

LAWRENCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Monday, May 16, 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 Wednesday, April 20, 2022, was called to order by **Commissioner Morgan Boyd**, at 8:39 am at the Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting Room. Administrative Assistant, Kristine Venasco called the roll. Those in attendance were, **Commissioner Daniel Vogler, Commissioner Morgan Boyd, Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel, Tim Germani, Director of Voter/Election Services, and New Castle News, none**. 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, April 20, 2022. Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to accept and file the minutes, with the correction of the last name of Tim Alba to Tim Buck. Motion carried 3-0.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Germani reported the voter stats are Democrat voter count 22,321, Republican voter count 26,680 for a total of 55,840. He explained that the Primary Election in Pennsylvania is only Democrat and Republican. He asked that if anyone has a mail-in ballot they should hand deliver the ballot to the Voter Services Office or put it in the drop box outside of the courthouse. He reported that everything is out in the field and the ES&S reps are here. He said he has an excellent staff and thanked them for all of their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boyd asked what Mr. Germani's estimated voter turnout will be. Mr. Germani stated that his guess based on the average is 22%. Mr. Boyd also asked how the public test of the machines went. Mr. Germani said that 3 individuals showed up and the test went very well.

Ms. Spielvogel commented on the news article and said what a testament it is to the excellent work of him and his staff. She thanked him for his continued service to Lawrence County.

Mr. Vogler asked Mr. Germani if one of the Common Pleas judges is lined up for Election Day. Mr. Germani stated that it was on his to-do list. Mr. Vogler asked for clarification on deadlines for mail-in ballots. Mr. Germani confirmed that if a ballot arrives tomorrow, it will be counted. If any arrive on Wednesday it will be too late and will not be counted. Mr. Germani explained that if there is a naked ballot they will get credit for voting, however; the vote will not be counted. Mr. Vogler asked what the time deadline is to drop off a mail-in ballot. Mr. Germani confirmed that it is 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Mr. Vogler wanted to remind everyone that New Castle 5-2 polling place has been changed from the Lawrence County Vo Tech to the Armory. Signage is up and the new location is ADA compliant.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Spielvogel made motion, seconded by Mr. Vogler to recess the meeting of the Lawrence County Election Board to the call of the chair dated Monday, May 16, 2022, at 8:53 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.