

Reviewed by: LSB

**ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

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

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| Commissioner Tim Brooks | Commissioner Vince Witherup |
| Commissioner Bonnie Summers | Denise Jones, Chief Clerk |
| Abby Flockerzi, Admin. Asst. | Rich Winkler, Solicitor |
| Diona Brick, Fiscal | Bill Kresinski, MIS |
| Pennie Maclean, HR | Rich Mihalic, Park |
| Jayne Romero, MH/DS | Jeffrey Ruditis, Prison |
| David Schwille, CYS | Deborah Sharpe, Treasurer |
| Mark Seigworth, 911 | Sheila Boughner, News Media |
| Pastor Bruce Davis, Calvary United Methodist Church | |
| Craig Adams, Public, | Martha Breene, Public |
| David Hull, Venango County Democratic Committee | |
| Jil McAleer, Public | Jeanette Thompson, Public |
| Erin Williams, Public | Brandon Winger, Public |
| Jerry Ziegler, Public | |

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 6:03 pm.

Approval of the Minutes from the January 8, 2013 Meeting:

Commissioner Witherup made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2013 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on the agenda as presented.

Approval of Relocation of Three (3) Polling Places

It is necessary to move three (3) polling places, Clinton, Cranberry 3, and Oil City 7 due to problems with the polling place location. One polling place we were told we could no longer use the facility and the other two are not adequate facilities for polling places. Cranberry 3 is at the Christian Life Academy School and the new proposed site will be at the Cranberry Municipal Building; Clinton is located in the Clinton Township Building and the new proposed site is in Clintonville at the Union Presbyterian Church; and Oil City 7 is located in an ambulance bay at

Community Ambulance and the new proposed site is the Richard C. Frame Hall at Venango College of Clarion University.

Commissioner Witherup made a motion to approve the changes to the three (3) polling places, seconded by Commissioner Summers, aye all.

Discussion of Consolidation of Ten (10) Election Districts

David Hull, Chair of the Democratic Committee and Martha Breene, Chair of the Republican Committee shared their opposition of consolidation of the ten (10) election districts. The reasons include the consolidation forming large precincts that would contain more than 1,200 registered voters, voters may have difficulty walking to polling places, and voters may have increased distance to drive to polling places, in some cases as many as 19 miles one way.

The Election Board sited several issues at hand for consideration in consolidating the election districts and those reasons include difficulty in finding suitable facilities to serve as polling places, the County's declining population and shrinking of the voter registration rolls, and the difficulty in finding people to serve as poll workers.

The idea of using high school students was brought up and Mr. Hull suggested making being a poll worker part of a class/senior project or offering extra credit. Ms. McAleer suggested that possibly being a poll worker could be used toward mandatory community service hours for high school students.

All of these points will be taken into consideration by the Election Board.

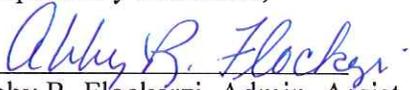
Other Business:

There was no business conducted.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm upon a motion by Commissioner Summers and a second by Commissioner Witherup, aye all.

Respectfully submitted,


Abby R. Flockerzi, Admin. Assist.