TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Board of Elections

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 10:30 a.m **UPDATE**

**DUE TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BEING ON ELECTION DAY, BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS UNABLE TO ATTEND

FINANCIAL

- YTD Budget Report attached.
- Claim submitted to NYS for TIER Grant reimbursement \$51,281.65, covers 96% of 9 new voting machines and hardware for software upgrade.

OLD BUSINESS

• See March minutes attached.

NEW BUSINESS

- Presidential Primary ballots ordered and received.
- Sample ballots distributed around county (town clerk, county clerk, schools)
- Press release regarding Early Voting sent to newspapers, radio, and TV outlets; commissioners interviewed with Fox40 on March 18.
- Legal notices for candidates and polling locations sent to newspapers.
- Preparations for Early Voting (3/23 3/30) and Election Day (4/2) ran on schedule (ie: machine and ePollbook testing, inspectors scheduled).
- Designating petitions are scheduled to be submitted to our office April 1 April 4, and will determine whether we have a June primary. Commissioners asked both party chairs to avoid filing on Election Day if possible.
- Mail Check postcards are ordered through Phoenix Graphics and are scheduled to drop on April 22.

PERSONNEL

- Michaela Nelson, PT Machine Tech, began 3/13 and hit the ground running right during an election cycle-going well. Techs visited poll sites 3/19.
- Election Inspectors are scheduled for Early Voting and Election Day, and all confirmed. However, scheduling was a bit more difficult this year as we are down approximately 50 inspectors. Some resigned altogether over the county training requirements, and many just had conflicts due to it being a holiday week/spring break. We expect better numbers in November.

• New election inspector trainings scheduled for April 24 and May 8. Tentatively planning to have them come all day with inspector training onehalf of the day and county trainings/paperwork the other half. We will be providing lunch for these two sessions.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLOMATIONS - None

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:30 am MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Legislators Dennis Mullen, Jake Brown, Ronald Ciotoli and William Standinger Commissioners James CE Wahls and Kelly A Johnson Guests Cathy Haskell (Legislative Clerk), Peter Dewind (County Attorney)

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Motion by Legislator Ciotoli to accept the February 2024 Committee minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Legislator Standinger and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL

Board of Elections YTD Budget Report was presented. No one had any concerns or questions.

OLD BUSINESS

See February minutes. Discussed the training that was completed in Seneca County on our new Dominion EMS, and reminded legislature that our machine testing was completed by Dominion and NYS being on-site.

NEW BUSINESS

Presidential Primary Ballots have been certified and created. Absentee and Early Vote by Mail ballots, as well as overseas and military ballots, have gone out and are coming back at a good rate. Explained that test decking was done for all voting machines but one that requires an SD card be replaced. ePollbook testing to begin within a week.

Good progress was made with IT department and NYSTEC on our compliance assessment, and should be complete very soon.

Important dates reviewed with legislators: Enrollment Hold began on 2/14, designating petitions began circulating on 2/27 except for congressional. Those began a couple of days later after the redistricting lines were approved. The entire county will be moving from the 19th Congressional District to the 23rd. Early voting will begin on 3/23 and run through 3/30 with the explanation that there would be no voting on Easter Sunday and it would be eight 9-hour days. Presidential Primary to be held on 4/2.

Legislator Ciotoli asked how our Facebook presence was working out. We agreed that it is reaching a good number of people with the important dates, deadlines, and information.

PERSONNEL

Update given on election inspectors as county employees. Most have completed either in-person or online training as well as submitted personnel paperwork. We are still down in numbers though and will begin scheduling work assignments for Early Voting and Election Day the best we can.

Both deputies began I4A training, and we have filled all open positions at this time, including two new re-canvassers and the voting machine tech has been chosen and will begin on March 13 with orientation. All legislators seemed very pleased that the machine tech position is now filled.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution C05 and C16 were presented to authorize appointment two Election Workers PT (Re-canvassers).

Resolution C32 was presented to authorize appointment of Voting Machine Technician PT.

Meeting adjourned.



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