Final Minutes Frederick County Electoral Board Friday, October 9, 2020

The Electoral Board met on Friday, October 9, 2020. Those present were Chairman Marie Straub, Vice-Chairman Craig Lambert, Secretary Tom Reed, and Registrar Rich Venskoske.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Chairman Marie Straub.
- 2. On motion be Secretary Tom Reed and seconded by Vice-Chairman Craig Lambert the agenda was approved as printed.
- 3. On motion from Secretary Tom Reed and seconded by Vice-Chairman Craig Lambert the minutes from the September 29, 2020 meeting were approved.
- 4. It was reported that processing of Absentee Ballots continues with several hundred being received daily. Overtime hours continue to be necessary for processing with numerous daily calls received for voter registration request.
- 5. Poll workers for November continues to be addressed with confirmation letters being mailed and follow-up phone calls planned. Several precincts need positions to be filled.
- 6. It was reported that laps tops used as poll books may be subject to L&A review along with the DS 200 Optical Scanners. The timing to conduct the L&A on laptops could be restrictive as determined by the updating of registered voters.

7. Registrar Business

- a. It was reported that a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life, in the amount of \$36,000 had been approved, but is now waiting County approval.
- b. The impact of overtime was briefly discussed with no numbers currently defined as the operation continues and no final date established for completion.
- c. Officer of Election training will begin the week of October 12th, with two Precincts meeting per evening. Meetings conducted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday concluding Friday, October 31st. A make-up training time is available if

needed on Saturday October 31st. The OOE training manuals had been updated with all the July 2020 law changes.

- d. A directive had been received that as Absentee Ballots are received the outer envelope needed to be opened and the inside envelope "B" containing the marked ballot, is to be reviewed and if the signature or other necessary required information is lacking, then Registrar is to contact the voter to have it corrected by noon on Friday November 6th, for it to be counted.
- e. The Edison Research Group will have Poll watchers at two locations on Election Day Armel Precinct and the Registrar's Office.
- 8. On motion from Secretary Tom Reed and seconded by the Vice-Chairman Craig Lambert the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Tom Reed, Secretary

Mary F Shoul Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary