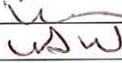


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ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2015

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Election Board held in Room 100 of the Courthouse Annex:

Commissioner Tim Brooks
Commissioner Bonnie Summers
Abby Flockerzi, Administrative Assistant
OC Bell, Airport
Erik Johnson, Planning
James McCall, Prison
Robert Murray, Special Election Board
Karen Rupert, Human Services
Albert "Chip" Abramovic, Public
Pastor Lonny Wolford, Fox Street Church of God

Commissioner Vince Witherup
Denise Jones, Chief Clerk/County Administrator
Rich Winkler, Solicitor
Diona Brick, Fiscal
Bill Kresinski, MIS
Rich Mihalic, Park
Deborah Sharpe, Treasurer
Jill Stephens, Human Resources
Sheila Boughner, News Media

The Election Board meeting was convened and adjourned prior to the start of the Retirement Board, Salary Board and Commissioner Board meetings.

Call to Order:

Commissioner Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. At this time, Commissioner Brooks announced that President Judge Lobaugh issued a court order appointing Robert Murray and William Wilson to the Special Election Board. Since Commissioner Summers is not running for office, she will remain as a member of the Election Board

Approval of the Minutes from the December 9, 2014 Meeting:

Commissioner Summers made a motion to table the approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting until the minutes can be distributed to the new members of the Special Election Board, seconded by Mr. Murray, aye all.

Public Comment on Agenda:

There was no public comment offered on the Election Board agenda.

Approval of Relocation of Cornplanter 1 Election District:

Ms. Jones presented to the Board that due to the relocation of Judge Fish and his staff to the 911 Center and the County employees not having the November Election Day off as a holiday, using the 911 Operations Center as a polling place for the Cornplanter 1 voting district will no longer be feasible. Ms. Jones has been in contact with Mr. Troy Marsh, the Chief of the Cornplanter Volunteer Fire Department and he is agreeable to the County using the facility as a polling place, pending ADA inspection by the County and formal approval by the fire department's board.

Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the relocation of the polling place for Cornplanter 1 election district pending approval by the Cornplanter Volunteer Fire Department's board, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Positions to Appear on Primary Ballot:

Ms. Jones read a list of the positions that will be appearing on the Primary Ballot to the Board. The open positions include: Supreme Court Judge, Superior Court Judge, Commonwealth Judge, Magisterial District Judge Magisterial District 28-3-03, three (3) County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Prothonotary / Clerk of Courts, three (3) County Auditors, Township Supervisors, Township Auditors, Borough Council Members, Borough Auditors, City Council, Mayor, City Council at Large, City Treasurer, School Directors and Constables. The order of the ballot listing will be Federal, State, County and District. The first day to circulate petitions is February 17, 2015. Petition packets will be available for pick up in the Commissioners' Office the week of February 9, 2015. Two notable changes this year are: (1) the circulators of the petitions do not have to reside in the same voting district as the candidate. (2) A change to the Hatch Act will make it not as hindering as it used to be. The majority of a person's salary must be paid by federal funds for the person to be disqualified. Previously, even if one (1) dollar of a person's salary was paid by federal funding the person was disqualified from running for public office.

Other Business:

At this time the Board held the election of officers for 2015.

Mr. Murray made a motion to nominate Commissioner Summers as Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Commissioner Summers made a motion to nominate Mr. Murray as Vice – Chair, seconded by Mr. Murray, aye all.

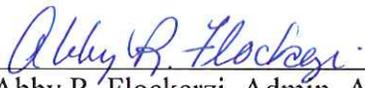
Public Comment:

Commissioner Witherup thanked Mr. Murray for attending the meeting on such short notice.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Respectfully submitted,


Abby R. Flockerzi, Admin. Assist.