

LAWRENCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF Wednesday, April 20, 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 10:00 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**, **Susan Kite**, **Deputy Director of Voter/Election Services**, **Linda Morrison**, **Tim Buck**, **Lisa Sturn**, **Carrie Hahn**, **Kathy Rentz**, **Lynne Ryan**, **Michele Conti**, **Joanne Conti** and **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

Linda Morrison, Representative for the League of Women Voters. Discussed how she was opposed to elimination of drop boxes.

Kathy Rentz stated that she was speaking on behalf of her elderly neighbors. She discussed that she was in support of the drop boxes since she felt it made it more convenient for her when helping them.

Lynne Ryan stated that she was the Republican representative for Lawrence County. She discussed how she was strongly opposed to the drop boxes. She also stated that she would like the Commissioners to consider not opening ballots until after the polls close.

Tim Buck congratulated the Board of Elections on how smoothly the elections have been run. He discussed his opinion that drop boxes are needed.

Carrie Hahn stated that she agreed with Lynne Ryan. She also wanted to thank the county for having the minutes available.

Lisa Sturn stated that she is in favor of drop boxes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of Tuesday, February 1, 2022, and March 29, 2022.

Moved by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to accept and file the minutes, with the correction of a 2-0 vote on approval of the minutes of February 1, 2022, and add the number 02 to the resolution in the minutes of March 29, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Germani reported that the Election Office began mailing out ballots on Monday, April 18. 2022. He feels one drop box at the courthouse is sufficient. L & A Test was run with 100% accuracy. Ms. Spielvogel stated that she feels elections should open to everyone. She also stated that the County had no problems with in the past with the drop boxes. She would be in favor of four drop boxes like there was with the election in 2020. She also thanked the residents and both parties of the county. Mr. Boyd stated that he felt the program in 2020 with the drop boxes was successfully run, however; he is in favor of

having just one drop box. Mr. Vogler explained that he was nominated and serves on the Election Advisory Board. He explained that he has two concerns. One, drop boxes throughout the county creates an unlevel playing field. Second, there is nothing in the election code/law about drop boxes. He would be in favor of 1 drop box in the courthouse.

Motion made by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to have four drop boxes throughout the county.
Motion fails 1-2.

Motion made by Ms. Spielvogel, seconded by Mr. Vogler to have one drop box located at the Lawrence County Courthouse. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boyd adjourned the meeting of the Lawrence County Election Board dated Tuesday, April 20, 2022 at 11:13 a.m.