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**ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 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
Barb Benedict, CYS	Diona Brick, Fiscal
Bill Kresinski, MIS	Pennie Maclean, HR
Rich Mihalic, Park	Dan Prichard, Court Supervision
Jeff Ruditis, Prison	Deborah Sharpe, Treasurer
Tom Sherman, EMA	Major Smith, Prison
Scot Walkowski, Court Supervision	Sheila Boughner, News Media
Gary Campbell, Public	Judy Campbell, Public
Carolyn Dunlap, Public	Dianne Dunlap, Public
Gary Hutchison, Public	Carol Murley, Concerned Citizens
Deborah Pattee, Public	Mark Pattee, Public
Jerry Woods, Public	
Pastor Ed Saxman, Oakland United Methodist Church	

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 July 10, 2012 Meeting:

Commissioner Witherup made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2012 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on the agenda as presented.

Discussion of Voter ID Law:

Ms. Jones shared a guide the Department of State recently distributed to all Poll Workers. The guide includes samples of acceptable forms of identification and also addresses the issue of name concerns such as James verses Jim. The County will be holding Poll Worker training and the new voter ID Law will be discussed in training. Ms. Jones discussed the various forms that will be available to aid voters that may not have identification on Election Day such as provisional ballots, affirmation of indigent voter, etc. Ms. Jones stressed that our main objective is to help voters feel comfortable with the new law. To help

accomplish this, the Commissioners will be doing a series of Public Service Announcements and the staff is always available for assistance.

Lack of Required Information on Political Signs:

Mr. Hutchison began by distributing a photo of a sign that is erected in various places in Venango County. The sign states “Stop the War on Coal – Fire Obama”. He then quoted a section of the Election Code concerning a required disclaimer on election related signs. Ms. Jones explained she had met with the individual responsible for some of the signs and this individual is now aware of what is required of them by the Election Code and they will be complying with the Code concerning their signs.

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.