



Frederick County Board of Elections

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MINUTES of the January 8, 2020 Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 PM, in Room 119 of the Frederick County Board of Elections Office, located at 340A Montevue Lane, by the Board President, Mrs. Mary Lou Green.

PRESENT:

Mary Lou Green, President

Shirley McDonald, Vice President

Lawrence C. Hill, Secretary

Mary Costello, Board Member

William L. Woodcock, Board Member

Stuart Harvey, Election Director

Noreen L. Schultz, Election Deputy Director

Christine Winer, Election Supervisor

Marc R. Welch, Election Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Steve Barrett, Republican Central Committee

Deborah Carter, Democratic Central Committee

Jim Filson, League of Women Voters

ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

Mr. Harvey introduced new election judge coordinator, Patrick Mullinix. He will handle hiring, scheduling and payment of election judges.

Mr. Harvey added discussion of the Women's Democratic League, and the recently arrived "Working Class Party" petition to New Business.

((Mr. Mullinix exited @ 12:35 PM))

COUNCIL:

Council Liaison was not present.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Harvey summarized the contents of the written Election Director's report, and provided copies to the Board. The Board discussed aspects of the report regarding voter registration changes in the County. Mr. Hill shared a chart about voter registration changes statewide. The Board discussed the chart.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A) FY20 BUDGET

Mr. Harvey provided an update on the current budget status. Not much money has been spent in December due to the holidays, but spending for the Primary Election, and Early Voting have begun. Printing costs for election judge manuals is approximately \$8000.

B) 2020 ELECTION CALENDAR

Mr. Harvey provided the Board with the critical dates for the 2020 Primary Election, as well as the updated judge training schedule. The Board discussed both calendars.

((Steve Barrett arrived @ 12:52 PM))

C) ELECTION JUDGE UPDATE

Mrs. Schultz updated the Board on the status of election judge hiring. Currently there are approximately 450 judges assigned to training, and polling places. The Board discussed the process to hire judges, the County's financial department, and the impact of taxing the pay on getting election judges to return. Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Schultz, and the County finance department will meet to discuss financial impacts on the hiring process. Mr. Harvey will research with the attorney general to determine how the State views election judges' compensation/taxation.

D) TEMPORARY HELP

Mrs. Schultz updated the Board on the hiring process for temporary employees for 2020. One person has been hired so far. Additional interviews will occur this week. The Board discussed the hiring process.

E) RECLASSIFICATIONS

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the status of reclassification of State staff. The State Board approved the reclassification plan at its December meeting. Mr. Harvey is working on the required paperwork. The reclassifications are effective July 1, 2020. He has advised the County budget office of the upcoming change as of the current pay scale and will advise them if further changes are needed due to legislative changes regarding the State pay scales.

F) HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

High school visits have been completed. Approximately 40 new registrations, and 48 election judge applications from 16 & 17-year olds. The Board discussed voter outreach to high school students. The Board also discussed strategy to engage young people.

G) BATTLESTAFF BOOTCAMP

Mr. Welch and Mr. Harvey discussed the Belfer Center/D3P Battlestaff Bootcamp held in December in Springfield VA. This was a tabletop exercise and training session about election preparation, and crisis management. The Board discussed the training and exercise.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A) CANDIDATE FILINGS

Ms. Winer updated the Board on the candidate filing process. Staff has been trained to handle candidate filing for DNC/RNC delegates. We've processed 3 democratic delegate filings, and 3 Board of Education filings so far. The Board also discussed the just announced certified presidential candidates for the 2020 Primary. Registration closes on January 24, 2020.

B) WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE

Mr. Harvey has been invited to speak to the Women's Democratic League at the beginning of March. They've requested information about election security and voter registration volunteers. The Board discussed the meeting.

C) 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Harvey updated the Board on the 2020 General Assembly session, which began at noon on January 8, 2020. He provided an overview of 13 pre-filed elections-related bills. The Board discussed the various proposed legislation.

D) WORKING CLASS PARTY PETITION

Mr. Harvey advised the Board of a just-arrived petition to add a new party to the ballots. The petition needs 10000 signatures state-wide. If successful the party would be officially recognized on the ballot, as well as various forms, including voter registration applications, voter update forms, and provisional ballot applications.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 12:30 PM in Room 119 of the Frederick County Board of Elections Office, located at 340A Montevue Lane.
