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**ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

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

Commissioner Tim Brooks	Commissioner Vince Witherup
Commissioner Bonnie Summers	Denise Jones, Chief Clerk
Abby Flockerzi, Admin. Asst.	Rich Winkler, Solicitor
OC Bell, Airport	Diona Brick, Fiscal
Sandra Oden Kellner, Jury Commissioners	Pennie Maclean, HR
Rich Mihalic, Park	Jayne Romero, MH/DS
David Schwille, CYS	Sheila Boughner, News Media
Pastor Lonny Wolford, Fox Street Church of God	

The Retirement Board and Salary Board meetings were convened and adjourned prior to the beginning of the Election Board meeting; and the Election Board meeting was convened and adjourned prior to the beginning of the Commissioner Board meeting.

Call to Order:

Commissioner Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Approval of the Minutes from the September 11, 2012 Meeting:

Commissioner Witherup made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2012 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on the agenda as presented.

Approval of Process for Special Write-In Ballot for Civilians:

Ms. Jones explained that at this time, Special Write-In Ballots are used for all military personnel and dependent spouses and civilians living overseas due to ballots needing to be mailed out to these individuals prior to the County receiving the actual printed Absentee Ballots. Ms. Jones asked the Election Board for approval for civilians who have completed Absentee Ballot Applications and who will not be able to receive the official Absentee Ballot in a timely manner to be able to use a Special Write-In Ballot. Commissioner Brooks inquired as to how many people this may effect and Ms. Jones estimated 20 to 30. Commissioner Witherup asked if this process was approved by the State and Ms. Jones assured the Board this was acceptable as there is no real differences between the two ballots other than that the Special Write-in Ballots are printed by us on paper and the official Absentee Ballots are printed on stock paper by a professional printer. Commissioner Summers asked if these ballots would need to be hand counted. Yes, they will have to be hand-counted because they are paper and cannot be fed through the M-100. Commissioner Witherup made a motion to approve the using Special Write-In Ballots for Civilians when needed, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Discussion of Voter ID Law Changes:

Ms. Jones discussed the recent changes to the Voter ID Law and explained that the November election will be conducted the same as the Primary election using the soft rollout approach. There is no change to Absentee Voters – they still need to provide identification. There also is no change to first time voters being required to show identification. The County’s website will be updated on October 10, 2012 to reflect these changes. The County will be holding Poll Worker training the week of October 15, 2012.

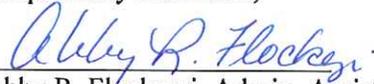
Other Business:

There was no other business to be conducted.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Summers and a second by Commissioner Witherup, aye all.

Respectfully submitted,


Abby R. Flockerzi, Admin. Assist.