rules are made in Harrisburg. They workers are only following the rules. Director Germani also reported that County will be upgrading the voting software from Windows 7 to Windows 10. Mr. Vogler asked if anything is connected to the internet. Mr. Germani stated that nothing is connected to the internet, including modems and equipment.

Frank Piccari, Director of Maintenance asked why Vo-Tech did not want the polling at their facility anymore. Mr. Boyd stated they expressed a desire for it not to be there anymore and that it entailed a lot of work. Mr. Boyd said that the County would do their best to accommodate their requests.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Election Board dated Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 9:14 a.m.